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GERMANS, RUSSIANS PLAN ANTI-WAR PACT

BRITAIN TO TAKE UNPRECEDENTED ACTION?

Non-aggression Agreement To Be Signed, Is Report

Announcement Comes As Complete Surprise To Democracies—British Cabinet Session Called.

(By The Canadian Press)
Agreement between Germany and Russia on a non-aggression pact was announced in Berlin Monday by the German official news agency, upsetting all calculations on what might happen in the Polish-German dispute over Danzig.

At Moscow, the official Soviet news agency issued a communique saying the German Foreign Minister was going to Moscow "for the purpose of negotiations" on the pact.

Other European capitals, busy with special efforts to preserve peace in the face of increasing pressure over Germany's demands on Poland, were taken by surprise. The announcement came just a few hours after seven small European nations agreed to confer on an appeal to the big ones to keep away from the road to war at the invitation of the Belgian Government.

Trade Pact Significant

Germany and Russia had concluded a trade and credit agreement only the day before, significant against the background of long efforts by Great Britain and France to bring Russia into a mutual assistance pact of their own. British and French military missions still are in Moscow, where they went for staff talks with Soviet officers.

D. N. B., the German news agency, said foreign minister Joachim Von Ribbentrop would arrive in Moscow Wednesday to conclude the non-aggression negotiations.

Predict Danzig Decision
Berlin observers, German and foreign, predicted this week would bring some "decision" on Danzig, with its related corridor problem. One source there expressed assurance the decision would be peaceful.

In London the stock market suffered the worst case of war nerves since the Munich crisis last September. Almost all shares except war commodities were inactive and depressed.

Paris of the German-Polish border bristled with military activity. Extraordinary meetings of the British and French cabinets were called for today. Official quarters in both capitals emphasized there was no change in their announced policy of resistance to "aggression," but neither London nor Paris gave any positive indication of what course they would take in the present situation.

The six countries invited by Belgium to Brussels are the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland and Luxembourg.

In the vicinity of Gleiwitz, Germany, facing the Polish frontier.

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MAY EMPOWER MILITARISTS TO ACT QUICKLY

Hinted Move Designed To Ward Off Enemy "Knock Out" Blow.

(By Pierre Millard, Copyright 1939 by The Havas News Agency)
LONDON, Aug. 21—The government is considering empowering Great Britain's military leaders to act immediately and autonomously, without prior consultation of Parliament, in the event of a sudden German attack on Poland, according to reports heard by Havas News Agency in diplomatic quarters tonight.

Such a decision would be unprecedented in British history. It would be designed, informed observers said, to ward off the comparatively slow-moving machinery of democracy to any possible German attempt to deal a quick "knockout blow" to Poland.

Cabinet Meeting Called

The question, diplomatic circles said, will be one of the main points discussed at a plenary Cabinet meeting called for tomorrow.

Prime Minister Chamberlain had hoped to get back to Scotland "to his fishing holiday, but after a series of conferences with key ministers he hurriedly changed his plans and announced he would remain in London until the end of the week.

Will Back Poland

Observers entertained little doubt of the Government's determination to back Poland to the hilt. Informed sources said was reported the Fifth of Forth, the Fifth of Clyde and other vital harbors had already been mined, and anti-air batteries had been assigned to strategic coastal stations to be ready for action at a moment's notice.

Episodic quarters, expecting the crisis to come to head with Fuehrer Hitler's speech at Danzig next Sunday, said the following questions would figure on tomorrow's cabinet agenda:

1. Whether to call an immediate emergency session of Parliament—a point understood to have been discussed today between the Prime Minister and Arthur Greenwood, acting leader of the Labor opposition.

2. Whether to make a new declaration as repeatedly recommended to the Government today by several diplomatic advisers—defining categorically Britain's position toward aggression against Poland, and other points covered in Danzig front.

Such a declaration might be made jointly with France.

Exactly how to proceed if Danzig is attacked or proclaimed itself part of the Reich, and, more particularly, whether to give the British military power to act with, but previous instructions from Parliament.

Former Minister Leaves For Home

OTTAWA, Aug. 21—Daniel C. Roper, who served as United States Minister to Canada for the past three months, left Ottawa today by motor car for Washington. His resignation was announced last Friday.

John F. Parr Simmons, Charge d'Affaires, will continue to act as head of the legation here.

Coming Events

- Rate for Notices in this column 3 cents per word.
- Madame Doyel, readings, 195 Kent. L-194-8-21-31.
- Dance Darnley, Tuesday night, August 22nd. Special musical. L-134-8-22-11.
- Seven Mile Bay card parties this week, tonight Joseph Connors, Friday at Borden. L-227.
- Albany United Church Supper and Ice Cream Festival Wednesday, August 23rd at 4. L-200-8-22-11.
- Chicken Supper Rollo Bay Hall, Thursday, August 24th. Don't forget the date. L-199-8-22-11.
- Come Big Dance Hunter River Hall Tuesday, August 22nd. Door prize. L-203-8-22-11.
- Ice Cream Social in New London Hall August 23rd. In aid of Institute. L-218-8-22-11.
- Come to the W. M. S. Festival at Winsloe North Wednesday, August 23rd in Leonard Woodway Hall. L-66-8-16-22.
- Chicken Supper, Bingo and Dance, Tracadie Hall, Wednesday, August 23rd. Quinte Orchestra. L-158-8-21-31.

Next Move Up To Britain Is Italian View

ROME, Aug. 21—Italians said tonight it was up to Great Britain whether Germany's demand for Danzig would be granted peacefully by Poland or give rise to war.

They repeated the Fascist argument that London should advise Warsaw to accept Fuehrer Hitler's plan for acquisition of Danzig in exchange for a 25 year non-aggression pact.

Submissions abroad that Premier Mussolini intervene to appease his Axis partner were countered with the reminder that Italy has advised Poland's acceptance of the German plan.

The authoritative editor, Virginio Gayda, wrote in Il Giornale d'Italia that Italy was not to blame if her advance had failed to find support.

"The Italian policy is the Axis policy," Gayda said.

Some business houses received cards from military authorities, requisitioning vehicles without explanation.

Responsible prelates said the Vatican was hoping for a solution of the crisis which would be "studied and obtained in one or more peaceable agreements into which would be taken account all the interests, rights and aspirations which are involved."

Capitals At A Glance As New Pact Announced

(Canadian Press)
BERLIN—Germany announced she will conclude non-aggression pact with Russia, upsetting tense European situation and indicating in any conflict over Danzig and Polish Corridor.

MOSCOW—Official Soviet news agency announced German Foreign Minister coming to Russia "for the purpose of negotiations" on non-aggression pact.

LONDON—British political circles expected non-aggression pact with Russia, upsetting tense European situation and indicating in any conflict over Danzig and Polish Corridor.

PARIS—Officials said France would consult immediately with Britain on new situation created by German-Russian pact. Developments regarded as having "profound" effect on Anglo-Franco-Soviet negotiations.

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Promise Of Bumper Harvest In United States

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21—(AP)—The United States appeared certain today of bumper crop in average harvest from operations.

Men who earned a living worrying about such things reported that "in the country as a whole, food for man and feed for livestock are promised in abundance."

Although production of wheat, cotton, corn and other major crops will fall below the bumper levels of 1937 and 1938, most of the agricultural experts here contend this is a good thing.

The government has had to resort to cash bounties to promote the sale of some of these commodities in other parts of the world; and Agriculture Secretary Henry Wallace argues that huge surpluses are as hard on the farmer and the country as drought and underproduction.

From the consumer viewpoint conditions appear favorable. Large supplies of wheat and other bread grains, fruits, meats and dairy products are on hand or in prospect, and prices are in some instances the lowest in five years.

From the farmer's standpoint, conditions also might cause thanksgiving when viewed along with world situations. Although prices are lower than farmers desire, it is estimated that cash farm income for the first half of 1939 amounted to \$3,381,000,000, or about \$50,000,000 more than for the same period in 1938. Increased government benefit payments accounted chiefly for this rise.

Government economists say they expect some improvement in the demand for farm products this fall and winter along with a gradual business upturn.

DRY WEATHER TAKES TOLL OF LOCAL CROPS

Farmers Scan Skies Anxiously For Signs Of Rainfall.

Three unusually dry months were beginning to have a definite ill effect on crops in Prince Edward Island, according to reports reaching Charlottetown the past few days. Potato and root crops were feeling the drought particularly, while late grains were suffering also in some sections.

Farmers were anxiously scanning the skies for rain but for the past week "all signs" failed. Usually a falling barometer with south east wind was a sure forerunner of rain but not so this month. Such a combination of cloudy skies but no rain followed. So far as records at the Charlottetown Experimental Station were concerned more precipitation was recorded this year in August than last year, 1.61 inches against 0.91 this month a year ago.

But July this year was very dry compared with the previous year, 2.85 inches against 5.08 inches in July 1938. June this year, too, saw less than average rainfall.

Cropchoppers appeared to be flourishing in the dry weather and were causing considerable damage along the South Shore from Crumwell to Bedouque, it was reported.

Premier MacDonald Is Guest Speaker

EDMONTON, Aug. 21—Democracy in Canada will die unless Canadians individually work with all their might to keep it alive, Premier Angus Macdonald of Nova Scotia said in an address here today.

Accompanied by Hon. C. D. Howe, Federal Minister of Transport, he spoke at a luncheon sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, and which was attended by members of the Maritime Provinces Association of Edmonton.

Premier Macdonald joined with Mr. Howe in greeting his fellow Maritimers here and told them that in Nova Scotia four of the province's five main industries look more prosperous now than in 1938.

Holding up his first visit to Western Canada, Premier Macdonald asserted one of the most vital problems confronting Canadians is "how to reconcile loyalty to the Dominion with loyalty to one's own province."

"But I am convinced that this can be done, if these two loyalties go together and are not conflicting," he said.

Trans-Atlantic Air Company Seeks Base

SYDNEY, N.S., Aug. 21—(CP)—The air line air France Transatlantique, which is controlled by the French government, is looking for a base in eastern Canada for its transatlantic planes.

The line's managing director, Louis Castex of Paris, arrived in Sydney today from Newfoundland on the second leg of his survey trip. He will call at Halifax, Moncton, N.B.

So far the French company has made only one flight over the northern route. Scheduled trips are expected to start next year.

Bermuda Places Embargo On Imported Tubers

HAMILTON, Bermuda, Aug. 21—(CP Cable)—Recommendation that an embargo be placed on the import of potatoes to this British Colony has been made to the Governor-in-Council by Bermuda's Board of Agriculture. Most of the Island's potato imports are from Canada.

The board announced it made the recommendation to eliminate competition with the home product. Local stocks now total 1,500 barrels and are sufficient for at least a month.

Clipper Will Make Survey Flight Today

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 21—The American Airways California Clipper will take off tomorrow on an 8,000 mile survey flight, preparatory to the establishment of regular passenger, mail and express service to Auckland, New Zealand. The 74-passenger flying boat will fly by the way of Los Angeles, Honolulu, Canton Island and Noumea, New Caledonia.

Are Keeping Lookout For Yachts

HALIFAX, Aug. 21—(CP)—Royal Nova Scotia yacht squadron members keep an all-night vigil tonight for the vanguard of the 13 yachts that left Marblehead, Mass., Saturday in a race to Halifax.

The observers were divided into four-hour watches scanning Halifax harbor's long reach for the first glimpse of the leading ships. None of the craft had been sighted yet off Nova Scotia.

A Royal Canadian Air Force plane was to have taken off today to keep a lookout for the ship; but thick fog kept it on the ground.

FLOOD MOUNTS AS DRINKING SUPPLY FAILS

TIENTSIN Faced With Worst Flood Disaster In History.

SWIRLING waters rose rapidly in the Tientsin area tonight as this north China city of 1,300,000 population faced its worst flood disaster in history.

Overflow waters from the Hai River and other streams covered most of Tientsin and outlying areas. Official reports on the loss of lives and property were lacking but authorities said casualties and damage would be heavy.

Cessation of the rains in Tientsin proper brought hopes that the flood crest might be reached tomorrow.

The British concession was among the hardest hit areas. Its water supply failed today, adding to the misery caused by the loss of its electric power supply yesterday.

Stored water was meeting normal requirements of the concession but British authorities said a grave situation might develop unless the regular supply was restored soon.

As in other parts of Tientsin, communication lines in the foreign areas were broken.

The loss of the electric power disrupted the concession's pumps and stopped newspapers and telephone service. Housewives cooked over makeshift stoves fashioned from oil lamps.

Many of the barriers, thrown up by the Japanese when they blockaded the British and French concessions June 14, were washed away. However, war-soaked Japanese sentries remained at their posts.

Orphan's Friend Arrives For Picnic

TORONTO, Aug. 21—(CP)—J. D. O'Connell, 80-year-old philanthropist who has contributed widely to orphanages and Temperance Associations throughout Canada, Cuba and the United States, arrived here today to attend Toronto's annual "orphans' picnic," one of 80 such events he has endowed in perpetuity in towns and cities in the three countries.

Born in Hazelton, N. B., Mr. O'Connell lists three addresses. In summer, Sussex, N. B.; in winter, Hatusy, Camaguey, Cuba; and in April and December, Miami, Fla.

Each year he travels about 50,000 miles, mostly by airplane, to survey the results of his philanthropic investments. Already he has attended five "orphans' picnics" which will take him as far west as Edmonton before he swings south through the United States.

Army Official To Visit Maritimes

TORONTO, Aug. 21—Field Sec. retary Lieut.-Col. F. Ham of the Salvation Army, who will be visiting a number of Maritime centres, has arranged to be in Saint John, N. B., Sept. 5 and will conduct installation of Major Ernest Green as divisional commander of the New Brunswick-Prince Edward Island division.

British Subjects Advised Of "War Threat" In Poland

(By ROBERT RIEFFEL) Havas News Agency Staff Writer

WARSAW, Aug. 21—(CP) Havas—British subjects in Poland were advised by their Government tonight to leave the country as soon as possible in view of the unsettled European situation and the threat of war.

The British Consulate sent out a circular urging Britons to leave unless compelled to remain for business or professional reasons.

The Polish Government, meanwhile, was completing vast preparedness measures and competent observers said almost 1,000,000 men were under arms.

Through its semi-official newspaper, Gazeta Polska, the Government gave "public notice" to all Poles to stock up enough food to last a family of five, reserves two weeks in event of war.

Another significant sign of approaching danger was the departure from Warsaw during the night of several German press correspondents and embassy staff members.

Candy Magnate's Philanthropy Praised At Death

TORONTO, Aug. 21—(CP)—State and church leaders tonight paid tribute to Senator Frank O'Connor, 64, who died today. He was President of the Laura Secord Candy Shops in Canada and the United States, and was a member of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Church of Canada.

Mrs. Hugh Taylor of the Women's Missionary Society, who once was stationed at Kiating, said she was sure the Canadians would be water supply equipment away from the scene of the bombing.

She said there is a colony of about 20 Europeans at Kiating, for the United Church, reported building owned by the United Church and loaned to the university by the church mission authorities.

United Church officials said it was the first time they had heard of Japanese bombers heading so far into southwest China.

Forest Fires Rage In B. C. And Alberta

VANCOUVER, Aug. 21—Hundreds of men and youthful volunteers battled stubborn forest fires tonight in northern Alberta, British Columbia and along the Pacific coast from Washington State to California.

A valuable equipment was pressed into service and the firefighters said rain is needed badly if any headway against the blazes is to be made. High winds are hampering the firefighters in some areas.

J. A. Hutchison, assistant director of forestry for Alberta, said the situation in the northern part of that Province is "definitely serious." Two fires in the Whitecourt area north of Edmonton broke away from firefighters during the week-end. They had been under control for some time. Two other new outbreaks were reported in the Merco district west of Edmonton.

Firefighters in British Columbia and Washington forests are waging a bitter struggle against fires raging tonight in northern Alberta. The B. C. forests have been closed completely, but in Washington the closure order affected only logging in the western section.

More than 600 men and boys are fighting four fires in the Kootenay district of British Columbia. The boys volunteered their services when all available men had been called out to fight the fires.

Alberta Communist Speakers Routed

GROUPEVILLE, Alta., Aug. 21—Alberta Communist Party leaders who attempted to hold a meeting here Sunday were chased out of town by 150 farmers and other district residents who threw eggs at the Communists. The open air meeting was scheduled to be held opposite the Roman Catholic Church.

A member of the crowd told Lawrence Anderson, provincial Communist leader, to cancel the meeting. The crowd attacked when the demand was disregarded and stones were taken to begin the meeting. The Communists left town quickly.

CANADIANS IN AREA BOMBED BY JAPANESE

Church Clinic Of Mission At Kiating Destroyed In Air Raid.

LONDON, Aug. 21—Reuters News Agency reported tonight from Chungking that a church clinic of the Canadian Mission at Kiating, in western Szechwan Province of China, had been destroyed in a Japanese air raid.

The dispatch said that according to reports reaching Chungking 500 persons were killed and injured when 36 Japanese planes bombed Kiating on Saturday.

Nine students were said to have been killed in the building occupied by Wuhan University, which was transferred to Kiating after the fall of Hankow.

A special plane chartered by the American relief committee left Chungking for Kiating with two doctors, two nurses and complete surgical equipment.

Believed Safe

TORONTO, Aug. 21—Officials of the United Church of Canada said tonight two Canadian families and two Canadian girls are stationed at Kiating, reportedly bombed during the week-end. Officials added that they doubted whether the Canadians would be in the city at the time of the bombing, as they usually move to the nearby mountains during the hot summer months.

Canadians at the mission are Rev. and Mrs. L. Bacon, formerly of Amherst, N. S., and two children, Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Hayward and one child of Toronto, for the United Church, and Miss Maria Swann of Moorefield, Ont., and Miss Ethel Virgo, Toronto, of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Church of Canada.

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Eighteen Charged In Liquor Conspiracy

HALIFAX, Aug. 21—(CP)—Charged with eighteen other Nova Scotians in an alleged four million dollar liquor conspiracy, six Cape Bretoners were committed for Supreme Court trial today by Magistrate B. W. Russell.

They were John Carpenter of Scotchtown, N.S.; Louis Goldman of Glace Bay, N. S.; Archie MacKinnon, Neil MacKinnon and Bartolo Gatto of New Waterford, N. S. and Joseph Bianchini of Reserve Mines, N.S. All were released on \$5,000 bail.

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Youths Cleared Of Connection With Slayings

TORONTO, Aug. 21—(CP)—Police today cleared three young men arrested here today of a connection with the double slaying Saturday near Brantford, Ont., of John Milroy, 77, and his sister, Annie Milroy, 73.

Richard McGuigan, 20; Reginald Hanlan, 20, and Charles Tavignot, 25, were arrested on vagrancy charges. Police said they went up an alley carrying a package and returned without it. Officials examined the package, found a pair of blood-stained trousers and arrested the youths.

Two of the youths were said by police to have admitted they were occupants of an automobile chased by Constable Adolphus Payne. The blood on the trousers was said to have come from a wound made by a police bullet when one of the fugitives was shot.

Charges of automobile theft, having burglars' tools and theft of several sets of licence plates were laid against five alleged occupants of the car.



Pair Make Quick Flight From Here To Nfld. Airport

NEWFOUNDLAND AIRPORT, Nfld., Aug. 21—(CP)—Henry B. Dupont of Wilmington, Del., landed here today after a 3 1/2 hour flight from Charlottetown in his biplane. He was to return by way of Sydney, N. S. He is accompanied by a copilot.

U. S. President Turns Homeward From Vacation

HALIFAX, Aug. 21—(CP)—Homebound bound from a vacation cruise in Canadian and Newfoundland waters, President Franklin D. Roosevelt sailed today on the Tuscaloosa, looking fit and bronzed after several days at sea.

The United States Chief Executive put into this port for the second time on his voyage to pick up important mail sent from the White House. U. S. consul C. E. MacEachern said the presidential ship was expected to sail late tonight after the arrival of the mail pouch by train.

Arrival of the President was strictly informal. When he put in Aug. 15, he was given an artillery salute. This time there was no salute, and his welcome here was completely unofficial.

Maritime Provinces: Moderate southeast to south winds; partly cloudy with considerable fog and a few scattered showers; not much change in temperature.

High tide this afternoon at 4.41 and tomorrow morning at 4.08. Sun sets this evening at 6.86. Rises tomorrow morning at 5.10.

Full moon, Aug. 29, 6.09 p. m. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than at 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., 6.20 P. M.

SUNDAY SAILINGS

Leaves Borden 9 A. M., 7 P. M.
Leaves Tormentine 10.15 A. M., 8.10 P. M.