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EDITORIAL

HOUSING SITUATION

The real estate and newspaper offices are being deluged with inquiries from people wishing to rent houses, rooms or flats. Soldiers are here who wish to bring their wives north but who cannot do so because of lack of accommodation. All existing accommodation is taken and even the hotels are filled. On Sunday night at least one man tried every hotel and rooming house in town and could not get a place to sleep. He had to call on a friend for a shakedown. That is the situation. The city has never been so completely filled up as it is today.

What is the remedy? Of course the natural thing would be for local people to build new houses for the people who are needing them. The difficulty is that local people do not seem to have the money with which to build or they are otherwise tied up so that they cannot do it.

At one time there was a local building society that helped to finance new houses. It paid steady dividends while it was going. Unfortunately it was decided to wind up the society. The final dividend paid was 7 per cent, most of the previous dividends being eight per cent.

Yesterday one of the local men in uniform who wishes to bring his wife and family to the city investigated the possibility of building a home for himself in Prince Rupert. For a man in uniform the city commissioner agreed to give two lots at half the price charged others for similar lots. The proposal is being investigated and may go through. Several other men in uniform are considering a similar proposition. They argue that, if they are here only a few months, they will have the houses which should pay them good dividends. Ready built houses are also being discussed.

It might well be a subject for discussion by the Chamber of Commerce Monday if any member or outsider has a possible remedy for the situation.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

Charles Lindbergh and Henry Ford hold medals for distinguished service given them by Adolf Hitler. A contemporary very reasonably asks to whom the distinguished service was rendered. The convincing answer is that it was rendered to Germany. A correspondent seems to think both of these men are continuing to earn their medals by serving Hitler instead of their own country. Their public utterances seem to indicate this.

GRADUAL CHANGE

There is coming about a gradual change of opinion as to whom is going to win the war. When France collapsed, people looked rather pityingly on little Great Britain and wondered how long the country could hold out. They argued that, if they could not win with the help of France's large army, they certainly could not be expected to win when standing alone. The only thing wrong with the argument was the mentality and stamina of the British people. They showed the stuff of which they were made during the wonderful retreat from Dunkirk. Since that they have come to a realization that the British Empire, with the aid of the United States, is the most powerful force in the world. Today the whole world is gazing with admiration at the stubborn defence of Britain and the brilliant attacks on Germany and Italy. A month has seen a great change in world sentiment and the next month or two is very likely to show a much greater change. The Royal Air Force is being strengthened almost every day. The losses are not large and the morale is at the very highest.

The British are awaiting the promised invasion with confidence.

CHAMBER IS IN SESSION

Junior Board Of Trade To Nominate Officers—Will Also Seek New Members

A nominating committee consisting of J. C. Gilker, George L. Harle and A. S. Nickerson was delegated at the regular monthly dinner meeting last night of the Junior Section of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce to present a slate of officers for next year at the October meeting of the Junior Chamber. A committee consisting of A. S. Nickerson, R. E. Mortimer, E. G. Southby, Alf Rivett, Peter DeJong, G. T. German and T. J. Williams was appointed to undertake a drive for new members.

Last night's meeting of the Junior Chamber was the first following a suspension of two months during the summer vacation season. President A. S. Nickerson was in the chair.

Business at the meeting was largely of routine nature. There was correspondence concerning the recent freeing of Joe Celona from prison, assistance in connection with national registration, legislation regarding the sale of petroleum products, costs of education and the recent convention of the Junior Chambers of Commerce of British Columbia at Kelowna.

Liner Disables Italian U-Boat

LISBON, Sept. 4: (CP)—Informed sources said today that the British liner Avoceta had been attacked by an Italian submarine off Portugal today. Fired on twice by the submarine, the Avoceta returned the volley of shellfire, shattering the raider's periscope. The submarine then submerged.

Is Looking For Airplane Spruce

E. E. Gregg, loaned by the British Columbia Forest Branch to the federal government for the purpose of searching out suitable stands of Sitka spruce for airplane manufacture in the war emergency, has been in this district for the past ten days. At the first of the week he was at Prudhomme Lake in the vicinity of which there is said to be a suitable stand of Sitka spruce.

Mr. Gregg was formerly assistant district forester here but in more recent years has been attached to headquarters staff in Victoria.

AIR RAIDS REPULSED

Nazis Driven Away From Britain Today—R.A.F. Strikes Successfully at French Coast

LONDON, Sept. 4: (CP)—British fighting planes and anti-aircraft guns repelled three enemy thrusts today as it was disclosed that Royal Air Force bombers had launched a four-hour series of counter-attacks Tuesday night against advanced German bases in France. The British raids were aimed at Pas de Calais, Le Touquet, St. Omer and other points.

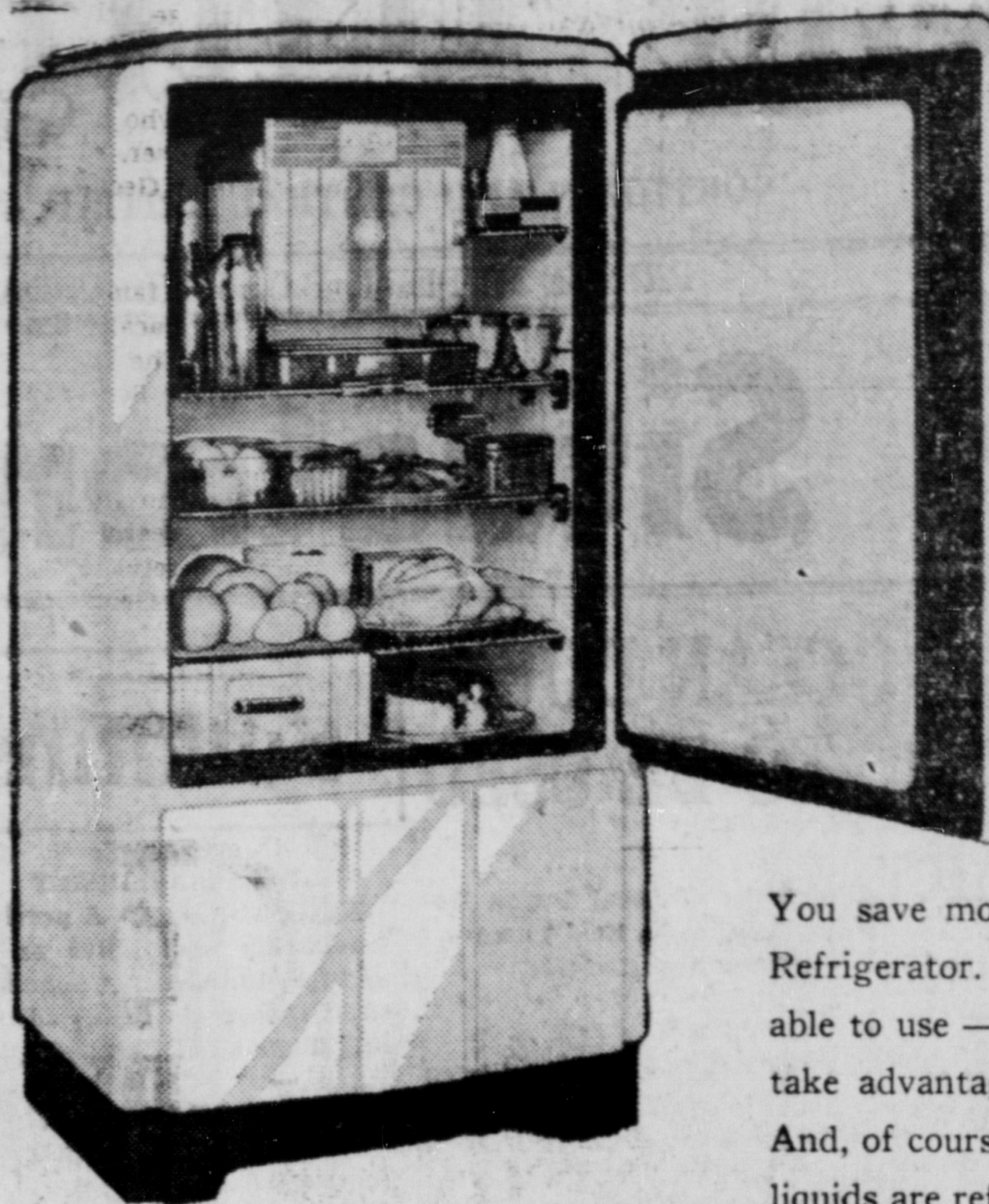
"High explosives were dropped on a landing ground. Later aircraft maintained the attack and one pilot saw six separate fires on an airfield," the Air Ministry said of the Le Touquet attack.

Attempted attacks on Kent and Essex airports by two German forces were turned back this morning without reported damage or casualties.

There were three brief alarms in London and five German planes were brought down in a short battle over a southeast town where no bombs were dropped.

The Air Ministry, however, announced that, during the night, German bombers had caused a number of fatalities as they attacked a northeast coast town in waves.

The Germans claim having set fires in Liverpool, Cardiff, Bristol, Coventry and Plymouth.



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CANADA'S WAR CHIEFS

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trine, that if there should be equality that would hardly guarantee security.

There was a good deal of talk about how a 75 millimetre gun was defensive, whereas a 4.5 inch gun small difference in calibre was offensive. "The answer," the General points out, "lies actually at which end of the gun you happen to find yourself.

When the war broke out he went to London to organize Canadian military headquarters, beginning with a colonel and a stenographer and winding up with a smooth machine of some 400 personnel before his return to Ottawa.

Theory and Actuality

In pre-war years, General Crerar says, if he is asked: two erroneous tactical ideas "cursed" peaceful nations. One was that the power of the defence was as three-to-one compared to the attack, a pleasant and comforting thought to a nation that had no aggressive designs. The second was the belief that a line, several kilometres in depth perhaps, but still a line like the Chinese wall, was the answer to an offensive. Hence the Maginot Line, built in strength only along the Franco-German frontier, with the assumption, despite the lesson of the last war that neutrality would be respected.

The theory of linear defence was exploded by breaking a hole through and consistently pushing forces through the break to fan out and establish themselves on the country in the rear; reinforcement by air and bombing by air, the dive-bomber taking the place of the gun projectile.

The answer was defence in great depth and mobile forces for counter attack. The island of the United Kingdom is so defended, a large curved shell briar pipe. There are pill boxes in the heart of London, every inch of terrain is a strong point. The mobile as a chess player regards a com-fortable including those of General

McNaughton's command are there in quantity.

General Crerar's enunciation is crisp and clear, unhurried. The first impression is that of a practical and sound workman with materials to hand in a factual situation. But as his words march and counter march, skirmish, retreat and advance, a defence in great depth and much mobile force is observable, the imagination and flexibility of mind necessary to deal with a kaleidoscopic world.

He considers, for example, the possibility of a world Utopia with free trade, free migration, then dismisses the idea as something, desirable perhaps, definitely out of our time. He considers the effect on minorities of the contraction of the earth through the radio and automobile mixing populations, whether the disappearance of small nations in Europe is an indication of a tendency toward larger groupings. He is an active member of the Institute of International Affairs.

Then he turns again to his men and guns, and equipment. He is confident that the men will be sought and found as they are required.

Little Spare Time

There is small time these days to go and sail at the family summer place at Foote's Bay, Muskoka. Sometimes he gets in a rubber of bridge, no shark but a good player.

General Crerar is married to the former Miss Verschoyle Cronyn and they have two children. Their daughter, Peggy, is married to Lieut. H. Z. Palmer of the Royal Canadian Artillery, and the 17-year old son is at Upper Canada College.

Among his maps, behind an enormous desk covered with documents, books and papers, General Crerar sits and occasionally smokes. As he talks he glances at a good-sized map of the world somewhat as a chess player regards a complicated board presaging a diffi-

cult game which he is sure of tary officials, personal friends of winning. On the mantel at his back are "Generals," he observes, "are a dozen photographs of high mili- pretty much like other people."

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