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### Maitland Is Elected Conservative Leader; Promises Rupert Road

Herbert Anson of Victoria by Margin of Sixteen—Patterson Platform Reaffirmed by Kamloops Convention

KAMLOOPS, September 26: (CP)—R. L. Maitland of Vancouver, M.L.A. for Vancouver-Point Grey and member of the Tolmie government, was elected conservative party leader for British Columbia early today, defeating Herbert Anson of Victoria, the only candidate, by sixteen votes in a poll of about five hundred.

His election was later unanimous.

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### Britain On War Basis

Local people just back from the Old Country report that, even before they left, the British Isles were practically on a wartime basis with extraordinary defense measures being taken. Among other things, municipalities had been made responsible for the issuance, administration and use of gas masks, drills of the citizenry being compulsory.

### TERMS ARE REJECTED BY CZECHS

Prague Decides To Resist Hitler's Move To Break Nation

LONDON, Sept. 26: (CP)—An unimpeachable source said last night that Czechoslovakia had rejected Chancellor Adolf Hitler's final terms for handing over Sudetenland to Germany by October 1.

This disclosure came while Premier Daladier of France was in London to confer with Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain.

Authoritative sources disclosed the text of Hitler's demands on Czechoslovakia which were interpreted as a break-up of the Czech state.

### DEAD NOW OVER 600

Property Damage As Result Of Atlantic Coast Storm Placed At \$350,000,000

NEW YORK, Sept. 26:—Latest estimates following last week's serious storm and floods northward along the Atlantic Coast from New York place the dead at 612 with damage of \$350,000,000. Hundreds are still missing with thousands in hospitals. From 20,000 to 60,000 persons are homeless.

The big American halibut schooner Electra, well known at Prince Rupert, arrived at Ketchikan Saturday night in tow of the coast-guard cutter Alert. The Electra had her rudder damaged on the fishing grounds four hundred miles west of Cape Omaney and made a good deal of her way back to port under improvised jury rudder before being picked up by the Alert.

### British Gov't Will Pipe Out Oil Of Alberta

LONDON, Sept. 26: (CP)—The British government is giving consideration to comprehensive plans for development of Turner Valley oil field of southern Alberta including construction of a pipe line to Vancouver, it was learned last night.

### PROMISES BY TORIES

Pledge Compensation for Silicosis—Revision of Mining Laws and Easier Financing

KAMLOOPS, Sept. 26: (CP)—Resolutions adopted by the British Columbia Conservative Association, at its convention here at the week-end, included one promising compensation for miners affected with silicosis while revision of mining regulations to foster legitimate developments of mining prospects and revision of the Securities Act to make financing of new enterprises were also promised.

### NEW CHIEF OF POLICE

Corp. Chris Jacklin of Nanaimo whose appointment as chief of city police in Prince Rupert was announced in the Daily News some weeks ago, will be arriving in the city within a few days to assume his local duties. Corp. Jacklin is being promoted to the rank of sergeant.

### INDIA IS DISGUSTED

Members To Quit League Of Nations Owing To Its Impotency

NEW DELHI, Sept. 26:—Still disenchanted over the fate of Ethiopia, Indian members threaten withdrawal from the League of Nations. They declare that the League has neither the power to protect its friends or punish its enemies.

### THROW OUT FARM TAX

EDMONTON, Sept. 26:—The 10 per cent farm production tax which the Alberta government has ruled illegal by the Supreme Court of Alberta.

# Three Great Nations Will Take Up Arms Together In Fight For Czechoslovakia - Announced

## WAR CLOUDS

### BRITONS CALLED OUT

LONDON—War Secretary Hore-Belisha today called out officers and men of anti-aircraft and coast defence units of the British territorial army. All regular Royal Air Force men on leave and Royal Air Force observation corps were also called. The authorities stressed that both measures were purely precautionary and did not constitute mobilization.

### EVACUATING PARIS

PARIS—The public works ministry called upon all persons ready to do so to evacuate Paris by rail immediately "because of circumstances."

### CANADA NOT ASKED

LONDON—It was stated officially today that Canada has not been asked for any commitments by the British government in view of the crisis.

### PARLIAMENT CALLED

LONDON—Capt. Edward Fitzroy, Speaker, issued notice today calling up Parliament to meet on Wednesday.

## PARIS TO EVACUATE UNCLE SAM IS ARMING

Minister of Interior Issues Statement of War Instructions To Civilian Population—To Decentralize

PARIS, Sept. 26:—With almost every nation of Europe engaged in feverish military precautions for war, Minister of the Interior Albert Sarraut yesterday issued a lengthy statement of instructions to the civilian population of France in regard to action in event of attack.

These instructions described procedure for orderly decentralization of population from the cities and other steps such as defence against air raids, blacking out of cities, use of bombproof shelters, special services for the detection of gas and protection against same and precautions against outbreak and spread of fire.

Thousands of Americans and other foreigners are making preparations to leave Paris and other cities.

France is rapidly preparing itself for any war emergency at short notice.

OFFICIAL LONDON STATES IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO STOP "GREAT TRAGEDY"—URGES PEOPLE OF ALL NATIONS TO INSIST ON FREE NEGOTIATION—DOMINIONS CALLED

### Hitler Stands Firm For Sudetenland Annexation

IT IS HIS LAST PLAN FOR EXPANSION IN EUROPE BUT HE INSISTS THAT HE WILL SEE IT THROUGH NO MATTER WHAT COMES

LONDON, September 26: (CP)—An official statement issued here today made it clear that, in spite of all efforts made by Prime Minister Chamberlain, Germany were to attack Czechoslovakia, France would go to the aid of the republic and Great Britain would stand behind France. Russia would also join France and Great Britain in a triple fight to aid Czechoslovakia in the event of German invasion.

The Foreign Office statement added: "It is still not too late to stop this great tragedy and for the people of all nations to insist on settlement by free negotiation."

Hon. Vincent Massey, Canadian High Commissioner, and representatives of other Dominions were requested today to call at Premier Chamberlain's residence tonight and consult regarding the crisis.

### HITLER NOT TURNING BACK

Chancellor Adolf Hitler declared at Berlin tonight: "I have decided that we shall place Czechoslovakia's Sudeten area under German sovereignty" and added that, if President Benes "does not want peace we will have to take matters into our own hands."

Addressing a huge throng in the Sportsplatz, Hitler said that Germany and Italy will stand together and "will be able to defend themselves as a solid block if the worst comes to the worst" in settling the Sudeten problem which he said was Germany's last and final problem.

This declaration followed a review by Hitler of his relations with the principal European powers in which he voiced dissatisfaction with the 1936 naval treaty with Great Britain, limiting Germany's naval power.

Hitler spoke of German unity and declared he was speaking for the whole nation.

"Germany is not interested in oppressing other people," Hitler declared. "Its foreign policy is directed solely at being of service to German peoples."

Hitler declared that Czechoslovakia's Sudeten territories are the last in Europe which Germany will seek to annex. Already he had renounced Alsace-Lorraine, he declared.

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# Europe Vies With Despair As Fateful Week In Europe's Affairs Commences

## International Crisis Over Czechoslovakia Is Unbroken

British Parliament to Assemble—London Papers Blame Hitler—Berlin Press Says Issue is Simple

LONDON, September 26.—The British Parliament has been summoned for Wednesday to consider the European crisis in the light of Chancellor Adolf Hitler's latest demands on Czechoslovakia. The cabinet was in session today, Sunday and again today and last night it was reported in authoritative quarters that Great Britain had decided to co-operate in preventing German aggression in Czechoslovakia. Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain had a luncheon with King George yesterday. Over the week-end there were conferences between the diplo-

matic representatives of various nations. With tension terrific, the crisis continues much the same with hope in some quarters and despair in others. There is still the possibility that there may be yielding somewhere in the situation between Germany and Czechoslovakia which threatens to embroil Europe and the world in what might be the most terrible conflict in history. Chancellor Adolf Hitler, on the one hand, continues, apparently, adamant in the demand that Sudeten areas of Czechoslovakia shall be delivered over to the Reich by October 1. The Czechs, on the other hand, continue mobilized at full strength in readiness to resist the first move at invasion to enforce Der Fuehrer's demands. The attitude of Great Britain and

France is one of increasing stiffening against Hitler.

London newspapers place the responsibility for peace or war in Europe squarely on the shoulders of Hitler. The Times says: "If war comes, Hitler will be responsible not only to the world but particularly to his own people." It has been stated that the point on which Premier Chamberlain and Chancellor Hitler came to the parting of the ways last week was Hitler's refusal to demobilize German reserve forces.

German newspapers crystallize the issue by declaring that the "only question in dispute is the method of evacuation of Sudeten areas." As for claims of Poland and Hungary in respect to minorities in Czechoslovakia, the German papers

contend that they should be entitled to self-determination.

Czechoslovakian spokesmen reiterate that the Anglo-French proposals of a week ago were agreed to by Czechoslovakia only in the interests of peace. There could be no further surrender, however, by Czechoslovakia as a basis of agreement. This was why general mobilization of the country's fighting forces had been ordered.

Prague continues quiet as preparations for war continue. There were further clashes in Sudeten areas with more casualties at the week-end. Both Germans and Czechs claimed unjustified attacks.

German armies are reported to be preparing to cross from Saxony into Czechoslovakia. Evacuation of Czechoslovakia by

British, Americans and other nationals continues. Forty-five British subjects were reported to have crossed the border at one point, taking only hand luggage with them.

### Mussolini Enigmatic

The position of Italy in connection with the Czechoslovakian crisis is still enigmatic. Premier Mussolini, voluble as usual, is nevertheless indefinite. He still professes friendship for Germany but he has not said how far he is ready to go in demonstrating it, merely suggesting that Italy may be forced into war. The general opinion is that Il Duce is leaving the way open to keep out of any war which would appear to be suicidal to his nation. Speaking yesterday, he deplored the prospect of it being nec-

essary to resort to arms to settle the Czechoslovakian crisis.

Russia's attitude continues to be one of waiting to see what other nations will do.

Premier Edouard Daladier and Foreign Minister Georges Bonnet of France arrived yesterday by airplane to confer with the British government in regard to the situation. Last night the French Premier and his foreign minister conferred for more than two hours with Prime Minister Chamberlain and his colleagues and they remained over for further meetings today.

Prior to leaving Paris yesterday, Foreign Minister Bonnet received the Japanese ambassador to France.