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Britain Stands Offensive Of Extreme Violence Under Way Along Full Frontier; By Obligations Four Cities Under Air Attack Unless Germany Withdraws Immediately From

Poland, Ambassador Will Be Withdrawn-Hitler's "Senseless Ambition"

LONDON, September 1: (CP) - Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain read to an emergency session of Parliament at 5 o'clock this evening a note sent to Berlin warning that, unless Germany suspends aggressive action and withdraws from Poland, Great Britain will unhestitatingly fulfil its obligations to Poland. If the reply to this last warning is not favorable, the British ambassador to Berlin will be instructed to ask for his passports. The Prime Minister said that he did not suggest that the German reply "is likely to be anything else than unfav-

orable." He added: "The time has come for action." Mr. Chamberlain placed the responsibility "for this terrible catastrophe" on Hitler. "Mussolini has been doing his best," Chamberlain added. He said that "Hitler has not hesitated to plunge the world into misery in order to serve his own senseless ambitions."

Then the Prinme Minister continued: "No man can say that the government could have done more to try and keep open the way for an honorable and equitable | Rome and Berlin. settlement of the dispute between Germany and Poland. . * Had there been the least desire on the part of the German government, the crisis could have been averted."

The Polish ambassador had earlier notified the Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, that Poland invoked the provisions of the British-Polish mutual assistance treaty on the grounds of German aggression.

Chamberlain announced that a bill would be introduced making military service ages between 18 and 41.

Even before the session of Parliament, the King signed an order-in-council for the complete mobilization of the navy, army and air force. Complete black-out throughout the country was ordered for tonight. Complete application of air raid warnings have also been ordered. Censorship has been imposed on postal correspondence directed to "certain foreign countries." First aid stations have been brought up to full strength. Distribution of gas masks is being made complete. Evacuation of children, mothers, invalids to the countryside is being rushed to completion. One million youngsters left London yesterday, many of them leaving their parents behind. Despite the gravity of the situation, the people remain cheerful.

All newspapers today emphasized the British obligation to Poland. Attention was drawn to the speed of Hitler's move. The suggestion was made that the publication of his sixteen demands and the statement that Poland had rejected them was an attempt to place Poland in the wrong light at the eleventh hour.

Headquarters Of Fortress

The fortress command for Prince Rupert area has taken up head- 5.6c. quarters in the federal building. Lieut. Col. S. D. Johnston M. C., V. D., is officer commanding all military activities in this area.

Halibut Sales

American and 5.5c.

Canadian

Joan W. II, 40,000, going to Van- Fairbanks to Whitehorse. The Bum, 15,000, Atlin, 7c and 5c.

Stay Out :

ROME, September 1: (CP)-Italian cabinet announced today that Italy will refrain from starting any military op- + erations. However, the na- + tion is taking full defensive 4 measures and is taking all pre- 4 + cautions against any eventu- + & ality. The position of Italy in 4 the event of a prolonged con-4 flict is a mystery. King Vic- 4 4 tor Emmanuel, as spokesman 4 4 for the nation, has insisted + 4 that his government has done + 4 everything possible to bring 4 & about peace with justice. This + 4 was reiterated in a message by 4 + Premier Mussolini to President + + Roosevelt. There have been + + numerous messages between +

Maitland Says Conservative Would Co-operate In Case of Emergency

VICTORIA, September 1: (CP)-The British Columbia Conservative party will co-operate with the ad-ministration of Premier T. D. Pattullo "if we should find ourselves in an emergency," R. L. Maitland K. C., Conservative leader, said. "The heart and soul of the people of Canada will be side by side with the Empire," Maitland

JAPS IN SEATTLE

Round The World Plane Arrives There Direct From Witehorse

SEATTLE, September 1: (CP)goodwill fliers in their plane Nip-Arctic, 31,000, Cold Storage, 8: pon arrived here at 6:30 last night after a non-stop flight from White-Noreland, 19,000, Pacific, 8c and horse and it is planned to continue southward to Los Angeles today. The plane had flown from fliers received an ethusiastic welcome here.

FRONTIER VIOLATED AT MANY POINTS AS DER FUEHRER STRIKES, PRECIPI-TATING WHAT SEEMS INEVITABLE MAJOR CONFLICT

DOES NOT DECLARE WAR BUT ORDERS ARMY TO MEET FORCE IN SUDDEN MOVE— BRITAIN AND FRANCE OBLIGED TO ACT

Germany and Poland are at war and Great Britain and France will undoubtedly be drawn into the vortex of conflict with little delay. Hostilities commenced early today with Germany's invasion of Poland at several points. Air raids of the Polish capital, Warsaw, Cracow and other cities were early reported. There has also been artillery attack.

There was no formal declaration of war by Germany. Adolf Hitler, Fuehrer of the Reich, ordered the German army to meet force with force. His order of the day to the Army read: "The Polish state has rejected my efforts to establish neighborly relations and, instead, has appealed to weapons. Germans in Poland are victims of a bloody terror, driven from house to house. A series of border violations unbearable for a great power show that the Poles no longer are willing to respect the German border. To put an end to these insane incidents nothing remains for me but to meet force with force from now on. The German army will conduct a fight for honor and the right to the life of the resurrected German

people with firm determination. I expect that every soldier, mindful of the great traditions of the eternal German military, will do his duty to the last. Remember always you are members of the National Socialist Party. Long live our people! Long live the Reich!"

A blockade of the Polish harbor of Gdvnia soon followed Hitler's orders to the Army and, after a brief period of fighting in Danzig, the Free Port was declared a part of the German Reich by Albert Forster. Almost immediately Hitler gave his legal approval to the decree. The constitution of Danzig under the Treaty of Versailles was declared dissolved as far as Germany was concerned and Forster was named head of the civic government. Hitler thanked Danzig for its loyalty.

Next developments were air raids on Cracow and other Polish cities. Later in the morning there was an air raid on a railway station eight miles from Warsaw.

Hitler, in a momentous Reichstag gathering, declared that he would achieve the return of Danzig and the Polish Corridor and halt Polish attacks on Germans or die fighting. "I am putting on a uniform and shall take it off only in victory or

Hitler has dwelt on numerous occasions of late with the possibility of his own death and he mentioned it again in the Reichstag speech. If he should meet death he mentioned Field Marshal Herman Goering as his successor. If anything happened to Goering Rudolf Hess, Hitler's deputy, would take over. If anything happened to all three, then the Senate would select a worthy leader.

Der Fuehrer spoke throughout as if war was already under way but he did not officially declare

Hitler went on to refer to recent proposals to settle the dispute with Poland by what he claimed was a moderate formula. The Poles had rejected this and he had answered with mobilization. His love of peace and his patience had been exhausted.

He had last night informed Great Britain, Hitler said, that negotiations were broken off and he had decided to talk as Poland talks - "with

Hitler said that he wanted nothing from the western powers (Great Britain and France) and "we have formally declared we have no claims against them. We do not want to wage war on women and children" he said but added, if an "enemy" dared wage "another" war of that sort he would answer "bomb for bomb, gas for gas."

Germany does not count on Italian support, Der Fuehrer said, while, on the other hand, Russia

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Canada Is Wasting No Time In Emergency Of War; Call Parliament

Meantime Prime Minister Gives Assurance That Necessary Defence Measures Are Being Taken-Army, Navy and Air Force on Active Service Basis

OTTAWA, September 1: (CP)—The War Measures Act of 1914, giving the government extraordinary powers to act in emergency pending the assembly of Parliament, was proclaimed following a cabinet meeting today. Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King announced that military, naval and air forces had been placed on active service footing. Parliament

has been summoned for September Should a field force be necessary

The Prime Minister announced 1914. that Parliament will be asked to authorize the government to give the most effective co-operation possible to Great Britain.

The militia has been called out "for the defence of Canada."

volunteers will be called for as in

The Prime Minister said that instructions had been sent commanding officers of various milltary districts to call out additional

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