

NON-INTERVENTION AGREEMENT

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British Secretary Of State For Foreign Affairs On The Spanish Situation

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The Government, he said, had been asked what form of government it would like to see in Spain. He would like to see in Spain a Government that Spain wanted. That was the motive behind its support of the policy of non-intervention.

"If anyone thinks that the fact that we support non-intervention is due to sympathy for this or that side," he said, "he is mistaken. We support the policy which we believe to be the best for Europe at this time. I want to be frank with the House. Non-intervention has not realized our expectations, neither in the speed with which the agreement was negotiated nor in the manner in which it has since been observed, but the dissatisfaction with the working of non-intervention is not a sufficient reason to denounce the agreement, to do which would bring nearer the risk of a European war."

It would not even profit the Spanish Government that they were searching to improve non-intervention. Obviously the best method would be to institute effective control. If the principal nations of Europe really wished to make the non-intervention agreement effective control would be quite simple, but if they did not wish to make non-intervention effective it was beyond the wit of man to devise any system of control which would operate successfully.

ANGLO-FRENCH INITIATIVE. Referring to the recent Anglo-French initiative which had arisen out of dissatisfaction with the present situation, Mr. Eden said it had a dual objective—first to reinforce the effectiveness of the non-intervention agreement and second to make an effort towards mediation. Whether the British Government had any intention of desisting in the attempt to secure mediation in this conflict, they did not anticipate at the first attempt that they were going immediately to receive support from all, but they intended to persist—perhaps using slightly different methods of approach—because they believed that the time would come when these efforts would ultimately be rewarded.

GERMANY ANGRY. Mr. Eden's speech has angered Germany. The official news agency declares that it astonished competent quarters. It is incomprehensible that Mr. Eden should have taken the initiative and Italy of not observing the non-intervention pact in the same breath as he mentioned Russia. (Mr. Eden said that despite the arms going to Spain from Germany, Italy, and Russia, the non-intervention pact remained the significance of these breaches.)

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Determination Of Heir To Throne Necessary

New Act Advocated To Clarify Succession Problem

LONDON, December 18. A special article in "The Times" urges the necessity for passing without delay a new Succession Act, declaring to whom, in default of male heirs, the Crown would pass. Other- wise embarrassing legal differences might arise throughout the Empire when no authority exists to remove them.

POSSIBLE DILEMMA. Moreover, if the question be held in abeyance until the demise of the King the next succession may be two or more sisters or their representatives. The question between them could not be addressed to Parliament, because Parliament would not be sovereign, or the law courts, as the judges have not authority until they have taken the oath of allegiance to the Crown.

GERMAN SOLDIERS ENGAGED. DUBLIN, December 18. Eighty members of the Irish Republican Congress left for Madrid to fight for the Spanish Government. They met and themselves fighting their fellow countrymen who are already serving in General Franco's army under General O'Duffy.

AUSTRALIANS SERVING. The leading member of the British volunteer machine gunners defending Madrid is Jack Barry, from Sydney, a shooter. Miss Margaret Miller and four nurses from Australia are at present in Barcelona awaiting instructions. Miss Aileen Palmer, daughter of Vance Palmer, returned to Aragon.

WASHINGTON, December 18. The State Department has endorsed the report that a Spanish Fascist cruiser shot a shell which hit the water 500 yards from the American gunboat Erie, which was anchored in the port of Dijon, but no damage was done. The official action is contemplated. There is nothing to indicate that the Spanish ship was attempting to hit the Erie.

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LONDON, December 18. Reproducing all the heraldic pageantry of the seven months ago, the same spot only seven months ago, the King-at-Arms, standing on the balcony of St James's Palace at 2.25 p.m. today, read the proclamation of the Coronation of King George VI, fixing the ceremony for May 12 next—the date upon which Edward VIII was to have been crowned.

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CHRISTMAS CHEER GRANT TO UNEMPLOYED

Expected To Exceed £65,000

No Appreciable Abuse, Says Minister

BRISBANE, December 20. The Government's cash grant for Christmas cheer to the unemployed is expected to exceed £65,000. There was little increase in the number of cases of drunkenness before the Brisbane Police Court on Saturday, which was taken as an indication that little of the money given for Christmas cheer was wasted in drink.

WICKET SHOULD BE AS GOOD AS NEW. AUSTRALIA MAY PROFIT BY RAIN. PONSFORD'S TEST REVIEW.

QUIST WINS VICTORIAN TENNIS TITLE. Turnbull Defeated in Straight Sets

MELBOURNE, December 19. In three straight sets Adrian Quist retained the Victorian singles tennis championship by defeating Don Turnbull in masterly fashion. Quist today was the faultless player. His strokes, temperament, tactics, and fitness left nothing to be desired.

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HAMMOND 231 AND STILL UNCONQUERED

England Six Wickets For 426 Runs In Second Test

AUSTRALIA'S FORMIDABLE TASK

SYDNEY, December 19. AFTER two days' play the English innings is not completed in the second Test match, and there are 426 runs on the board for the loss of six wickets. After Friday's and today's play one got the impression that England's idea is to stay as long as possible, and if that was the plan it has been carried out to the letter. The cricket itself could not cause much enthusiasm.

THE FEATURE OF TODAY'S CRICKET WAS THE CONTINUANCE OF HAMMOND'S SPLENDID EFFORT, AND HE TOOK HIS OVERNIGHT SCORE OF 147 TO 231. Incidentally it gave Hammond his 1000 runs for the tour to date.

HAMMOND'S 1000 FOR TOUR. In eleven completed innings, Hammond, England's first batsman, has scored more than 1000 runs during the present tour.

ALLEY'S SHORT STAY. After lunch Allen came out with Hammond, but it was a short stay, as O'Reilly got one past the bat, and the test adjournment the pair was still in possession. Then on the resumption came the new ball, and McCormick. McCormick again looked purposeful, and although not at top pace was something infinitely more lively than at the second sitting on Friday.

STUMP KNOCKED OUT. Had those chances been taken England might conceivably have been all out tonight, but it was not to be, and the test adjournment the pair was still in possession. Then on the resumption came the new ball, and McCormick. McCormick again looked purposeful, and although not at top pace was something infinitely more lively than at the second sitting on Friday.

HAMMOND'S GREAT EFFORT. Hammond appeared to be caught in two minds, was the only flaw in his truly magnificent effort. Apart from the physical aspect, few people realize the tremendous strain placed upon the player in making a huge score, and many people think that once the batsman has his eye in hitting becomes solely mechanical. Such is not the case for every ball bowled has to be dealt with on its merits and intense concentration is required.

HAD NEVER BOXED WITH AL NORWOOD. Richards Denies He Helped Promote Recent Brisbane Bout

RON RICHARDS TO MEET FRED HENNEBERY. SYDNEY, December 20. The Al Norwood, who fought Ron Richards in Brisbane was recently proved to be the American boxer, and a Sydney lad, Lane May, who had decided to change his boxing name, Ron Richards tonight said he would sign a statutory declaration that he was perfectly innocent of the promotion of the fight. He had been offered the fight in good faith by Jack Houtt, the Brisbane promoter, and had accepted it in good faith.

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WICKET WILL BE MAIN FACTOR IN SECOND TEST

Lack Of Management Of Australian Team Criticised

SYDNEY, December 19. The Englishmen's strategy for the first two days of the Test has been to wear out the wicket, but the rain which stopped the play at 4.30 yesterday combined with rolling has made the pitch life sav. The wicket was rolled early today and then it was in perfect condition. It will be rolled again before play commences tomorrow.

DOING MAGNIFICENT JOB. Hammond, however, has undertaken the responsibility of carrying the side in this innings, and leaving in mind the fact that there is no limit to the game, he is doing a magnificent job. Except that he gave a hard fought and bowled chance to Ward at 216 he was never in doubt.

MANAGEMENT CRITICAL. Backoek's position calls attention to the undesirable state of things in the management of the Australian Test team. Backoek was not fit to play on Friday, but nobody knew of it. When he did take the field it was nobody's business apparently to let him attend to matters to find his own conveyance back to his hotel. No doctor was called in by the cricket officials, everything apparently being left to Dr. Morton, who is here on holidays.

WEATHER FORECAST. The weather forecast for tomorrow (Friday) shows a heavy shower and generally unsettled conditions.

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