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Outline of Draft for Prime Minister's Speech

1. Still hope of peace when Parliament prorogued in June;
Royal visit demonstration of national unity;

2. War has come: time of testing has come.

3. Review of efforts to preserve peace and to prepare
for failure of peace (since Oct. 1935)

*world
& Canadian
policy*

World

Canada

War in Abyssinia - Invasion of Ethiopia

Sanctions against Italy;

lack of defence pre-
parations in Canada.

Rhineland remilitarized
(March 1936)

restoration of defences
to pre-depression
level undertaken
(1936 estimates)

**Outbreak of Spanish War
(July 1936)**

greatly increased
defence estimates
1937?

Reversal of

Japanese intervention in
China (July 1937)

Stimulus more determined to control and control

Seizure of Austria & Hitler
(March 1938)

1937
1937 defence level
maintained in 1938;
priority to coastal
defences.

Sudeten Crisis
Campaign for annexation of
Sudetenland culminated in
Munich Pact (Sept. 1938),
followed by fleeting hope
of peace.

Seizure of Bohemia and Moravia
(March 1939) - *German*

*Greatly increased
Canadian
defence
estimates
1939*

*All countries up to date
of aggression;
Cabinet a few
hours or all states*

*Seizure of Poland - interest
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Invasion of Poland - Sept 1
a record of German & continued aggression
May 1939 with the attack
Germany also they over the horizon*