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THURSDAY SET AS THE NAZI ZERO HOUR

BRITISH PARLIAMENT SUMMONED THURSDAY

Special Session To Consider New Steps In Defence

Additional Forces In Navy, Army And Airforce To Be Called - up In Crisis.

(By J. F. Sanderson, Canadian Press Staff Writer) LONDON, Aug. 22—The British Government, faced with a European situation of swiftly increasing gravity, will seek sweeping powers from Parliament in a one-day emergency session this Thursday.

The Cabinet, at a meeting lasting three hours and 20 minutes, today decided to strengthen the armed forces and seek blanket powers to meet any emergency.

(The French Cabinet, which called up an estimated 600,000 reservists today, already has such powers.)

It was considered probable that the King would return tomorrow from Balmoral Castle so as to be within easy reach of Prime Minister Chamberlain and his ministers.

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RIBBENTROP EXPECTED TO SIGN PACT

German Foreign Minister On Way To Moscow.

(By Louis P. Lochner, Associated Press Staff Writer) BERLIN, Aug. 22—Nazi stepped up their pressure campaign against Poland and Rumania tonight as Germany's Foreign Minister headed toward Moscow for quick conclusion of a non-aggression pact with powerful Soviet Russia.

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Rail Tie-up Threatens In Britain

LONDON, Aug. 22—British railwaymen today called a national strike affecting 36,000 locomotive engineers, firemen and cleaners, which, if it takes effect, will bring Great Britain's rail traffic to a standstill at midnight Saturday.

The strike call was issued by the executive of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen after the railways refused to accord wage increases and improve working conditions along lines demanded by the union.

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POLAND SHOWS NO SIGNS OF WEAKENING

WARSAW, Aug. 22—(AP)—Responsible Polish quarters emphasized tonight that Poland's policy toward Germany and Danzig "has not been changed in the slightest" by German-Soviet Russian non-aggression pact negotiations.

There is no defeatism in Poland and this country is fully prepared to fulfill her responsibility as regards the protection of peace and justice in Eastern Europe," these sources asserted.

It was admitted that Germany had scored an unexpected "success" but only at the price of a "new sacrifice of German principles."

Unpleasant noticeable in some quarters was the conviction that the impending agreement between Berlin and Moscow was "a technical manoeuvre which will have no really effective result."

Foreign observers regarded the British independence guarantee to Poland now as facing a real test in which formal signing of a guarantee would be gratefully welcomed by the Warsaw Government.

The Polish Government was in close touch with Great Britain and France over the new situation.

Popular reaction was that Russia now has indicated clearly that she intends to stay out of a European war, at least in its early stages.

The man in the street says "I told you and I told you it up with the comment 'the Soviets want to wait until Europe is down and out.'"

Popular attention was attracted to the possible effects of Russian neutrality under a non-aggression treaty on the purchase by Poland of Soviet war supplies in case of shut off.

Importation of munitions and arms to Poland through Soviet Black Sea Ports, it was pointed out, would be interfered with or shut off.

First Polish press comment was in the form of stringing attacks against both Russia and Germany, with Polish anger apparently being poured into the open.

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Japan May "Break" From Axis, Report

TOKYO, Aug. 22—The Japanese Government decided tonight to re-examine its European policy in the light of Germany's "absolutely unexpected" decision to conclude a non-aggression treaty with Soviet Russia.

Authoritative quarters said Germany would be asked to clarify its decision and indicated that the Government would scrap plans for strengthening Japan's pact with the Reich and Italy against the Communist International, some hinted that they might break away from the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo Axis.

Although the impending accord is represented (in Berlin) as not incompatible with the anti-Comintern Pact, there is reason to regret that the German Government has taken this absolutely unexpected decision, in view of the friendly relations between Germany and Japan.

It will be necessary to re-examine the European policy adopted on June 6, to face the new situation created by Germany's initiative.

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Troops Reported Ready To March Across Corridor

Invasion Of Free City Now A Matter Of Hours, According To German Authority.

PARIS, Aug. 22—(C.P.)—Havas News Agency in a dispatch from Berlin tonight quoted an unofficial German source as saying Fuhrer Hitler has ordered his troops to march across the Polish Corridor into Danzig on Thursday.

The French news agency quoted this same source as saying a strip of the Corridor itself would be occupied by Reich troops along with the Free City, thus furnishing the link between Germany proper and East Prussia demanded by Fuhrer Hitler.

DANZIG, Aug. 22—(A.P.)—Albert Forster, Nazi district leader, and Reichminister Hans Frank told a big mass meeting tonight that Danzig would return to Germany whether "it suits the world or not."

"Inner ties of Danzig with the Fuhrer and the Reich never were so close as today," Forster said. "Every Danziger is certain that the still existing outward division will disappear shortly."

"Poland least of all can stop it," he shouted. European statesmen groped through confusion Tuesday to find where they stand in the light of German-Soviet Russian non-aggression negotiations which brought the possibility of the greatest shift in world alignments in a quarter century.

The startling "handshakes between ideologically opposite Moscow and Berlin, coming when Great Britain and France were seeking a mutual assistance agreement with Russia, set off these developments.—Great Britain declared her determination to stand by Poland, called Parliament into emergency session Thursday to approve blanket powers for the Government and called up an estimated 200,000 soldiers, sailors, aviators and civilian defence members to meet the German threat to Poland.

France, Britain's ally, summoned a reported 600,000 reservists to the colors and sat tight on his hope that Russia was up to no serious alliance with the Nazis.

Germany accelerated her press campaign against Poland and also brought Rumania into the line of her vocal fire as the Nazi Foreign Minister Joachim Von Ribbentrop, headed for Moscow for quick conclusion of the non-aggression pact.

An informed observer in Rome said a Russian-German non-aggression agreement would not necessarily exclude Russia from joining an alliance with Britain and France. This informant said the pact will contain a clause permitting its denunciation in the event either party committed an act of aggression against a third power.

United States citizens in Poland were warned by their consul to leave as soon as possible in view of the serious situation. Britons were given a similar warning.

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JURY RETURNS VERDICT IN SHOOTING CASE

Mrs. Cora Chandler Large, 25-year-old Charlottetown woman came to her death on the afternoon of August 18th by "bullets fired from a revolver in the hands of her husband Roy Large", a coroner's jury decided yesterday after more than an hour's deliberation.

Seventeen witnesses gave evidence before Coroner Dr. J. D. McLaughlin. Mr. C. St. Clair Trainer appeared for the Crown and Mr. J. J. Johnston, K.C., for Roy Large who is charged with murder.

Composing the jury were Percy W. Turner, foreman, T. G. Irlam, C. Elmer Sutherland, William W. McLean, G. Douglas Steeh, Borden Cox, William F. Collings, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Large were shot at the home of Mrs. Large's mother, Mrs. H. M. Chandler Pleasant Street Friday afternoon last.

Mrs. Large died almost immediately with two bullet wounds in her chest while her husband regained consciousness shortly after the shooting occurred and has since been a patient in the Charlottetown Hospital under police guard. The bullet wound in his chest had missed all vital organs, being deflected by a rib, it was said. He is expected to recover.

Witnesses to give evidence at the hearing yesterday, included Dr. J. C. Houston, Dr. E. S. Giddings, Dr. I. J. Yeo, Dr. J. W. McKenzie, Dr. R. D. Howatt, Sergeant Allan McInnis, Special Constable George Doyle, Mrs. H. M. Chandler, Const. L. A. McInnis, Joan Chandler, L. A. Diamond, Mrs. William Reed, Special Const. Gordon Poole, Marion Mahar, Fred Cameron, Rita Dowling and Detective Corporal F. D. Ordwell.

The coroner's hearing opened Friday after the shooting and adjourned until yesterday morning after the jury had viewed the body. Dr. Houston, first witness told of making an X-ray of the chest of the deceased. The prints were produced and showed what the witness described as two foreign bodies which resembled bullets.

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Islanders To Check Plans For New Ferry

HALIFAX, Aug. 22—(CP)—Here to look over plans for the reconstruction of the steam yacht Seaborn to be used in the Northumberland Strait ferry service, a group of prominent Prince Edward Islanders arrived in Halifax today.

They were R. E. Mutch, President of Northumberland Straits Ferry Limited, D. F. Archibald, Secretary of the company; Hon. B. W. LePage, president on the Island Executive Council and Hon. L. R. Allen and Mr. George Tweedy. They expect to return to Charlottetown tomorrow.

The Seaborn was purchased recently by the company and is being reconstructed here. She was bought from the estate of the late Richard Howe, the American millionaire who died last year.

C.W.L. Delegates Hear Reports As Convention Opens

Three-day Meetings Get Underway At Notre Dame Academy Here Last Night.

The seventeenth annual Diocesan Convention of the Catholic Women's League opened in Notre Dame Academy here last night and will continue until Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Frank Murray, hostess and president of the Charlottetown sub-division presided. She extended cordial greetings to visiting delegates from the other sub-divisions in the Diocese.

The session last night opened with O Canada, played by Alex McLean's Orchestra. Following Mrs. Murray's greeting Mrs. Leslie Ramsay, Diocesan President from Indian River gave a comprehensive review of the National Convention at Winnipeg last June.

Will Join Scout Executive Here

CALGARY, Aug. 22—Capt. Eric H. Ings, M. C. prominent on Alberta's Boy Scout Council for years has been appointed provincial executive for Scouts in Prince Edward Island, it was announced today.

Capt. Ings, native of P. E. I. and graduate of the Royal Military College, Kingston, Ont., will be stationed at Charlottetown. He leaves here Saturday.

Sydney Mines Man Is Discharged

HALIFAX, Aug. 22—(CP)—B. F. McCormick of Sydney Mines, N. S., was discharged today of an accusation of conspiracy to defraud the Federal Government through operations of an alleged \$4,000,000 liquor ring in Nova Scotia.

At the same time, Magistrate B. W. Russell ordered the preliminary hearing of Colin McKinnon, New Waterford, N. S., transferred to Sydney, on the same charge.

DR. MACMILLAN, J. L. DOUGLAS ARE NOMINATED

Dr. Cyrus J. Macmillan, head of the English Department of McGill University, Montreal, and J. Lester Douglas, M. P. Charlottetown, were nominated last night to represent the Liberals of Queen's County in the next Federal Election.

Dr. I. J. Yeo, President of the County Liberal Association, was chairman. Others nominated at the meeting last night included defeated in the first ballot were Major Albert J. Jones, Mermaid, J. Walter Jones, Bunsbury, Douglas S. MacKinnon, Mount Buchanan, Cecil J. Miller, Frenchfort, and W. P. A. Stewart, Strainsville. Douglas and Macmillan polled the most ballots and Robertson, Miller, MacKinnon, Jones and Stewart, followed in that order.

Speakers at the meeting included Senator J. E. Sinclair, Summersfield, the two candidates and Premier Thane A. Campbell. Dr. Macmillan who was minister of Fisheries in the MacKenzie King Administration for a short time prior to the 1930 general elections, a member of the Duncan Commission and Atlantic Fisheries Commission, was nominated by R. C. Clark of Mount Stewart and the nomination was seconded by James Leitch of Charlottetown.

Major Robertson, was moved by A. A. Macdonald, Charlottetown and seconded by Bruce MacLean of St. Catharines.

J. Lester Douglas, who was elected to the Federal Parliament by acclamation upon the death of Peter Sinclair early in the year 1938, was nominated by D. J. R. Charlot, Charlottetown and seconded by Robert MacLeod, Long River. J. Walter Jones, a member of the Cabinet meeting.

After the Cabinet meeting, only a brief communique was issued saying that new instructions had been telegraphed "to French Ambassadors abroad." A Cabinet Council will meet at the Elysée Palace with President Albert Lebrun Thursday morning.

The French Ambassador at Ottawa asked that Russia explain to the French why its proposed agreement with Germany.

Both Daladier and Foreign Minister Georges Bonnet remained late in their offices. Bonnet received the Polish Ambassador, Jules Lukasiewicz and the British Charge D'Affaires, Ronald Campbell, both before and after the Cabinet meeting.



TORONTO, Aug. 22—(CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson 48 61, Victoria 55 74, Edmonton 37 53, Calgary 42 54, Saskatoon 42 63, Winnipeg 41 53, Toronto 62 78, Montreal 67 80, Quebec 64 82, St. John 69 74, Halifax 66 75, Charlottetown 66 85.

Maritime East: Moderate southerly winds; partly cloudy with considerable fog; probably light scattered showers.

High tide this evening at 5.00 and tomorrow morning at 5.04. Sun sets this evening at 6.54 and rises tomorrow morning at 5.11. Full moon Aug. 29, 6.09 p. m. Summer tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

THE CAR FERRY SAILINGS Leaves Borden 7 A. M., 9.45 A. M., 1 P. M., 4.30 P. M. Leaves Tormentine 8.15 A. M., 11 A. M., 3.05 P. M., 8.20 P. M. SUNDAY SAILINGS Leaves Borden 9 A. M., 7 P. M., Leaves Tormentine 10.15 A. M., 8.10 P. M.