ITALIAN EMBASSY LUNCHEON.

London --- a diplomatuc luncheon at the Italian Embassy was attended by the Duke and Duchess of York Kennt. The royal guests were escorted to their war by the Duke of Aosta. Mr Anthony Eden the Foreign Secretary, was another guests, and he was obviously in a happy frame of mind as were Mr and Mrs Neville Chamberlain. Mr Duff Cooper, first Lord of the Admiralty, paused on the steps for a word with Count Grandi.

HOUSE OF DAVID.

New South Wales --- at Ryde there is a little colony of men who call themselves members of the House of David. They believe among other things that it is wrong to kill any form of animal life. With uncut hair and beards they look very strange --- but the news from China makes one wish that more people had their ideas on the subject of life and death.

LAUNCH OF THE CAPETOWN CASTLE.

Belfast --- the Mayor and Mayoress of Capetown travelled across the world to launch the Capetown Castle. The Mayoress broke the usual bottle --- and then the new ship went down the slips to the water.