KING MAY QUIT

"Informed sources" in Rome say that Italy's King Victor Emmanuel III, upper photo, may abdicate soon in an effort to save the monarchy and the House of Savoy. The reports say control of the throne would probably be tuned over to a regency, pending the coming of age of his 10-year-old grandson, Victor Emmanuel, Prince of Naples, lower photo.

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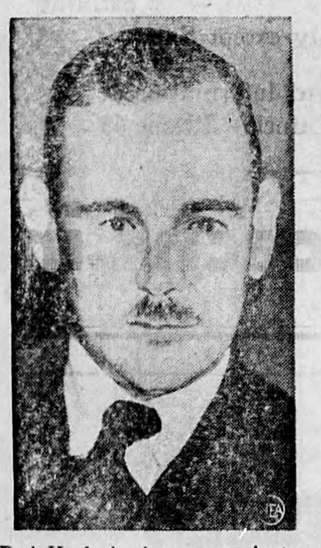

Paul Hasluck, above, new Australian delegate to the UN Security Council, heads a five-man UN commission charged with investigation of the Franco regime in Spain. He is a former professor and newspaperman.

ONE OF VERY FEW

Vera Clegg of Yellowknife, in Canada's far-flung Northwest Territories, takes home a few dollars' worth of groceries, for prices on food in the booming little gold-rush town include $1.50 for a dozen eggs, 25 cents for a loaf of bread. Vera is one of the few white women who have ventured into this gold camp, 600 miles north of the nearest city, Edmonton.

IN THE MOVIES

Signed to dance in movies is Clarence "Caesar" Murphy of Windsor, Ont. Heavyweight boxer and at one time a bouncer in a hotel, Murphy was spotted by a Hollywood talent scout in Detroit. He starts his movie career at $300 a week.

Highlights of the News

U. S Coal Strike

The nation looked to Washington for relief from the strangling effects of the 38-day-old coal strike.

Cities and farms from Maine to Oregon were feeling the impact of curtailments in essential electric power, railroad service, industrial activity and other business.

In a rapidly-widening radius extending in all directions from Chicago, hardest hit by the power curtailment, electric service faded from dimou proportions to threatened blackouts.

Freight and passenger transportation reductions increased almost hourly and unemployment figures mounted into the hundreds of thousands as raw materials and shrinking coal supplies diminished almost to the vanishing point.

In Detroit, the Ford Motor Co. announced it would begin shutdowns throwing 110,000 out of work.

Only 35 per cent, of the freighters in the Great Lakes coal and ore fleet now are in operation, according to A. T. Wood, president of the Lake Carriers' association Wood said coal shipments on the lakes are about 4,300,000 tons below this time last year.

Steel was the industry hardest hit. It was estimated 100,000 would be without work in the Chicago-Calumet area alone before the of the week.

Shipments on some railroads have been cut to 75 per cent. of normal.

Solid Fuels Administrator Krug banned delivery of soft coal to any cossumer with more than a five day supply. The order already had cut off supplies to all except essential indusry and hospitals with less than a 10-day supply.

Britain To Quit Egypt

Britain has offered to with-draw all her military, air and naval forces from Egypt in return for an alliance negotiated "between two equal nations having interests in common." This would throw the Egypt. Egyptian extremists assdefense of the Suez Canal upon ailed any British alliance.

Ethiopia Helps

Ethiopia has offered to supply United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration with 100,000 tons of wheat and other food stuffs in the next year and a half for famine relief.

The offer also included 10,000 tons of coffee.

Living Cost Up

The cost of living in Canada at April 1 was higher than at any time during the war, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reported ..The bureau said its official cost-of-living index, on the basis 1935-last week.

1939 equals 100, advanced from 120.1 at March 1 to 120.8 at April 1. The index slightly exceeded the wartime high level of 120.5 recorded in August, 1945.

The bureau said the principal part of the increase came from the food group which rose from 133.1 to 135.1 Price increases for butter, pork products and vegetables were mainly responsible.

Soviet Loan Drive

Soviet Russia called on her people to subscribe to a 20,000,000,000 ruble (nominally ($3,774,000,000) loan "for restoration and development of the U.S.S.R.'s national economy," the Moscow radio said.

U. S. Rail Service Cut

The United States Office of Defence Transportation last week ordered a 50 per cent reduction in passenger service by coal-burning locomotives, effective May 15, to conserve dwindling coal supplies.

Rail Strike Seems Certain

Two hundred and sixty thousand members of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers will walk out on strike at 4 p.m. on May 18, on orders of heads of the two unions issued shortly after they had stalked out of a meeting in Chicago with carrier representatives.

Only action by President Truman can avert the walkout.

IT IS DIFFICULT TO MAKE THE WORLD REALIZE THE MEANING OF FAMINE

So spoke Herbert Hoover as he looked at India in his worldwide investigation of food conditions. His words are a dramatic sound track for these pictures, taken in Calcutta . . . of a young mother covering the dead body of her starved child . . . of the grim curious watching the corps removal squad take away the body of an old man . . . of the pitiful cargo of young death being loaded into a removal squad truck. But the situation in India, warned Herbert Hoover, is no worse than in other parts of the world.

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