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NAZIS TO PASS NOW

Vichy Reported to Have Agreed to Permit German Troops to Cross French Territory

LONDON, May 9: (CP)—Reuters quoted the Berlin correspondent of the Swiss Basler Nachrichten today as reporting it was believed the Vichy government had agreed to passage of German troops through the French provinces and mandated territories, including Syria, as the German price for concessions concerning occupation of the French homeland.

TEACHERS' ASS'N MEET

Prince Rupert and District Teachers' Association held its last monthly meeting for the school year at Booth Memorial School on Wednesday evening.

J. S. Wilson, chairman, read correspondence including an interesting summary report by W. Jones of Port Frongton, who saw a demonstration class in Grade VI Science while attending the teachers' annual convention in Vancouver during Easter week. Other reports by Mr. Jones were reserved to be read at a later date.

An outline of Dr. Russell's speech on remedial reading made at the convention was given by Miss E. A. Mercer. Helpful discussion followed in which it was suggested that further time might be given to the subject of reading in a future meeting.

The chairman read an appeal for teacher contributions to the fund for children of devastated areas and for refugee teachers, sponsored by the British Columbia Teachers' Federation working in conjunction with teachers' federations of England and Scotland. The members decided to support this very worthwhile cause by voting a grant from the local association and by soliciting individual contributions from each of the Prince Rupert teachers.

LABORITES IN SESSION

Correspondence and other routine business was dealt with last night at the regular monthly meeting of the Prince Rupert Trades and Labor Council. There was a good attendance and President Thomas Elliott was in the chair.

The correspondence included data from the National Labor Supply Council in reference to the zone committee to deal with arbitration of wage and other disputes; a circular from the Department of Labor with suggestions for application for an order-in-council respecting boards of conciliation and investigation as well as bonuses for men employed on war measures, and also communications dealing with employment of naturalized aliens who claim they have been discriminated against.

The meeting also discussed the matter of Labor Day sports but this subject was held over until next meeting pending the receipt of further information.

After a short report by J. S. Wilson on business transacted at the teachers' convention and in federation executive meetings, refreshments were served.

Is Petain's Time Now Up?

LONDON, May 9: (CP)—The Yorkshire News said today it had been informed Marshal Henri Philippe Petain, Premier of France, had been rushed from Vichy to the Riviera in an attempt to relieve a kidney ailment.

MUST CUT ON AUTOS

Federal Government Orders Reduction in Production of Passenger Cars

OTTAWA, May 9: (CP)—Under an order announced today Canadian motor manufacturers must reduce substantially the output of passenger automobiles during production period of April 1 to December 31, 1941, compared with the production during the same period in 1940. The order does not cover trucks and other vehicles.

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Royal Air Force Night Fighters Doing Great Work as Luftwaffe Continues Furious Attack

BIGGEST RAID YET

LONDON, May 9: (CP)—The largest Royal Air Force armada ever assembled for a single night's raid dumped tens of thousands of incendiaries and hundreds of tons of high explosives on Hamburg and Bremen during the night, the Air Ministry announced today. Although the number of raiding planes was undisclosed, British sources speculated that at least three to four hundred planes were used. Possibly it was five hundred. The assaults on Hamburg and Bremen were but part of a general sweep which included an attack on Berlin and Emden as well as other strategic points all the way from Norway to St. Nazaire, France. The Germans admitted that the British had reached as far as Posen in German-occupied Poland. Ten British planes were lost.

LONDON, May 9:—For the twenty-four hours ending midnight last night the bag of Nazi planes brought down in the Battle of Britain was thirty-nine with over one hundred airmen killed or captured. Since then the number has been raised to fifty. This brought the total for May so far up to 103 planes downed with over three hundred airmen, the British losing only five machines. While the Germans were losing the thirty-nine planes in 24 hours, the cost to the British was two bombers and one fighter. The Germans were losing eight planes to the British one while the ratio of fliers lost was eight to one. Of the thirty-nine enemy planes bagged twenty-four were by night and fifteen by day.

Ranging from North Ireland to the south coast of England, raids of the Luftwaffe last night were the heaviest and most widespread in weeks. Liverpool was attacked for the eighth successive night. One town on the northeast coast and another on the south coast were most heavily attacked. The Midlands and northwest England also felt the weight of attack and bombs were also dropped on London for the first time since April 19. It was left for the London anti-aircraft batteries to bring down the thirty-ninth plane in the twenty-four hours. It was a spectacular crash, the enemy bomber crashing in a spectacular manner in flames which could be seen for miles around as it plummeted to earth, exploding when half way down. The crew of four perished. In all, thirteen Nazi planes were brought down last night.

The intensified air fighting which has now started is considered a prelude to heavier aerial conflict to come this summer. A daring Polish squadron knocked down three enemy planes within seven minutes yesterday.

Russia Admits Nazi Conquest

MOSCOW, May 9: (CP)—Soviet Russia today withdrew recognition from Yugoslavia, Belgium and Norway as sovereign states. The action is interpreted in diplomatic quarters as indicating a new understanding with Germany.

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BRITISH "BLITZ" GERMANY
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BRITISH IN CONTROL
CAIRO—With Iraqi resistance crumbling rapidly as they retreat in disorder, the British have the situation in Iraq now well under control. Today, it was reported, there was some sniping but no important fighting. In view of public anger as expressed in demonstrations in Bagdad, the pro-Nazi Premier Rashid Ali Al Galani is reported to have fled from the capital while other members of the government are in communication with the pro-British Regent Amir Abdullah in Transjordan.

COMMERCE RAIDER SUNK
LONDON—The Admiralty announced today that H.M.S. Cornwall has sunk a German commerce raider in the Indian Ocean. Twenty-seven British seamen, who had been held prisoner on the raider, and fifty-three German crew members were picked up. The warship was slightly damaged. It is thought the raider was the former liner Hansa.

SEA LOSSES HEAVY
LONDON—An unofficial announcement yesterday places the British shipping losses by enemy action in April, including the Greek evacuation, at 460,000 tons. The heaviest month's losses so far in the war were 463,000 tons in June last which included Dunkerque. A Washington statement by Senator Vandenberg that April shipping losses of Great Britain were light is officially denied.

ROME NAVAL CLAIM
ROME—An air vs. navy battle between Italian planes and British ships, involving a convoy in the Mediterranean, was reported here today. It is claimed that hits were scored on two British battleships, one aircraft carrier, two cruisers and one destroyer.

SUEZ IS ATTACKED
LONDON—There has been quite a heavy German attack on Suez. A two hour bombing raid was staged. The Egyptian State Railway and a power station were damaged.

VICHY AND GERMANY
VICHY—France and Germany are drafting a preliminary pact to replace the Armistice of Campagne. No official mention is made of what concessions the Germans will get but it is believed the French have agreed to passage of Reich troops through French provinces and mandated territories.

STEAMER IXION SUNK
LONDON—The British steamer Ixion, well known on the Pacific coast, having called at Vancouver last January, has been sunk by enemy action, also the Norwegian freighter Eastern Star. The sinkings occurred in torpedo attack upon a convoy 750 miles off the southern tip of Greenland.

MUST BE DEFEATED

Negotiated Peace With Hitler Possible, Declares Lord Halifax

CHICAGO, May 9:—Lord Halifax, British ambassador to United States, yesterday reiterated here a previous statement that there could be no negotiated peace with Adolf Hitler. Nothing but his complete defeat would do. A mistake had been made by the British not marching into Berlin last war. Halifax said Great Britain wanted supplies speedily and in great volume from United States. Ships and tanks would not be of much use if there was no food. The envoy expressed the opinion that Britain would hold its present positions in North Africa. Halifax was here in the course of a seven day tour of the Midwest to study public opinion. Women picketed the hotel where he stayed here, expressing disapproval of his visit.

QUEEN'S AIR RAID FUND

Today we have mailed to the Royal Trust Company for the Queen's Canadian Fund for Air Raid Victims a check for the sum of \$122.50, the first contribution from this city toward giving aid to the people bombed out in different parts of Great Britain. This does not mean that the fund is closed. We shall be glad to forward any further amounts that may be left at this office or sent from outside points. The latest statement is as follows:
Previously acknowledged \$106.50
Knitting Club 10.00
Mrs. J. J. 5.00
Anonymous 1.00
Total to date \$122.50

Bulletins

SUNDAY OBSERVANCE
OTTAWA—Rev. Dan McIvor, Liberal member for Fort William, pleaded yesterday in Parliament for observance of the Lord's Day, even in war industries. More could be accomplished in six days' work than seven, he said, and workers would be happier.

SHIPS FOR BRITAIN
WASHINGTON—The Maritime Commission has approved the turning over of twenty-five American ships totalling over 200,000 tons to Canada for use in transporting supplies to Britain. The ships belong to a subsidiary of the Aluminum Corporation of America. The vessels will be turned over under charter arrangements and registry will be changed from American to Canadian.

VICTORIA MAN DECORATED
LONDON—Flying Officer Vernon C. Woodward of Victoria has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for "gallantry and devotion to duty in execution of air operations." He has been in the Middle East command service since the start of the war and in one day brought down five Italian planes in Libya.

NAZIS OVER GREENLAND
PHILADELPHIA—Here yesterday on his way to New York, the medical director of Greenland said that twelve Nazi reconnaissance planes made a flight over Greenland in March.

BUDGET VOTE DELAYED
OTTAWA—In view of opposition amendments, the budget debate has been lengthened and the vote was not reached last night as expected. A C.C.F. amendment advocates nationalization of the Dominion fiscal system. Angus McInnis, Vancouver East, said he could not support the New Democracy amendment to have the Bank of Canada take over war financing.

ROOSEVELT CONVALESCES
WASHINGTON—President Roosevelt continues his convalescence from a stomach disorder and will remain in his White House quarters over the weekend. He will receive Prime Minister R. G. Menzies of Australia on Monday morning.

QUIET IN PALESTINE
LONDON—Arabs in Palestine are amused to hear the German propaganda about Arab uprisings against the British. It is quiet throughout the Holy Land, according to dispatches received here, and never were the Arabs more peaceful than they are today.

Weather Forecast

Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Islands—Light local winds, mostly fair and mild.

ECSTALL RIVER MINE IS READY FOR PRODUCTION

Development Machinery Being Shipped Away—Huge Expenditure on Permanent Buildings and Machinery Must be Made Soon

On the Canadian National Railway dock at Prince Rupert is a considerable shipment of mining machinery from the property of the Northern Pyrites Mining Company. This machinery was shipped from the company's mining property on the Ecstall River and is going forward to the Cariboo district. Contrary to general belief the shipment of this machinery does not mean that the mine is being abandoned. It only means that the war makes it almost impossible for the mine to operate just now although it is not inconceivable that circumstances might change whereby it would be needed in the war effort.

There is no statement from the company or from anyone in authority but it is understood the preliminary development of the mine has been completed and that it has turned out to be even richer and better than was contemplated when the purchase was made from the Dunsmuir estate of Victoria a few years ago. Prior to that it had been drilled and explored to some extent but, since the purchase, nearly five thousand feet of tunnelling has been completed and everything is in readiness now for production as soon as the necessary buildings and machinery have been completed.

There is no smelting plant on this coast that could satisfactorily handle the ore coming from this mine so there would either have to be a new smelter erected in this neighborhood or the ore would be shipped to Galveston on the Gulf of Mexico where the smelter is controlled by the same company that controls the Northern Pyrites concern. It is understood that this was the policy contemplated.

If the company shipped, say 1500 tons a week, from the property it would take a great many ships to carry the ore to Texas and the ships are not available today and are not likely to be available for several years. Mining machinery also may be difficult to obtain and the permission of the Dominion government would have to be obtained before it could be imported. It would help depress the foreign exchange market. Just now all Canadian efforts have to be devoted to purely pulp mill at Prince Rupert. It is possible that the two industries

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