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## Former Prince Rupert School Boy, Now Artillery Captain, Speaks For Ukrainians

Spirit of Cossacks of Old Lives in and Who Fight Today, Says "Mike" Syro.

Following is the text of a broadcast speech by Captain Michael Syrotuck, former Prince Rupert school boy and now a Battery Commander of the Royal Canadian Artillery, which came in clearly last night over the CBC network and was heard with interest by local friends of "Mike" and his family:

"I am certain that all Canadians of Ukrainian descent heartily appreciate the opportunity given them to express themselves and be heard throughout the breadth of this Dominion. "It is not without pride that I find myself speaking for my fellow Ukrainians.

"When my people came to Canada they found rolling plains and prairies, alternations of cold and heat and an agricultural life similar to that which they had left in the old land. But they also found differences. They had to learn a new language—a difficult task for those who came late in life. They found new customs and, above all, they found liberty—far greater than they had dreamed of. They found a voice in the affairs of the Dominion, the province, the municipality and the local school—freedom of travel from coast to coast, security of the home, an opportunity of gaining individual independence. Their children were privileged no less, being free to avail themselves of the facilities which the Canadian institutions of learning offered them in order to cultivate their minds and bodies. All in all, Canada has offered the Ukrainians a haven in which a sound cultural development is not only possible but encouraged. They are even free to preserve the traditions and customs which they have brought with them.

"This freedom of thought, expression and action is appreciated far more by the Canadian-Ukrainian people than it is by the Anglo-Saxon and French-Canadian majority—who take their liberty for granted and who have not experienced the oppression that existed, and still exists, in Central Europe. The younger generation who have heard of that oppression from their elders are no less grateful for this freedom than their fathers.

"No wonder, then, that their enlistments in the Canadian Active Service Force are proportionately far higher than their population. They are well represented in all branches of the service.

"The spirit of the Cossacks who, in the older days of Ukrainian history inspired Europe with deeds of bravery and sacrifice in defending their homes and liberty, lives on. This spirit lives not only in those Ukrainians who today are serving in the forces but also in those who are eagerly awaiting an opportunity to join the colors to maintain the ideals which Canada and the whole British Commonwealth is struggling to preserve. When the call came the Ukrainians who today are serving in the forces but also in those who are eagerly awaiting an opportunity to join the colors to maintain the ideals which Canada and the whole British Commonwealth is struggling to preserve. When the call came the Ukrainians were not found wanting. They answered in large numbers. That they will give a good account of themselves, I have no doubt.

"The Ukrainians of Canada are, first of all, Canadians. True enough, the older generation is connected by family and traditional ties to the country of their birth. That is inevitable but now their only allegiance, and that of their children, is to Canada and, through Canada, to the British Empire. From the people of my race, Canada and the Empire can expect loyalty, devotion and co-operation, the more so in times of distress.

"All that is required to strengthen this feeling of loyalty, devotion and co-operation is a deeper and more sympathetic understanding between the Anglo-Saxon and French-Canadian and the Ukrainian races.

"In conclusion, may I state, on behalf of those whom I represent, that we are, and will remain, good and staunch Canadians, eager to do our best for Canada and the Empire." (Capt. Syrotuck was introduced to the radio audience by Hon. R. F. McWilliams, Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba.)

## NAZIS ARE IN ACTION

Germans Have Brush In Libya With Australians But Are Driven Off

LONDON, Feb. 27.—British military authorities, which had no reports up to last night of a brush claimed by the Germans between their forces and Australians in Libya, one hundred miles southeast of Benghazi, today denied Nazi claims to have destroyed British tanks and taken prisoners. To the contrary a small German mechanized unit was driven back by the British. The British do not believe there are Germans in any appreciable numbers in Libya as yet.

## Raising Plane To Get Bodies

Operations To Bring Machine, Manned By Norwegians, To Surface At Vancouver

VANCOUVER, Feb. 27.—Operations to raise the wreck of a Royal Canadian Air Force training plane, which crashed near Point Atkinson at the end of last week, carrying two members of the Royal Norwegian Air Force to their deaths, continue. The bodies are expected to be found in the cockpit of the plane. Part of one of the wings has already been brought up.

## ENGLAND POUNDED

Estuary Town, South Wales Port And Sections Of London Come In For Luftwaffe Attack

TODAY'S ATTACK LONDON, Feb. 27: (CP)—Daylight Nazi raiders, shielded by clouds, dropped bombs on London today, attacked ships off the east coast and machine-gunned the streets of four English villages.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—Nazi planes were over in large numbers last night with fire bombs and high explosives. A town in the Thames estuary, one on south Wales coast, a London district, the counties and the west, south and east of England came in for attack. There was an unestimated number of casualties and considerable damage was done.

Hundreds of incendiaries were dropped on the Welsh town and also on a section of London by the swiftly flying Nazis but they were soon put out. The Thames estuary town received a hard pounding.

The German raids were evidently in retaliation for the heavy British air attacks on Nazi Channel bases.

The enemy came through Channel mists to continue the attack today.

## JEW SHIP AGROUND

BERLIN—The steamer Panama, with 750 Jewish immigrants for Palestine on board, is reported aground in the Black Sea.

## BRITAIN IS OPTIMISTIC ON BALKANS

Confident That Greece Will Fight To End And That Turkey Will Adhere To Obligations

## Will Nazi Drive Be Thru Slavia?

That Is Latest Suggestion—Sofia Incident May Lead To Breach Of Diplomatic Relations

FULL AGREEMENT ANKARA, Feb. 27: (CP)—British and Turkish leaders were reported authoritatively today to have reached full agreement on problems affecting the Balkans and the eastern Mediterranean. It was indicated that conferences tomorrow would turn to the subject of Russia.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—British authorities are far from pessimistic over the Balkan situation. They are satisfied with assurances that Greece will stay in the war until the end despite the possibility of German invasion through Bulgaria and that Turkey will adhere to her treaty obligations in the event of German aggression.

Meanwhile, Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden is still in Ankara, the Turkish capital, conferring with the Turkish authorities to confirm their intentions. Among the questions being discussed are, it is understood, the passage of foreign war vessels through the Dardanelles towards the Black Sea and the question of delivering troops and supplies in the event of conflict.

Belgrade heard today that the Germans might endeavour to move southward through Yugoslavia instead of through Bulgaria.

However, the atmosphere continues tense in Bulgaria. At Sofia the chief of staff of the Bulgarian army conferred yesterday with the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister and this conference was followed by an emergent session of the cabinet last night.

Both German and Bulgarian officials persisted in denying widespread reports that Nazi troops are already marching into Bulgaria. It has been reported that 12,000 Germans have crossed the Danube, the vanguard of an army of 120,000.

Bulgaria had a partial black-out last night while complete black-out continued in Rumania.

Britons not having to remain in Bulgaria have been advised to leave that country.

The mysterious disappearance yesterday of a member of the British embassy staff—a White Russian and a naturalized Britisher—said to have been taken from a plane on which he was flying from Sofia to Istanbul, might cause the severance of diplomatic relations between Great Britain and Bulgaria, it was suggested today.

## Unanimous Confidence Vote Given

LONDON, Feb. 27: (CP)—The House of Commons today gave the government of Prime Minister Winston Churchill a unanimous vote of confidence on the issue of whether members of Parliament appointed to posts outside the country should be permitted to retain their seats. The newly appointed High Commissioner to Canada, Rt. Hon. Malcolm MacDonald, comes under this category. The endorsement came after the Prime Minister announced that the matter would be treated as a vote of confidence in the government. It was the first time he had asked for such a vote of confidence since forming his war government last May.

## Fall Of Mogadiscio Means All Italian Somaliland Is Now In Control Of British

CAIRO, February 27: (CP)—British headquarters announced today that the drive of Imperial forces in Italian Somaliland leading to the capture of the capital city of Mogadiscio had brought the surrender of large Fascist forces which were evidently demoralized. Several thousand prisoners have already been counted and many more are straggling into British outposts. Large quantities of arms and war supplies were also captured. During their advance the British forces freed two hundred Allied seamen who had been held for months as prisoners of war at Merca.

The capture of Mogadiscio, a city of 35,000 persons, brings all of Italian Somaliland completely into British hands, the Italians losing their last possession bordering on the Indian Ocean. Italian Somaliland comprises about 300,000 square miles of territory.

The Italian propaganda machine endeavoured today to conceal the fall of Mogadiscio although admitting that Fascist forces were falling back on the city.

## Expects To See Metropolis Of Mining As Large As Trail In Omineca; Activities Described

Rev. J. E. Whittles, Anglican Church clergyman at Burns Lake, told the Prince Rupert Gyro Club in a luncheon address yesterday that he expected to see before long in the Omineca country a mining centre quite as large and important as Trail in Southern British Columbia. He mentioned the great importance of the mercury property

at Pinchi Lake near Port St. James from which the Consolidated Mining & Smelting Co. is now making large shipments of precious quicksilver. This was already proving an important centre of employment.

Speaking of various phases of industrial activity in the interior more particularly the Lakes District which is his sphere of ministerial endeavour, Mr. Whittles told interestingly of some of the more recent developments. In regard to agriculture he expressed the belief that there should be adequate markets provided for the farmers already in a district before bringing in more settlers. He mentioned how a settlement of Mennonites had been established at Ootsa Lake. One of the first things they had done was to start producing butter for 15c per

pound, thus cutting the ground from under the dairy farmers who were already there and had been producing for 25c a pound. Such centres as Prince Rupert and Prince George, with proper co-operation and organization, should be important markets for the central interior agricultural products. Prince Rupert should not have to bring in butter and poultry from Edmonton when it was available from the central interior.

Sawmills Spring Up Mr. Whittles told how small portable sawmills had been springing up all over the place around the Burns Lake district to produce lumber for export to the United States to be used for airplane crates. The speaker said that, if he (Continued on Page Three)

## FINAL BULLETINS

ATTACK ON MALTA COSTLY VALETTA—German dive bombers made a heavy attack on the British naval base of Malta yesterday but it cost them rather dearly. Two of the Nazi planes were brought down by British fighters and five by anti-aircraft fire. Six others were so badly damaged that they were probably unable to get back to their bases.

RUSSO-RUMANIAN PACT MOSCOW—Under the new Russo-Rumanian trade pact Rumania gives gas to Russia in exchange for cotton, manganese and other raw materials.

LIMIT AID BILL WASHINGTON—An amendment to the "lease-lend" bill adopted yesterday limits to \$1,300,000,000 the amount of war materials that may be turned over to any nation without congressional approval. A heated debate on the bill continues.

TRIBUTE TO BANTING LONDON—Major General A. G. L. McNaughton, commander-in-chief of the Canadian Army Corps, paying tribute to the late Sir Frederick Banting, says regret will be even more greatly felt when the full significance of his work becomes known. As a result of his work, "comfort was brought to us and confusion to the enemy," McNaughton said.

ITALIAN PLANE LOSSES ATHENS—Since February 10 the Italian Air Force has lost 41 planes in the Battle of Albania, 24 being brought down by the British air force and seventeen by the Greek.

ENVOY TO BE CHARGED WASHINGTON—Commenting upon reports that George H. Earle, United States minister to Bulgaria, was being charged with assault and battery as a result of a bottle throwing incident with a German officer in a Sofia cafe, the Department of State says that Earle could not be so prosecuted as he has diplomatic immunity.

STEEL WORKERS' STRIKE BUFFALO—Twelve thousand men walked out from the Lackawanna steel plant of the Bethlehem Steel Co. which is working on important defence orders. The strikers are members of the C.I.O.

GRAZIANI IN TUNISIA VICHY—Marshal Graziani, defeated commander-in-chief of Italian forces in Libya, is reported to have arrived in Tunisia.

YUGOSLAVIA AND HUNGARY BELGRADE—Yugoslavia and Hungary today signed a treaty of friendship. The treaty indicates that Yugoslavia is being brought closer into the Axis orbit of which Hungary is an adherent.

## MAJOR DIPLOMATIC MOVE BY JAPAN EXPECTED; MATSUOKA MAY TRAVEL

Meantime Situations Between Thailand and French Indo-China Continues Critical—Nippon May Break With Saigon

NEW YORK, February 27: (CP)—Advices from the Orient indicate that Japan may be about to make another major diplomatic move, perhaps rivalling in importance her adherence to the German-Italian alliance last September. Advices say this is likely to take the form of a journey abroad by Foreign Minister Matsuoka in the course of which he may visit one or more cities such as Hankow, Moscow, Berlin and Rome.

All Japanese army and navy officials as well as consular and civilian representatives, according to advices from Saigon, French Indo-China, convened tonight in an emergency conference at the Japanese consulate there to consider orders from Tokyo to prepare for possible withdrawal. Already Japanese residents of French Indo-China have been warned to be ready to depart. More than one hundred Japanese destroyers are reported concentrated around Hainan Island which would be a springboard for naval operations against Indo-China or Malay Peninsula.

It was stated in Tokyo last night that Japan was determined to force an armistice between Thailand and French Indo-China. Japan was reliably reported in dispatches from Tokyo tonight to have delivered an ultimatum to French Indo-China demanding that she accept Japan's final proposal of mediation in the Indo-China-Thailand border dispute by midnight Friday.

It has been the unwillingness of France to accept Japanese-imposed demands in connection with the restoration of peace between Thailand and French Indo-China which has been irritating Japan of late.

## BOLSTER ALASKAN DEFENSE

Strengthening Of Air Forces In Territory Announced By Secretary Of War

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 27: (CP)—Strengthening of United States air forces in Alaska was announced today by Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson.

Mr. Stimson told a press conference that three additional air corps units had left the west coast recently for Alaska and three additional units were scheduled to leave inside of the next two months.

## RIOTS IN HOLLAND

Several Persons Have Been Killed In Revolt Against Nazi Rule—Arrests Made

BERLIN, Feb. 27.—Several persons have been killed and numerous arrests made as a result of riots in German-occupied Holland. It is admitted by Nazi authorities in Amsterdam alone six were killed.

## Many Americans Leave Shanghai

United States Liner President Coolidge Sails Today For This Side

SHANGHAI, Feb. 27.—The liner President Coolidge sailed yesterday from Shanghai having on board many Americans returning to their homes in the United States owing to the mounting tension in the Orient.

## Italy Asking Spain To Pay Her War Bill

ROME, Feb. 27: (CP)—Stefani, Italian news agency, disclosed today that Italy, claiming she spent about \$375,000,000 in aiding the insurgents in Spain's civil war, has presented a bill to Spain for \$275,000,000 to be paid in twenty-four annual instalments.

## R.A.F. HAD BUSY DAY

British Planes Demonstrate Mastery Of Air Over Channel

LONDON, Feb. 27.—The British proved their mastery of the air over the English Channel yesterday. Hour after hour Royal Air Force planes—bombers accompanied by Spitfires and Hurricanes—streamed in great numbers back and forth, delivering heavy attacks upon such points as Calais and Boulogne. While the sky was full of British planes, very few Nazi machines were seen and the British fighters had little to do. The bombers, however, encountered heavy anti-aircraft fire and six failed to return.

The British planes were at it still last night as indicated by the bark of anti-aircraft fire from Boulogne and other points. Cologne was subjected to a heavy concentrated attack—the 58th of the war—large numbers of high explosive bombs being dropped on important objectives. Berlin admitted that a number of persons had been killed.

## SEVEN DIE IN CRASH

Eddie Rickenbacker One Of Injured Survivors In Wreck Of American Sleeper Plane

ATLANTA, Georgia, Feb. 27: (CP)—Dropping away from a radio beam, an Eastern Air Lines sleeper plane ripped itself to pieces in a pine wood near here today, killing seven persons and injuring nine others including the famous flier, Eddie Rickenbacker. The plane was on the New York-Atlanta run.

## New York Stock Mart Is Weaker

Averages Showed Slight Upturn on Yesterday's Trading But Drop Today

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Turnover on the New York Stock Exchange yesterday totalled 380,000 shares. Averages were up somewhat for the day with industrials closing at 122.40, up .91; rails, 27.33, up .08, and utilities, 19.53, up 10. The upward trend ceased today on account of reports of labor troubles.