

Deterioration of World Conditions

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*Summary -*

Canadian Preparedness

*History of*

(1935-1939)

*also of previous years.*

World Conditions

*History of 1935*

Canadian Effort

1935-6 *In name of Schlegel 4 24/25* Sanctions against Italy (Oct.);  
Re-militarization of Rhineland (March);  
Outbreak of Spanish War (July).

Restoration of National Defences to pre-depression efficiency.

1937 Revival of Japanese intervention in China (July);  
Spanish war threatened to embroil all Europe.

Defence estimates doubled; emphasis on direct and immediate defence of Canada.

1938 *3/19/38* Seizure of Austria (March);  
Sudeten crisis (Sept.);  
Japanese intervention continued;  
Spanish war continued.

Defence estimates maintained at 1937 level; priority to air force and naval service.

1939 Seizure of Czecho-Slovakia and Memel (March);  
Italian occupation of Albania (April);  
German denunciation of non-aggression pact with Poland (April).

Defence estimates nearly doubled from 1937 level; increased attention to air force and to supply (Defence Purchasing Board).

N. B. Polish crisis traced on separate sheet.