

## Daladier Visits Land Demanded by Italy; Chiang Aids 'Purged'

### FOREIGN SITUATION

AJACCIO, Corsica—Daladier defies Italy.  
ROME—France will defend colonies, envoy says.

HENDAYE—Franco says he will win in 1939.

CHUNGKING—Wang expelled by Kuomintang.

TOKYO—Japan sends new protest to Russia.

JERUSALEM—High British police official slain.

AJACCIO, Corsica, Jan. 2 (U.P.)—Premier Daladier dramatically emphasized his stand against Italian territorial demands today by visiting Corsica at the outset of a journey described in the Italian press as "provocative"—which will also take him to Tunisia.

Accompanied by Navy Minister Cesare Campi, a native of Corsica and bitterly anti-Italian, Mr. Daladier arrived aboard the cruiser Foch, escorted by a flotilla of destroyers. He was greeted enthusiastically by residents of this important naval base who interpreted his tour as an exclamation point to his recent assertions that France will never give up "a single inch" of her colonial possessions to Italy.

Crowds lined the quay where a symbolic triumphal arch had been erected and decked with French and Corsican flags. Streets and buildings, public and private, were similarly decorated.

### Troops Sent Ahead

After visit at Bastia 67 miles from Ajaccio, Mr. Daladier will re-embark tonight for Bizerta, France's vital North African naval base where huge guns dominate the Sicilian channel. En route the Foch will steam past Italian Sicily and Sardinia, arriving at Bizerta tomorrow morning.

From Bizerta M. Daladier will travel overland to Algiers before rejoining the Foch, on which he embarked from Toulon last night. Preceding him to North Africa were military and naval reinforcements rushed there to cope with any situation that might arise from Italy's territorial demands affecting Corse, Tunisia, Djibouti and Suez Canal.

A battalion of 1,000 Senegalese troops left Marseilles for Djibouti, terminal of the railroad to Addis Ababa Saturday. Within the past week the Government has ordered military and naval forces there almost doubled.

### Envoy Only Echoes Daladier, Fascists Say

ROME, Jan. 2 (U.P.)—Fascist circles today discounted the importance of French Ambassador Andre Francois-Poncet's assertion yesterday that France will fight if necessary to preserve her colonial possessions.

They said the Ambassador's fiery remarks, made before 800 French residents of Rome, were merely a repetition of defiant phrases uttered repeatedly in the past two weeks by French Premier Daladier and Foreign Minister Georges Bonnet.

Nothing, it was said, could deter Italy from pressing claims which she considers just.

Most Fascists, however, were heartened by M. Francois-Poncet's statement that he was confident the controversy could be settled peacefully. At the conclusion of his talk the Ambassador proposed a toast to the health and prosperity of King-Emperor Victor Emmanuel and Premier Mussolini.

"France Will Not Buy Peace!"

The speech, made at a New Year's reception at the French Embassy, bristled with defiance of Italy's demands.

"France will not buy peace at any price," he said. "She will defend her interests, her patrimony and her name and material heritage binding her with the past."

"He said, however, that though Frenchmen were "ready to defend the colors again" if necessary, no effort would be spared to restore Italo-French friendship.

Fascist circles said, after the speech, that they still hoped Prime Minister Chamberlain of Great Britain, scheduled to arrive here Jan. 11 for a four-day visit, would be able to persuade France to accede to some of the Italian demands.

### Victory This Year Forecast by Franco

HENDAYE, Jan. 2 (U.P.)—Spanish Rebel armies advanced on three fronts today as Generalissimo Franco predicted that 1939 would be the decisive year of the 30-months-old civil war.

Rebel headquarters admitted that stiffened Loyalist resistance had slowed down their drive to the Mediterranean in Catalonia. In retaliation Gen. Franco ordered surprise offensives on the Madrid and Valencia fronts.

The Rebels announced the capture of Castle Valdeuxo on the southeastern Castellon front, which guards the Mediterranean seaport of Valencia, and reported a supporting movement toward the Valencia coast from the southern Teruel sector by the army of Gen. Jose Varela.

An interview published in the official Dario Vasca at San Sebastian, Gen. Franco promised that justice would be shown to "both those aiding me and those fighting me" when Rebel victory is complete.

Gen. Franco said he was "absolutely satisfied" with the first phases of his Catalonian offensive "which is bringing us victory step by step." This year, he predicted, would bring "a wholesale triumph of our arms."

### British Police Officer Slain in Palestine

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The wedding of Prince Louis of Bourbon-Parme and Princess Maria of Savoia (above), youngest daughter of King Victor Emmanuel and Queen Elena, will be performed in Paolina chapel of Quirinal palace.

CHUNGKING, China, Jan. 2 (U.P.)—Wang Ching-wei, former Premier of China, was expelled from the Kuomintang Party and all official posts today for proposing peace with Japan.

At the same time the Government issued a general order for the arrest and extreme punishment of all rebels in a "purge" believed aimed at persons within the Government who might have been supporting Dr. Foch.

The expulsion of Dr. Wang, who has thousands of followers throughout China, marked a major break in Chiang Kai-shek's "All China anti-Japanese front."

### Peace Plea Punished

The action was taken by the standing committee of the central executive committee of the Kuomintang, of which Dr. Wang was a member, four days after a declaration in which the former Premier and his followers called upon Gen. Chiang to negotiate peace with Japan on the basis of Japan's Dec. 22 promise to respect China's territorial integrity and to forego indemnities.

The expulsion, according to the announcement of it, was for "desertion of his post and suing for peace in contradiction to national policy."

Dr. Wang is a prominent "old revolutionary." He joined forces with Gen. Chiang at the outbreak of the current war. The Japanese are said to favor him as chief executive of the new Central Chinese Government which they are undertaking to form.

### Japan Protests Saghalian Kidnaps

TOKYO, Jan. 2 (U.P.)—The Foreign Office today made public new protests to Soviet Russia concerning three alleged border violations on the Island of Saghalian, off the east coast of Siberia, whose ownership is divided between Japan and Russia.

The Japanese charged that Russians kidnapped one Japanese there Oct. 23, kidnapped and murdered two Japanese, Nov. 22, and scouted Japanese territory from airplanes.

### REduced Telephone RATES TAKE EFFECT

Business Subscribers to Save \$123,360 Yearly.

Telephone rate reductions amounting to \$226,221 annually for Indianapolis telephone users were in effect today.

The rate slash, approved by the Public Service Commission Dec. 9 varies from a reduction of \$2 from a charge of \$21 per month for private branch exchange trunk lines to a cut of 15 cents from \$8 a month for four party lines and rural party lines. It became effective yesterday.

Other monthly rate reductions are a reduction of \$1.50 from \$12.50 for unlimited individual business lines, a cut of 25 cents from \$4.50 for unlimited individual private residence lines and a drop of 20 cents to \$3.55 for two-party private residence lines.

The only rate unaffected by the cut is \$5.50 per month for a measured individual business line with a limit of 90 calls per month.

Business subscribers will save \$123,360 this year, while the rate reductions will save residential subscribers \$102,861, according to officials of the telephone company.

Telephone users in 21 other Indiana cities also got rate reductions.

### WEATHER DISASTERS FORECAST FOR 1939

ROME, Jan. 2 (U.P.)—The coming year will be cursed with more disastrous earthquakes, storms and weather calamities than the world has witnessed in many years, according to Raffaele Bendi, Faenza Observatory director.

In a forecast for 1939, based on his own observations, Sig. Bendi said:

"I find 1939 will be one of the most critical meteorological and geodynamic years in a long time because there will be a reawakening of internal forces which have long been quiescent. There will be many seismic movements and unfortunately several will be disastrous."

### DES MOINES PILOT DEAD IN ACCIDENT

HAMPTON, Iowa, Jan. 2 (U.P.)—Edward Kerby, Des Moines, Iowa, died here yesterday after injuries received when his plane crashed into the side of a grain elevator at Sheldahl, Iowa. Mr. Kerby had taken off from a pasture near Sheldahl when his ship went into a spin at a low altitude, witnesses said.

### MAIL CARRIER RETIRES

Joseph F. Matthews, 3326 N. Capitol Ave., veteran mail carrier, had retired today after completing a record of not being late for work in 30 years. Mr. Matthews came to Indianapolis 32 years ago from Spiceland, where he was born. All his work was in the downtown district and 23 years of it on E. Market St.

He died here yesterday after a series of heart attacks.

In 1937, collections from those sources totaled \$2,584,977.63, highest since 1920 when wartime rates produced more than \$3,000,000,000.

TAKES SANITARIUM POST

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### POLICE STATION QUESTION UP TO SAFETY BOARD

Incoming Group May Decide Whether City Will Have Six Divisions.

The new Safety Board, which meets for the first time tomorrow, probably will have to decide during its administration whether Indianapolis will or will not have police subdivisions.

The plan also provides for a target practice range approximately 123 feet long, which would be walked off from the clubroom. On the first floor, the captain and other department heads' offices would share space with the cellblock, public lobby and garage.

The second and top floor would be taken up largely by a roll call room, which would be used as a gymnasium by the Crime Prevention Club most of the time.

If the substation system is established in Indianapolis, the first station probably will be located somewhere west of White River and will serve all of that territory.

cated the establishment of five substations and a headquarters building, thus dividing the city into six police divisions.

Two-Story Buildings Proposed

An Indianapolis substation would be two stories high and contain a large basement according to the blueprints. The basement would be used for a Crime Prevention Club room, 87 1/2 feet long, to be used by boys in the neighborhood for recreation under the supervision of a police officer.

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The retiring board left the problem in the lap of the incoming board when it hesitated to offer for sale several lots owned by the City because they might make good sites for the proposed substations.

Chief Morrissey long has advo-

### COST OF LIVING DECLINES HERE, SURVEY SHOWS

Federal Report, However, Puts Rent, Fuel and Light On Upgrade.

The cost of living for families of wage earners and lower salaried workers in Indianapolis dropped 1.1 per cent from June to September, 1938, a survey by the U.S. Department of Labor Statistics showed to-day.

While costs of food, clothing and household furnishings declined during the three-month period, rent, fuel and light increased, according to the Bureau's analysis.

Living costs last September were 11.7 per cent higher than in September, 1937, but were 2.6 per cent lower than in the same month of 1937 and 17.2 per cent below in 1929, the survey showed.

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between 1923-25, which was taken as 100. Indianapolis was one of five cities reporting decreases in living costs of more than 1 per cent, the survey showed.

Indianapolis residents paid 4 per cent less for food, .6 per cent less for clothing and .5 per cent less for household furnishings in September, 1938, than they did in June.

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