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The Cabinet: (Coalition Government of Socialists, Catholics and Liberals).

P. Van Zeeland, Prime Minister:

At present in the United States upon the invitation of Princeton University, which has conferred upon him an honorary L.L.D. His voyage is of a private nature but he is being received by President Roosevelt, with whom he has had several conversations on the subject of the possibilities of economic collaboration.

At the beginning of April it was announced that several European states (led by the United Kingdom and France) had given Mr. Van Zeeland the mission of exploring the possibilities of closer international co-operation with a view to discovering the best road which would lead to economic disarmament.

Paul Henri Spaak, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade

(Socialist) - is giving to-day's luncheon, at which several of the members of the recent Belgian Trade Mission to Canada will be present (including Mr. Lucien Graux, President of the Central Industrial Committee, the equivalent of our Canadian Manufacturers' Association, who headed the mission and also the Vicomte du Parc, Chief of the Trade Promotion Branch of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade).

H. de Man, Minister of Finance (Socialist), is Acting Prime Minister.

Ph. Van Isacker, Minister of Economic Affairs (Catholic).-

This Ministry administers certain import quotas under the Industrial Branch; other branches are: Mines, Internal Trade, Technical Education, Weights and Measures, Electricity.

Other Notables at the Lunch may include:

Paul Hymans (Liberal) ex Minister and leader of the Liberal Party;

Adolphe Max (Liberal, M.P.) Burgomaster of Brussels since 1909, imprisoned by the Germans during the greater part of the War (1914-18).

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Sir Noel Charles is Chargé d'Affaires at the British Embassy in the absence of Ambassador Sir Robert Clive, transferred from Japan, who has not yet assumed his post.

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