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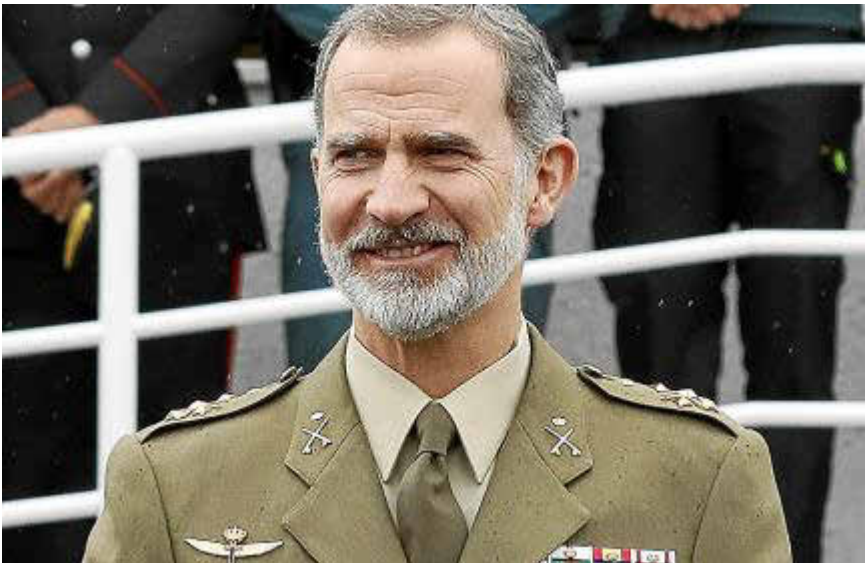
Ukraine break-up

London.—The powerful secretary of Russia's Security Council said yesterday that Western and Ukrainian government policy was leading towards the break-up of Ukraine. The comments from Nikolai Patrushev amounted to a warning that Russia's war in Ukraine could lead to a carve-up of the country, for which Moscow would seek to pin the blame on its opponents. In an interview with government newspaper *Rossiyskaya Gazeta*, Patrushev - a key ally of President Vladimir Putin - said the United States had for years been trying to instil hatred for everything Russian in Ukrainians. "However, history teaches that hatred can never become a reliable factor in

national unity," Patrushev said. "If anything today unites the peoples living in Ukraine, it is only fear of the atrocities of nationalist battalions," Patrushev said - a reference to units of Ukraine's armed forces that Moscow has branded as Nazis as part of its stated rationale for invading the country. Therefore the result of Western and Kyiv policy could only be the disintegration of Ukraine into several states, he was quoted as saying. His comments, nearly nine weeks into the war, provided the latest indication that Moscow - despite saying at the outset that it had no intention to occupy Ukraine - is set on breaking up the country.

ROYAL WEALTH

● Spain's King Felipe VI disclosed that his wealth is worth about 2.6 million euros (\$2.8 million) as the government pushes rules to make the Royal House more transparent and end the opaqueness that prevailed during the reign of his father Juan Carlos.



A personal of wealth of 2.6 million euros.

● The king's assets include just under 2.3 million euros in checking or savings

accounts and securities, and he currently owns art, antiques and jewellery with a value of more than 305,000 euros, a statement released by the Royal House showed. It did not mention any property or real estate. ● See Full Report Inside Today.

Heathrow set for take off

London.—London's Heathrow Airport yesterday raised its 2022 passenger forecast to 52.8 million, representing 65% of pre-pandemic levels, driven by demand for leisure travel, but it expected numbers to drop off significantly after the summer. The airport, which reported adjusted core earnings of 273 million pounds (\$348 million) for the first quarter, said it was not forecasting a return to profit and dividends this year, as cumulative COVID-19 losses topped 4 billion pounds. Chief Executive John Holland-Kaye said there was pent-up demand from Britons

for city breaks and beach holidays, but the outlook beyond the summer was uncertain. "After (the summer) it's still unclear what's going to happen, whether we have the best case where demand keeps improving and markets open up, or the worst case where we get another wave of COVID and restrictions brought in around the world," he said in an interview. Some British airports have seen chaotic scenes in recent weeks as they struggled to increase staffing to cope with a recovery

in passenger demand. Holland-Kaye said Heathrow, Britain's busiest airport, had largely avoided the problems. "Even though we have been very busy and have had fewer staff than normal, the vast majority of passengers have had a normal journey through the airport," he said. Heathrow was planning to recruit more than 1,000 new security staff, he said, and it was assisting airlines, ground handlers and retailers fill over 12,000 vacancies. The airport is awaiting the aviation regulator's final proposals on what it can

charge airlines per passenger for the 2022-2027 period. The regulator has criticised the airport's plan to raise charges by nearly half. Airlines have also voiced their opposition. Holland-Kaye said the regulator should consider the problems seen at other airports in its assessment. "They should be confident in allowing us enough to invest in both operating costs and capital investment to make sure that passengers get a good experience," he said. "That's something that's worth paying for."