

Questions

mate a knowledge of conditions in Europe as the time at my disposal permitted. After leaving Great Britain I paid brief visits to France and Belgium, as well as to Germany. The British Government were fully aware of the intention to pay the visit to Berlin, which occurred on June 27th to 30th, inclusive. The interchange of views and information which took place was of a nature which it is not the practice to disclose.

NYON CONFERENCE

Mr. CHURCH:

1. Was Canada represented at the conference at Nyon to prevent piracy in the Mediterranean?
2. If so, by whom?
3. What action was taken?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING:

1. No.
2. Answered by No. 1.
3. The states represented, namely, the United Kingdom, Bulgaria, Egypt, France, Greece, Roumania, Turkey, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and Yugoslavia, concluded on September 14, 1937, an agreement for collective measures against piratical attacks in the Mediterranean by submarines, and, on September 17, 1937, a supplementary agreement for collective measures against piratical acts in the Mediterranean by surface vessels and aircraft; and by subsequent arrangement, Italy agreed to participate in these measures.

OPENING OF SINGAPORE DRY DOCK

Mr. CHURCH:

1. Has Canada been yet invited by the British admiralty to the ceremonial opening of the new giant dry dock at Singapore on February 11?
2. Is the government aware that the United States, New Zealand and Australian war ships have been invited and have accepted the invitation according to dispatches from London, England?
3. Does Canada contribute anything to maintain maritime freedom in the Pacific or to the cost of this Singapore base—past or present—and what agreement was ever in existence about it, if any?
4. Who will represent Canada's navy if an invitation is extended to Canada?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING:

1. No.
2. No official information; press reports have been noted.
3. Canada has made no contribution to the cost of the Singapore naval base. The government know of no agreement in this respect. The expenditures upon measures for the naval defence of Canada, as approved by parliament from time to time, are shown in the records of the house.
4. Answered by No. 1.

[Mr. Mackenzie King.]

CANADIAN NAVY

Mr. CHURCH:

1. What does Canada's navy consist of, and where is it now located?
2. Did the Department of National Defence, on January 5 or 6, 1938, release the schedule of good-will cruises, 1938, for this fleet, in navy orders?
3. Has part of the fleet already set out to sea, and to what destination?
4. Have any of the fleet gone to Sino-Japanese waters?
5. Did part of His Majesty's Canadian Navy go to sea, on January 1, on a three months' cruise to Bermuda, St. Kitts, Barbados, St. Lucia and Granada on the Atlantic?
6. Who is the present admiral of the Canadian fleet, and where are his headquarters?
7. What is the total per annum cost to maintain this fleet, and how many officers and men have they?

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver):

1. Administrative headquarters at Ottawa. Two destroyers and one training schooner based on Halifax, N.S.
Two destroyers and one minesweeper based on Esquimalt, B.C.
A naval depot and naval dockyard at Halifax, N.S.
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Port divisions of the Royal Canadian Naval Reserve at Halifax, N.S.; Charlottetown, P.E.I.; Quebec, P.Q.; Montreal, P.Q.; and Vancouver, B.C.
Divisions of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve at Halifax, N.S.; Charlottetown, P.E.I.; Saint John, N.B.; Quebec, P.Q.; Montreal, P.Q.; Ottawa, Ont.; Toronto, Ont.; Port Arthur, Ont.; Hamilton, Ont.; Winnipeg, Man.; Saskatoon, Sask.; Regina, Sask.; Calgary, Alta.; Edmonton, Alta.; Vancouver, B.C.; and Prince Rupert, B.C.
2. No. Programs of H.M.C. Ships are not promulgated through Naval Monthly Orders but in the form of programs issued separately. Destroyer winter cruising programs were promulgated to the Canadian Naval Service and dominion government departments concerned on 17th November, 1937, and that of the training schooner Venture on 7th December, 1937. Programs were released to the press on 4th and 5th January, 1938.
3. The destroyers left their bases for their winter cruise on 4th January, 1938, and the schooner Venture on 1st January, 1938. The schooner will cruise in West Indies waters until the end of March. The destroyers will meet at Panama Canal on 28th January, and cruise on the west coast of South and Central America until the end of March, then to the west coast of Canada. The east coast destroyers will leave Esquimalt on 25th April, and return to Halifax on 29th May.
4. No.