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Parliament recalled from the summer recess to hear Mr Chamberlain's report on the international situation --- and Sir Horace Wilson returning from a further interview with Herr Hitler in Germany --- then Mr Chamberlain's moving speech on the wireless.

Queen Mary and ~~the~~ other members of the royal family arrived at the House to hear ~~what~~ what the Premier would tell Parliament.

~~the Government's diplomatic position~~

Meanwhile, Britain prepared. Thought here was still some faint hope of peace, precautions went ahead. Trenches in the open spaces, ~~and~~ certain underground stations closed by order, for urgent structural alterations. Special buses were put on to take over the transport of thousands of workers who normally use these routes. A.R.P. work continues. Countless men, women and children have been fitted and supplied with gas masks. ~~It is~~

~~Only~~ Only by taking precautions may we be sure of safety. The evacuation of little children from the crowded city districts has ~~been~~ commenced. There must be many heavy hearts; but how immeasurably heavier would the future be if it were not for this wisdom. To-morrow may see the dawn of a brighter day; and to-morrow belongs to children.

But now there is a job waiting for every man and woman; already the response has been magnificent but there is need for more help yet. Recruiting stations have been busy; may this too be no more than wise preparedness. In France reserves have been called to the colours; earnestly we pray that the sadness of these partings may be only the prelude to a speedy re-union.

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Britain has ~~now~~ mobilised her Fleet; Naval Reservists of certain classes have been ordered back to the sea on this day when Parliament met to hear how still more superhuman efforts by our Prime Minister set the Peace Machine in Motion once again. . . . a Four-Power Conference --- Hitler -- Mussolini -- Daladier -- and Chamberlain the Peacemaker.