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LONDON, May 10, 1940.

Circular C. 23. Following for Prime

Minister, Begins:

Belgium

1. Belgian Minister for Foreign Affairs informed His Majesty's Ambassador at Brussels at 5.50 A.M. today that:

(1) German troops had invaded Belgian territory in defiance of Reich's undertakings of 13th October, 1937, renewed on outbreak of present war;

(2) Belgian Government decided to resist with all their forces.

(3) Belgian Government appeal to French and United Kingdom Governments for help.

2. In reply to (3) we have assured Belgian Government that we will give them utmost assistance. Allied troops are moving to their help.

Netherlands

3. German troops crossed Dutch frontier at 3.00 A.M. today.

4. Simultaneously with invasion German official news agency announced that German Government had issued memorandum to Dutch and Belgian Governments declaring that Germany had proof that an Allied attack through Dutch and Belgian territory was imminent. Reich Government had therefore given orders to German troops