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Appropriation For Air Base Here

Barcelona Is Taken By Franco Big Defence Project at Prince Rupert Included in Estimates Brought Down in Federal House

Government Capital Is Finally Occupied; No Resistance at End

Flags Fly and Bands Play as Insurgent Forces Enter Metropolis—Ministries Scatter to North—Loyalists Promise Another Stand

HENDAYE, Franco-Spanish Frontier, January 26: (CP)—General Francisco Franco's troops marched into Barcelona at noon today with flags flying and bands playing, formally taking over the city and completing occupation with little or no resistance following the collapse of the government's defence. The metropolis fell at last with serious fighting at the end. No effort was involved in completing the occupation.

Dispatches said that legions which had surrounded the city yesterday had marched into and through the main streets. Truckloads of provisions followed the insurgents into the city where residents have suffered months of privation owing to blockade by sea and air.

The government is forming a new defence line somewhere in the north while ministries of the republican administration have fled to northern Gernona province near the French border where they have spread through several towns. Government supporters insist that the war already two-and-a-half years old would continue both there and in the central region where the government still holds Madrid and Valencia.

PUT UP GRIM FIGHT
Up to last night defenders of Barcelona had continued to hold out stubbornly, fighting inch by inch street by street, house by house against the advance of the insurgent forces into the city. The loyalists up to then had refused to accede to General Francisco Franco's demand in leaflets from bombing planes for surrender notwithstanding his suggestion that, by so doing, they would save the city from destruction and be spared themselves.

It was estimated last night that five hundred had been killed by artillery fire and bombing attacks from the air which had been raking the city. Old men and women and refugees, as they sought to fly the city, were trapped in the streets. Artillery fire and aerial bombing hampered their flight.

British, French and other nations were escaping to the northeast to be taken aboard ships.

Clearing Of Gun Sites At Harbor Entrance Ending

This week George Nickerson and associates expect to complete the work of clearing the site at Fredrick Point on the Digby Island side of the entrance of the harbor in readiness for the placing there of fortifications by the Department of National Defence. Previously the clearing of the Barrett Point site had been completed and work of putting in the concrete emplacements is now being started by the Northern Construction Co. and J. W. Stewart and E. J. Ryan Contracting Co. of Vancouver. Some forty men are employed at present.

HOCKEY SCORES
Pacific Coast League
Spokane 3, Seattle 2.

Italy Solemnly Warned By France To Keep Hands Off; Fascist Threat To Be Met

PARIS, January 26: (CP)—Foreign Minister Georges Bonnet today solemnly warned Italy to keep her hands off the French colonial Empire, telling the Chamber of Deputies that "France cannot permit any one to touch the Empire she had founded with her blood."

Concluding a two weeks' debate on foreign affairs, Bonnet also declared: "The French government does not intend to disinterest itself in Central Europe. There must be an end to the legend that our policy has destroyed engagements we have made in Eastern Europe."

Premier Edouard Daladier announced that France and Great Britain had agreed to take "necessary steps" to meet the Italian threat if Fascist failed to leave Spain at the close of the civil war. He did not indicate the nature of the steps.

Bulletins

FRENCH SOLDIERS CALLED
PARIS—The French government, facing the possibility of new international complications if the insurgents win the Spanish war, as now appears to be almost certain, has ordered eighty thousand men up for military service in April, six months ahead of schedule.

CANADIANS "LOST"
LONDON—One hundred and seventy-eight Canadian volunteers became "lost" in Spain while another group of 292 passed over the French border enroute home, it is learned here. According to meagre reports, the "lost" men became detached from a main party at the border when the French authorities ordered the train to proceed. Officials are trying to round them up.

GROUP HOSPITALIZATION
VANCOUVER—A group hospitalization scheme for Vancouver has been placed before the doctors of the city by Mayor Lyle Telford. A stipulated sum would be paid monthly and medical and hospital care would be given when required.

TRAFFIC DEATHS LESS
VICTORIA—Traffic deaths in British Columbia in 1938 totalled 102, a decrease of twenty from 1937.

NAMED METROPOLITAN
HALIFAX—Bishop John Hackenley was yesterday elected Metropolitan of the ecclesiastical province of Canada including the Maritimes and part of Quebec east of Montreal in succession to the late Archbishop J. A. Richardson of Fredericton. Bishop of Nova Scotia since 1925, Hackenley now becomes an Archbishop.

GEHRIG SIGNS UP
NEW YORK—Taking a salary cut, Lou Gehrig signed up for his fifteenth season with New York Yankees. Last year he was paid \$39,000 but there was a compromise between \$30,000 and \$39,000. Gehrig has played in 2122 consecutive games.

CHILD WAS STRANGLER

Mysterious Stranger Being Sought In Winnipeg For Killing Six Year Old Girl

WINNIPEG, Jan. 26: (CP)—Rose Eiler, six year old daughter of Steve Eiler, was slain Tuesday night and police are seeking a mysterious stranger who is alleged to have entered the boarding house and bound Kay Reniuk, the housekeeper, strangling the child when her cries threatened to arouse the household. The housekeeper was able to furnish a fairly complete description of the killer. The tragedy was discovered by the father who was out of the house when it occurred.

CONVICTION IS QUASHED

Howard Keefe of This City Ordered Acquitted by Appeal Court Of British Columbia

VANCOUVER, Jan. 26: (CP)—The British Columbia Court of Appeals, by unanimous judgment of its five judges handed down yesterday, set aside a conviction and sentence of two years' imprisonment less one day at Okalla imposed by Judge W. E. Fisher at Prince Rupert on Howard Keefe on a charge of theft from the person. A verdict of acquittal was ordered entered.

The appeal was heard about ten days ago with T. W. Brown of Prince Rupert acting as counsel for Keefe and T. F. Hurley for the crown.

Chief Justice Archer Martin expressed opinion of the court that conviction ordered in the case had depended upon suspicion. The suspicion was strong but nevertheless it was suspicion, the court ruled.

Vote For Local Undertaking is \$327,000—Site Understood to be at Seal Cove Where 200 Men Will be Based

As previously reported, the understanding is that Seal Cove has been definitely selected as the site for Prince Rupert's air base. The site is the same as that which was to have been used for a pulp mill. The construction job will be a big one and the ultimate cost it has been said will be a million dollars. There may be a permanent staff of close to two hundred men including pilots, active fliers and ground crews.

OTTAWA, January 26: (CP)—Defence estimates tabled in the House of Commons yesterday included \$375,000 for Skeena riding, the principal item of which was an appropriation of \$327,000 for a new Royal Canadian Air Force base at Prince Rupert. The vote for the Prince Rupert air station provides for purchase, clearing and excavation of site, slipway and apron, gas tanks and wireless station, \$327,000.

At Allford Bay, Queen Charlotte Islands, completion of apron, slipway and wharf, clearing and preparation of site for wireless station, water supply and caretaker's house, gas tanks, heating, lighting and power are provided for in a vote of \$48,000.

The defence estimates reached a new all time postwar peak of \$63,447,175 as compared with an aggregate of \$35,966,524 last year.

The defence estimates are worked out on a new basis with construction and acquisition of stores classified as ordinary account and other items under capital account. The latter totals \$29,405,102 which it is proposed to borrow.

Included in the defence vote is \$3,477,175 with which to liquidate a loan to take care of interest and sinking fund over a ten year period, leaving \$60,000,000 for actual departmental purposes.

Of the defence estimates \$29,775,565 is for the Royal Canadian Air Force as compared with \$11,686,517 last year. This includes new buildings, mostly in British Columbia and Nova Scotia; \$6,000,000 for training of new pilots and personnel some of which will be allotted to training in Canada of Royal Air Force pilots following completion of Canada-British negotiations, and eighty-three new planes. The personnel will be increased by 14 officers and 217 airmen to 262 and 2,043 respectively.

In addition to the Prince Rupert and Allford Bay projects are the following:
Patricia Bay—Two hangers, runways, barrack block and road diversion, \$654,000.
Vancouver—\$229,000.

Under naval estimates, totalling \$8,500,000, up \$1,860,000 provision is made for the purchase of a new flotilla leader at cost not given from the British Admiralty, bringing Canadian naval units up to eleven. There will also be building extensions at Halifax and Esquimalt.

The personnel of the Royal Canadian Navy is increased by twenty-one officers and 363 ratings to 140 and 1,825 respectively. A fleet reserve will be established for retired naval personnel.

An Atlantic unit of the fishermen's reserve, similar to that already established in British Columbia, will be formed.
Two new divisions of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve will be added but the locales are not designated.

Army Vote
The total militia vote is \$20,775,000, an increase of \$4,048,580, mostly

THOUSANDS ARE DEAD IN 'QUAKE

Further Particulars of Catastrophe In Chili—Many Also Injured

SANTIAGO, Chili, Jan. 26: (CP)—Ten to fifteen thousand and other thousands injured was the semi-official estimate placed last night on Chili's earthquake disaster of midnight Tuesday. This takes into account four thousand or more persons said to be dead in Chillan, an ancient city of forty thousand people under the shadow of the Andes in the interior, which is reported to have been completely destroyed. First government reports today listed more than four thousand dead and indicated that a list might go above twelve thousand.

Report of the destruction of Chillan, which is 220 miles south of Santiago, was made by one of three army planes which had been sent out to survey the disastrous earthquake scene. The city, destruction of which was later confirmed, was said to be in flames. Another city, Caquenes, noted for its mineral springs, is said to be in ruins as well.

Centering some 250 miles south of Santiago, the quake affected some four hundred and fifty miles of coastline south from Valparaiso, the disturbance area also extending into the interior. Sixty per cent of Concepcion was destroyed and Talca suffered heavy damages.

The government has ordered the military to take over all available airplanes and radio stations in order to speed up rescue operations. Special trains, destroyers, planes, trucks and merchant vessels are speeding to the stricken region with doctors, nurses, food and medicine.

Fruit Growers Would Cut Out All Middle Men

VERNON, Jan. 26: (CP)—The British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association, at its annual meeting here yesterday, approved of the setting up of a central sales agency under the Natural Products Marketing Act to handle fruit crops of the Okanagan. There would be no sub-agencies.

English Channel Tunnel Project Again Proposed

LONDON, Jan. 26: (CP)—The idea of digging a tunnel under the English Channel to connect England and France has been revived by France but is not meeting with much response in this country. Such a project was first mooted in 1802 in the days of Napoleon.

IS STILL CRUSADER

Hon. W. D. Herridge Talks of New Movement Described as "New Democracy"

OTTAWA, Jan. 26: (CP)—Speaking at a church gathering here, Hon. W. D. Herridge, brother-in-law of Former Prime Minister R. B. Bennett, former Canadian minister to Washington, spoke of a new political movement which he described as the "New Democracy" and which he said was gaining force. The old economic order must be changed, said Mr. Herridge who urged fighting against the forces of fascism from within by restoring prosperity and from without by strengthening of the Anglo-Saxon union.

Missing Bombing Plane Is Sought

No Success, However, Attends Quest Which Has Been On For A Couple of Days

LONDON, Jan. 26: (CP)—Warships and Royal Air Force planes have continued without success so far the search for an Air Force bombing plane, with six men on board, which was forced down in the English Channel during the storm at the first of the week.

for clothing, armaments and munitions.

Parliament will be asked to vote \$457,241,215 for government expenditures next fiscal year beginning April 1, according to the main estimates which were brought in by Hon. C. A. Dunning, minister of finance.

These main estimates include \$425,000 for the visit to Canada this summer of the King and Queen, \$350,000 being for transportation.

The estimates do not provide for Canadian National Railways deficits, grants in aid to provinces or unemployment relief public works projects which will be taken care of in supplementaries.

The total of main estimates compares with \$418,968,456 last year when later supplementaries brought the total to \$430,328,510.

The public works is \$12,457,532 which it is expected will be considerably increased by the supplementaries.