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# Memel Is Taken Over By The Reich

## "STOP HITLER" FRONT PUSHED BY BRITAIN

### NAZI THREATS IS REASON FOR MOVEMENT

#### League Of Nations May Be Convened To Consider Situation.

LONDON, March 22—Great Britain strove today to carry through plans for a European "stop Hitler" front and declared Germany had threatened armed force, for the second time within a week, to get Memel back from Lithuania.

Polish insistence on a military alliance with Britain as her price for joining was understood to have endangered formation of a bloc against further German expansion.

However, British negotiators hoped to convince Poland that London was ready for military commitments far-reaching enough to make it worth Poland's while to jump on the anti-Hitler side of the European fence she has straddled.

In the House of Commons, Sir Samuel Hoare, Home Secretary, said the British Government's information was that if Lithuania refused to accept the ultimatum Germany intended to occupy all Lithuania, not Memel alone.

Prime Minister Chamberlain and Foreign Secretary Halifax, after conferring with foreign Minister Georges Bonnet of France and leaders of the British opposition parties were reported to be unable to act in the Memel situation.

But Sir Samuel—substituting for the Prime Minister—said that the League of Nations Council might be convened to consider means of blocking Germany's drive.

#### Asks For Time

Poland was said to have asked for time to consider Britain's request for her signature on an anti-aggression declaration in which Soviet Russia and France also would join, explaining that her position was difficult. Poland is placed between two powerful nations—Hitler's re-armed Reich and Soviet Russia, neither of whom has been too friendly with Warsaw.

The Polish view, as described in intermission telegrams, was that nothing but German anger would result from the declaration, which merely would bind its signatories to consult immediately if and when aggression appeared imminent.

In addition to demanding a military agreement with Britain similar to the one she has with France, Poland has demanded a loan and credits for rearmament.

It was understood that Britain had declined this far to prevent an alliance and whether any military commitments she offered would come near to an alliance could not be ascertained.

#### Stocks Take Drop

The gloomy international outlook sent stocks down. Patrick Murray

#### COMING EVENTS

- Rate for Notices in this column 3 cents per word.
- \*Buying live hogs at Albany Thursday 23rd. Emerald Friday until noon. G. C. Green. L-461-3-24-25.
- \*Postponed concert in Bradbane, March 23; Oliver Ross specialty. L-1294-3-23-24.
- \*We require a quantity of well-fleshed, fat, white, phone Island Cold Storage Co., Limited. L-1291-3-23-24.
- \*Hockey Bedouin Rink Friday, March 24th. Summerside Crystals vs. Victoria "Unions"—Maritime Intermediate Champions. Benefit game for "Unions." Admission 25c and 15c. L-1283-3-23-24.
- \*Due to arrive March 29, carload of seed and feed oats and barley. Orders can be booked at Seaman's and Public Offices. P. J. Martin, Hunter River. L-1319-3-23-24.

## 'Not Prepared' To Undertake Bridge Project

### Revised Estimate Of Cost Still Over A Million Dollars, Premier Campbell Declares In Legislature Yesterday

Announcement that the Government was "not prepared" to give a definite undertaking with regard to the Brighton bridge project was made in the Legislature yesterday afternoon by Premier Campbell.

Speaking on the Draft Address, just a few hours before business men's meeting for discussion of the project was scheduled to be held, the Premier stated the Government had just received, from the engineers of the Transport Department, Ottawa, a revised estimate of the cost. It worked out, on the lowest basis of calculation the federal engineers were prepared to make, to the sum of \$1,052,000.

"In 1936," the Premier said, "a hydrographic survey was made of the proposed site of the bridge. The reports of the survey were not encouraging, but it was contended by those interested in the project that the survey had not been made with great enough detail, and that in order to make a proper estimate of the cost it was necessary to have a detailed survey with borings, etc. This was really no concern of the Dominion Government, but as we had no provincial engineers available for the purpose we took the matter up at Ottawa, and the Minister of Transport arranged a detailed survey by a qualified engineer from March 23 (Thursday).

"The survey was made during the course of last summer, and five or six weeks ago I received a plan and estimates based on that survey. Those who were interested in the project were disappointed to learn that the estimated cost of the proposed bridge over the York River at the Brighton location, on the plan made by the general engineering branch of the Department of Transport at Ottawa, without taking property damage claims into consideration, amounted to the sum of \$1,239,000.

"It was reported to me by those who were particularly interested in the project that the plan which had been made by these engineers was rather more elaborate than was necessary for our purposes; that it contained a larger number of spans, some of which might be replaced by fills and stonework; that it was wider than necessary; and that the cost otherwise could be reduced by simplifying specifications.

"It happened to go to Ottawa shortly after that, and I spent some time with the engineering branch of the Transport Department, going over the plans, specifications and estimates. Mr. MacLaughlin of that branch suggested that the only feasible way in which any reduction of cost could be effected without impairing the foundation of the structure, would be by eliminating, I think, three of the spans which were given in the original specifications, and substituting for them a certain amount of fills and stonework. He undertook to have new plans and specifications prepared, and a new estimate based on them.

"That new estimate has been received today. The number of spans has been cut down to six, the embankments extended further from the shore, the width of the bridge reduced so as to give a 22 ft. clear roadway and one sidewalk and an approach embankment 40 ft. wide on the surface. This, I gathered from the engineers, was as narrow a bridge as would be structurally sound in proportion to its length.

Revised Estimate

"It was hoped that some substantial saving might be made in this way, although Mr. MacLaughlin held out any hopes that more than twenty percent would be saved by such structural changes.

"The revised estimate as received today works out to the sum of \$1,052,000.

"I am not prepared, as Dr. MacMillan seems to be, to give a definite undertaking that this amount of money, either provincial or federal, or combined, should be spent on a single project on one locality. It seems to me that this is a matter of such magnitude that it could hardly be undertaken by a party in Opposition. It seems to me that such an undertaking should be given only after mature consideration by the Legislature of the Dominion Government.

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## Brighton Bridge Project Endorsed At City Meeting

Urging the need for better shipping and travelling facilities for the districts west of North River and through to Borden a meeting of Charlottetown merchants and business men passed a resolution Tuesday night approving the proposed Brighton Bridge and went on record as backing-up the efforts of the farmers of that section of the province to secure better means of transportation for the natural advantage of both.

The meeting held in the Board Room of the City Building was presided over by Mr. P. W. Turner. Mr. John Gordon Jr., was appointed secretary.

The gathering was representative of diversified interests, agriculture, commerce, labor, business, and politics—all of whose spokesmen endorsed the scheme and promised their fullest support in an effort to bring it to a successful conclusion. The resolution was moved by Mr. J. P. Gordon and seconded by Mr. Isaac Carter.

Among the speakers endorsing the project and stating they were one-hundred per cent in its favor "as business men" were Hon. B. W. LaFarge, President of the Executive Council, and Hon. T. W. L. Frowse.

The project was also approved by Hon. Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan who called for a united stand, irrespective of politics.

Mr. J. C. Eynon expressed the view that a strong representation be made of the case to Ottawa. The project, he claimed, should not be presented with the view of asking a favor, but of obtaining something which is rightfully owing under the terms of Confederation.

The Chairman, Mr. P. W. Turner, in his opening remarks pointed out that the project would have a two-fold advantage. It would give the people of North River and surrounding districts a shorter and more efficient means of transportation.

## TERMS OF AGREEMENT ARE REACHED

### Immediate Evacuation Of Memel By Lithuania Is Provided.

BERLIN, March 23 (Thursday)—(AP)—Germany and Lithuania completed early today the reunion of Memel with the Greater Reich as Reichsfuehrer Hitler journeyed aboard a battleship, conveyed by a naval flotilla, to receive his latest acquisition of territory.

A five-point non-aggression agreement providing for immediate evacuation by Lithuania of the little fringe of Baltic territory on the Niemen River and for the economic needs of the Baltic state was reached between Foreign Minister Joachim Von Ribbentrop and a Lithuanian delegation which came to negotiate details of the transfer of the territory.

The terms follow:

"Article 1. The Memel territory cut off from Germany by the Treaty of Versailles, is reunited with the German Reich effective today.

"Article 2. The Memel territory is to be evacuated immediately by Lithuanian military and police forces. The Lithuanian Government will take care that the territory is left in orderly condition through the evacuation.

"Both sides will name commissioners so far as it will prove necessary who are able to carry out the handing over of administrative matters to the Reich authorities of the Memel territory.

"Regulation of the rest of the question resulting from the exchange of state sovereignty, especially economic and financial questions, questions of officials as well as of citizenship, are reserved for special agreement.

"Article 3. In order to make allowance for the economic needs of Lithuania a free port zone will be established for Lithuania in Memel. Details will be expressly regulated in accordance with the enclosure attached to this agreement.

"Article 4. In order to strengthen their decision and to safeguard friendly development of relations between Germany and Lithuania both sides assume the obligation neither to proceed against one another by force nor to support attack from a third side against one of two sides.

"Article 5. This agreement becomes effective upon signature, in witness whereof the plenipotentiaries of both sides sign this treaty, prepared double in duplicate original in the German and in the Lithuanian languages."

"Berlin, March 23, 1939."

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## Is Badly Burned In Explosion

ST. STEPHEN, N. B., March 23 (CP)—Sydney Route, Junior at the Elder Memorial Hall here was badly burned and shocked today when a gas explosion wrecked the building.

Flames leaping from a pipe filled the hall, the explosion occurring when a match struck a gas leak. He was thrown the length of the building, which moved almost two feet from its foundation. The hall was used for Sunday school purposes and entertainment.

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## Dwelling Is Razed By Fire

FREDERICTON, March 22 (CP)—An aged couple were homeless tonight after their farmhouse and possessions burned in a fire of unknown origin at Cross Creek. Mrs. Peter Goughan, 82, suffered burns in attempting to save money and valuables. Her husband, 79, was shovelling snow when the fire broke out.

## International Developments At A Glance

(By The Canadian Press)

KALINAS—Lithuania surrenders Memel territory to Germany; action reported today under threat of German military might; refugees stopped in flight by Nazi storm troops; Lithuanian troops withdrawn. Memel Parliament, proclaims "anchluss."

BERLIN—Chancellor Hitler boards Pocket Battleship Deutschland for triumphant appearance in Memel; Lithuanian Cabinet ministers reach Berlin to arrange details of Memel cession; Germany and Lithuania sign five-point non-aggression treaty making Memel free port, for Lithuania.

BUCHAREST—Rumania and Germany conclude "normal" trade agreement, which Rumanians say preserves Rumanian "political and economic independence;" may relax military precautions in few days.

LONDON—Britain strives to carry through "stop Hitler" plans; Sir Samuel Hoare tells Commons that Germany intended to occupy all of Lithuania if Kaunas had rejected Memel ultimatum.

PARIS—French Government informed that Rome is ready to discuss rapprochement with Paris; Premier Daladier reported moving joint such proposal with agreement with Premier Mussolini.

ROME—Italy's adherence to Rome-Berlin axis increases pessimism among diplomats, who consider most of Europe under "progressive and general mobilization."

COPENHAGEN—Danish Nazi leader, Hans Thomsen, may get "same fate as Czecho-Slovakia."

DANISH PREMIER angry, retorts that "any Danish citizen who wish to join such persons" will be regarded as traitors to their country.

BUDAPEST—Hungarian revisionist demands Hungary be moved into Rumania; at once, but Hungarian military preparations slacken.

WARSAW—Poland, concerned by Memel annexation, witnesses parades by Socialists shouting "Down With The Germans!"

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## Latest Move Of Hitler Puts Poland In An Even More Pivotal Position

(By J. C. Stark, Associated Press Staff Writer)

LONDON, March 22 (AP)—Chancellor Hitler's sudden shift from southeast Europe to Memel in the northeast for his second territorial conquest in a week put little neutral Baltic countries under new fears today and forced Poland into an even more pivotal position in the European struggle.

His move apparently lifted the immediate danger of a German attack on Rumania, for which the western powers were preparing and which involved a far greater risk of war than any action in the Baltic. Rumania and Germany signed a trade pact tonight which Rumanians said left them politically and economically free.

Despite Great Britain's hurried attempt to organize an anti-aggression bloc to stop Hitler, indications are that he could go along the Baltic and force Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia under his complete domination without the danger of starting a general conflict.

Some expected him to do this quickly, before effective resistance is organized against him.

Hitler's axis partner, Premier Mussolini, may have been an important factor in turning the German thrust from the southeast to the northeast. Despite the Fascist Grand Council's declaration of axis solidarity there were indications Hitler's annexation of a large part of Czecho-Slovakia last week annoyed Il Duce.

It came at a time when Italy was expected officially to start pressing France for colonial concessions. By arousing Britain and France to a stronger stand, Hitler's southeastward drive made it more difficult for Mussolini to push his claims unless he was willing to go to war for them.

In addition to leaving Mussolini waiting for some gains from the axis, the advance through Czecho-Slovakia, with its threats to other southeastern countries such as Yugoslavia, endangered Italy's own interests in that region.

France heard that in this new

## CONCENTRATE ON ATLANTIC AIRPORTS

### Aggressive Steps To Be Taken Says Defence Minister

(By WALLACE WARD Canadian Press Staff Writer)

OTTAWA, March 22 (CP)—To meet just such threats as possible establishment of a German air base in Iceland, the Dominion Government will concentrate this year on the development of military airports along Canada's Atlantic coast, Defence Minister Mackenzie King announced in the House of Commons today.

Dr. J. Hartigan (Lib. Cape Breton South) raised the question when he asked the Minister whether air defenses on the Atlantic coast should not be speeded up "without waiting for any departmental rulings or anything of that sort."

He called attention to the report that Germany is negotiating with Iceland for an air base on the Atlantic coast.

"I have not seen the despatch to which my Honorable friend alludes," replied the Defence Minister, "but I can assure him that very aggressive steps will be taken during this present year for the development of airports on the Atlantic coast."

The Minister made no further comment, but it was recalled that plans have already been announced for additional seaplane and land plane bases for Royal Canadian Air Force squadrons in Nova Scotia.

Two large twin-motored coastal reconnaissance flying boats of the Stranraer type have already been sent to Nova Scotia bases and more are under construction at Canadian factories in the West Coast, and at various points, airports are being levelled, drained and surfaced.

Speaking in the House last Feb. 17, Conservative Leader Marion raised the question of an aerial alert on Canada from the Arctic.

He quoted an article by Flight-Lieut. A. Carter, now in service in the Canadian Defence quarterly to the effect that ships laden with aircraft, equipment and bombs could enter the Hudson Bay, and the North Atlantic and Hudson Strait and long-range flying boats could bomb Ontario and Manitoba coasts.

Such bombers, said Dr. Marlon might choose such vulnerable targets as the international Nickel Company plant at Sudbury, Ont., and Power Developments at Niagara Falls and the Abitibi Dam.

Military strategists discussed possibilities of invasion from the North with interest tonight. It was recalled that the R. C. A. F. was assembling six Hawker Hurricane fighters on the west coast, and these 350-mile-an-hour planes, armed with eight machine guns each, would be stationed on the prairies available for defense duties.

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## Lithuania, In Face Of Strong Demand Cedes Territory

### State Of Emergency Declared. Will Fight, However, For Independence Of Lithuania Itself

KAUNAS, March 22 (AP)—Lithuania surrendered Memel territory to Reichsfuehrer Hitler's rapidly expanding realm today, bowing to threats which semi-official sources said were directed against independence of the entire Baltic Republic.

Lithuania lost her only seaport, 1,099 square miles of territory and 150,000 inhabitants, most of them German.

Germany won back a war-lost Baltic port, adjoining East Prussia.

Reliable sources said Lithuania was told by Germany she must give up Memel or all Lithuania would be taken over by German military might.

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## KING'S NAVAL AIDE

LONDON—Captain H. M. Burroughs has been appointed a naval aide-de-camp to King George, and may accompany the King to Canada in May.



(Canadian Press)

TORONTO, March 22—Minimum and maximum temperatures

Dawson	18B 2
Vancouver	38 66
Edmonton	28 54
Regina	24 48
Winnipeg	26 46
Toronto	14 30
Ottawa	43 28
Montreal	18 30
Quebec	10 33
Saint John	16 30
Halifax	24 30
Charlottetown	14 34

UNLISTED

Maritime West and East: Moderate northwest to west winds; fair to stationary or somewhat higher temperature.

High tide this afternoon at 12:11 and tomorrow morning at 12:50. Sun sets this evening at 6:15 and rises tomorrow morning at 5:57.

First quarter moon March 26, 8:16 a.m. Summerside tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

THE CAR FERRY SAILINGS

Leave 11 a.m. 5:45 p.m. 1 p.m. Tormentine 11 a.m. 3:05 p.m.

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