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Today's Weather

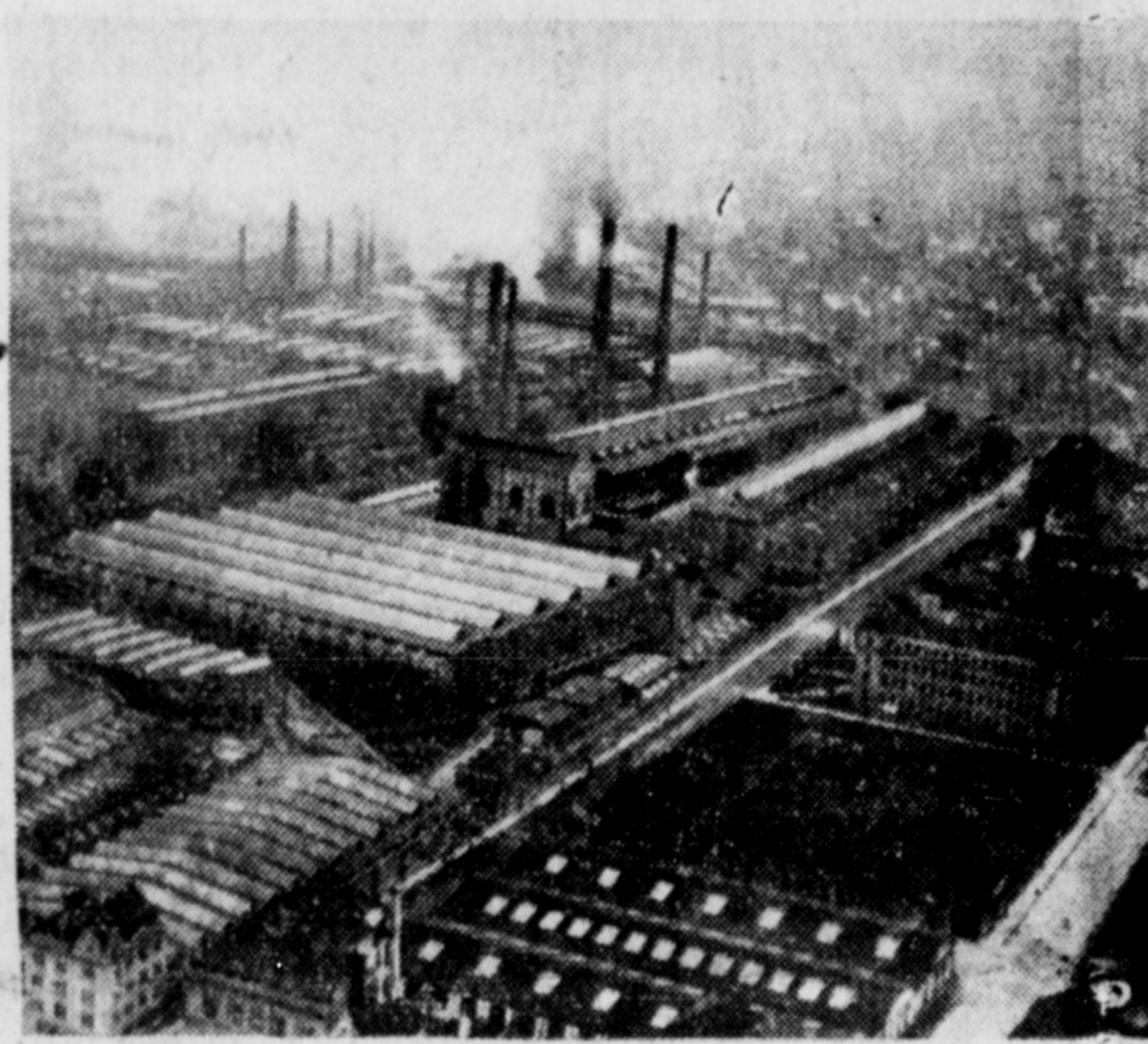
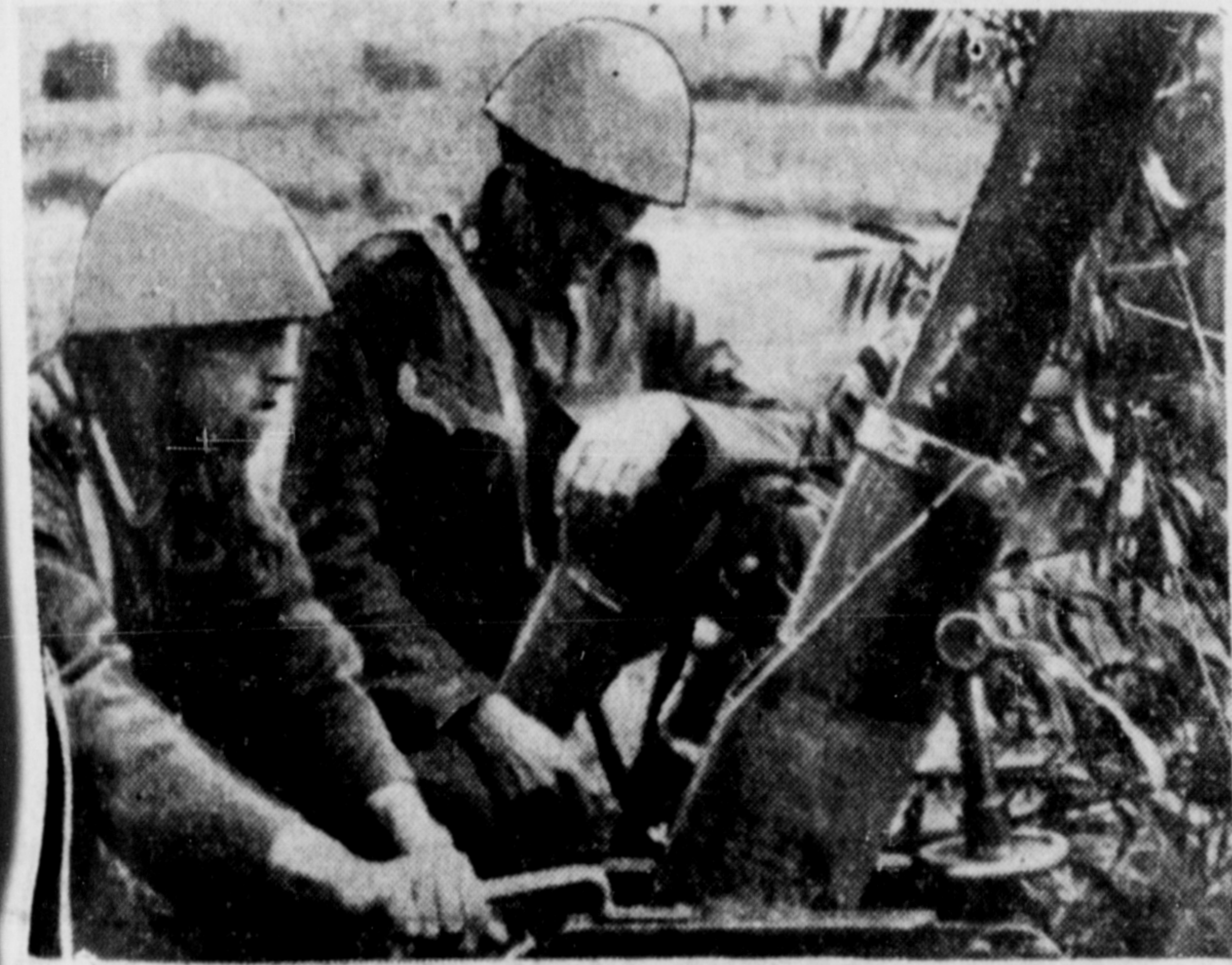
(8 A.M.) Prince Rupert - Overcast, rain showers; southeast wind, 16 miles per hour; barometer, 29.32 (falling); temperature, 35; sea choppy

Tomorrow's Tides

High 1:50 a.m. 22.3 ft. 14:15 p.m. 21.4 ft. Low 8:14 p.m. 2.6 ft. 20:25 p.m. 3.8 ft.

France Is Getting Ready For War

CZECHOSLOVAKIA DEFIES NAZI THREATS AGAINST DEMOCRACY



Czecho-Slovakia, the "lone wolf" democracy of Central Europe, is swiftly becoming surrounded by Fascist countries as Chancellor Hitler and Premier Mussolini extend domination of the Central European nations.

Spain And Czecho-Slovakia Are Considered Sparks Which May Kindle European War Explosion

Moscow And Paris Make Joint Plans For Line of Action in Event of Hitler Making Another Move—German and Italian Attack From South Envisioned

BULLETINS

RUSSIA'S PLAN REVEALED MOSCOW—Asked how Russia would go about giving aid to Czecho-Slovakia in the event of an attack by Hitler on that country, a Soviet official said that the Soviet would make a path through Poland if necessary.

MUSSOLINI'S SPEECH ROME—Premier Benito Mussolini, who has been ominously silent in regard to developments of the last few days in Central Europe, is expected to make some statement in regard to the German-Austrian union and other matters in an address he is about to deliver before the Fascist Chamber of Deputies today.

BRITAIN WORRIED LONDON—Great Britain is definitely worried about military alliance between Italy and Germany and its consequences. Such an agreement may have already been reached, it is thought by some.

WHY HITLER RETURNED BERLIN—A German army source said today that Adolf Hitler returned hurriedly to Berlin because he had received word that Poland had presented an ultimatum to Lithuania expiring today.

B. C.'S CASE VICTORIA—Enlargement of provincial financial powers, notably predominance in the income tax field, and blanket revenue-raising authority were proposed by the British Columbia government today at the opening session of the Rowell royal commission on Dominion-provincial financial relations.

FREIGHTER IS SAFE VANCOUVER—The British freighter Queen Adelaide messages that she has reached shelter in Trevor Channel on the west coast of Vancouver Island after battling an easterly gale for two hours with crippled steering gear.

Thor Selvig returned to the city on the Prince Rupert this morning from Vancouver where he went in company with the remains of his infant son, Roi, for cremation.

PARIS, March 16: (CP)—France and Russia agreed today that both would fight to defend Czecho-Slovakia if she is attacked. Incorporation of Czecho-Slovakia's 3,500,000 Germans may be the next move in Chancellor Adolf Hitler's Pan-Germanism drive, it is feared.

Czechs To Be Left Alone? LONDON, March 16: (CP)—Any active steps by Germany in connection with the Nazi minority in Czecho-Slovakia is considered unlikely until such time as the Reich has consolidated her extended position in Austria.

WHILE THE CZECHO-SLOVAKIAN question still causes deep concern, more immediate interest today crystallized on Spain where the insurgents are trying to divide the government portion of the country into two parts. So serious is the situation considered that France has mobilized 70,000 troops on the Spanish border as a precaution against possible attempt of Germany and Italy to invade France from that quarter in the event of trouble over Czecho-Slovakia.

BILL IS OPPOSED

Measure to Make Divorce Easier in Canada Not Favored By All Senators

OTTAWA, March 16: (CP)—The bill introduced in the Senate by Senator Lendrum McMeans of Winnipeg to widen the grounds of divorce is meeting with considerable opposition. Some senators speaking yesterday, expressed themselves as being opposed to divorce altogether.

Tornado Sweeps Southern States

Sixteen Are Killed and Widespread Damage is Done as Result of High Wind

ATLANTA, Georgia, March 16: (CP)—Seven southern states were swept by a tornado last night. Widespread damage was done and at least sixteen are reported killed.

Funeral Notice

The funeral of Thora Marie Johnson will take place tomorrow Thursday, at 2 p.m. from the B. C. Undertakers' Chapel.

ROCK FALL KILLS FOUR

Accident Yesterday in Teck-Hughes Mine at Kirkland Lake, Ontario

KIRKLAND LAKE, Ont., March 15: (CP)—Four miners are believed to have been killed instantly yesterday in a rockslide in Teck-Hughes mine at a depth of 3900 feet underground yesterday.

Today's Weather

(Government "telegraphs") Terrace—Cloudy, calm, temperature, 34. Lytton—Foggy, calm, 38. Alice Arm—Cloudy, calm, 36. Stewart—Cloudy, calm, 31. Hazelton—Part cloudy, calm, 34. Smithers—Partly cloudy, calm. Burns Lake—Snowing, calm, 30.

Coalition Unlikely

LONDON, March 16: (CP)—Political circles have been discussing the possibilities of a new national government, including representatives of all parties, being formed in view of the grave European situation. It is generally believed, however, that Labor and Opposition Liberals would not enter a government with Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain unless it should be in the actual emergency of war.

INSURGENTS ABOUT TO WIN SPANISH WAR, IT NOW SEEMS APPARENT

Government Forces Are in Full Retreat as Rebels Near Mediterranean Coast—Premier Negrin Seeks Aid From France

REBELS HALTED TODAY HENDAYE, France, March 16: (CP)—Stubborn resistance by the government brought General Francisco's swift drive to the Mediterranean Sea to an abrupt halt today. Earlier the insurgents had pushed beyond Alcaniz to a point only thirty-five miles from the Mediterranean in their drive to divide loyalist Spain in two.

LONDON, March 16: (CP)—It seems evident that the insurgent forces will soon have won the Spanish civil war. Government troops were in full retreat last night before 100,000 rebel soldiers. The insurgents were in control of the main highway between Barcelona and Valencia. After having advanced sixty miles during the past week, they were less than thirty miles from the Mediterranean coast.

Premier Juan Negrin travelled to Paris yesterday by airplane and announced there that the government of Spain could not hold out much longer unless given immediate and substantial aid. The French war council later went into session with Premier Leon Blum and Minister of War Paul Boncour.

German and Italian troops, pouring into Spain during the past few days, are far in excess of the insurgents' requirements, it is said. Paris fears they might be used against France in the event of a war over Czecho-Slovakian encroachment by Germany. Thirty thousand German storm troops are said to have just recently arrived in Spain.

ITALIANS ALARMED

Mussolini Assures Chamber of Deputies He Can Defend Their Frontiers

ROME, March 16.—Benito Mussolini promised his people today that Pan-German expansion never would penetrate Italian frontiers but at the same time he pronounced his benediction on Hitler's absorption of Austria.

"Our frontiers are sacred," he told the Chamber of Deputies. "We will not discuss them. We will defend them."

It was the Premier's reply to doubts of his own people who were alarmed over extension of the German state to the Brenner Pass gateway between Austria and Italy.

SITS IN VICTORIA

Rowell Royal Commission Opens its British Columbia Sessions Today

VICTORIA, March 16: (CP)—The Rowell Royal Commission on federal-provincial relations arrived here yesterday and opened its sessions today. It has been recessed since sessions in the Maritime Province in February. Premier T. D. Pattullo will take the lead in presenting important representations for the province of British Columbia.

Unify Prairies CALGARY, March 16: (CP)—The Young Men's Section of the Calgary Board of Trade will present a memorandum to the Rowell Royal Commission at its Alberta Session urging unification of the three prairie provinces under one government.

BRITISH AIR STRENGTH

LONDON, March 16: (CP)—Under Secretary for Air, giving statistics of British air strength in Parliament yesterday, said that the air strength of Great Britain now consisted of 169 squadrons of which 123 were at home. The first line air force consisted of from 1500 to 1750 planes. Sir Thomas Inskip, minister of defense co-ordination, said that this time next year Britain would have 1750 new fighting planes.