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EDITORIAL

Fly Flags To Boost Bond Sale . . .

As another means of concentrating public attention on the importance of supporting the Victory Loan 1941 campaign, federal, provincial and civic authorities have instructed that, throughout the duration of the campaign starting next week, flags shall be kept flying over all public buildings. The suggestion would appear to be appropriate that a real "showing the flag" demonstration be made of it in Prince Rupert. On all hands we are being impressed with the necessity of "going over the top" with this campaign. If flying the flag will help, we should all be for it. It is little enough to do in these stirring times. It is an opportunity for us to demonstrate our interest and support of this vital undertaking. Let us therefore all, at our places of business and at our homes where possible, fly the flag, help the campaign and support in this way the fight for the preservation of our country and the ideals for which our flag flies.

When you are satisfied with yourself, the undertaker begins to smile.

Be a snob, if you like that kind of thing. Most people don't and will give you the cold shoulder if you put on airs.

Tank Warfare . . .

It seems today as if modern warfare to a considerable extent depends upon the number of tanks employed. It seems almost like a reversion to the old days when they used war chariots in battle. It is said that the interior of the tank is a very unpleasant place in which to ride and, while it is much pleasanter to be inside than out when bullets and shrapnel are flying in every direction, yet there is little chance of escape if anything goes wrong with the machine.

Is There A Deal? . . .

Is there really a deal consummated between Stalin and Hitler? It is rumored that Stalin is to have the Iran oil-fields and Hitler the Iraq oil fields and a slice of the Ukraine wheatlands in case the British are defeated. Possibly there will be other plans made for control of other areas but they might as well forget it. Stalin seems too wary to take a chance against Britain openly even though things might look bad to one who does not know the British.

Democratic Weakness . . .

Mrs. Laura Jamieson, writing to a Socialist weekly paper recently, told of meeting the people of a fishing village and of the reasons given why a jetty was built. Several reasons were given but the only one they never thought of was that possibly the jetty might have been needed and, therefore, the government, on the advice of the local member, had built it.

It is difficult to serve people who always ascribe wrong motives for everything that is done. It is the politicians who put these ideas into people's minds. In this case it would be the C.C.F. politicians or the Conservative politicians. But the Liberal politicians are just as bad. Everything that the opposition does is bad or, if good, then done from a wrong motive. While there is no suggestion that Mrs. Jamieson ascribed a wrong motive for the making of a needed improvement at a fishing village, she evidently enjoyed recounting the fallacies of the fishermen at the expense of political opponents. She would have been more worthy of respect if she had suggested that possibly there was a right motive, the motive that the jetty was needed and therefore was built to serve the fishermen and not for some personal or political reason.

A Poor Prophet . . .

Lindbergh has been telling the people of the United States that Britain was beaten before she started. The Minneapolis Star-Journal, published in a part of the country where Lindbergh has been very popular and where things English have not been looked upon with favor, declares that in past wars England always had been beaten at the beginning but always finished in the money. That paper goes on to say:

"Why should Lindbergh tell the United States what to do any more than 'Wrong Way' Corrigan? We have thousands of army and navy pilots who can fly all around Colonel Lindbergh. They are better trained and more entitled to speak. They are the ones who know, not Colonel Lindbergh, who has no experience in military and naval affairs. He is a good stunt flier."

LOCALS

Mrs. A. Ivarson, who has been on a visit to Vancouver, returned home from the south on the Prince Rupert this morning.

Jesse Wilson, travelling auditor for Canadian National Railways, arrived in the city on the Prince Rupert this morning, being here on dry dock business.

Diphtheria toxoid will be administered tomorrow afternoon to babies and children of pre-school age at King Edward school. This will be the last opportunity to obtain first inoculation.

James McColl, Lloyds inspector, arrived in the city on the Prince Rupert this morning from Vancouver, being here in connection with the launching of M.H.C.S. Kelowna from the local dry dock this afternoon.

Brigadier R. M. Gorssline, director general of medical services of Canada, Ottawa, and Lieut. Col. G. Kenning, district medical officer, Victoria, arrived in the city on the Prince Rupert this morning from Vancouver, being here on inspection duties. General Gorssline will proceed East by the evening train. Col. Kenning will return to Victoria tomorrow night.

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A squad of Australian troops some of the thousands that have been secured in Singapore and other strongholds in Malaya since the Japanese began making threatening gestures is shown at bayonet practice among the rubber trees. The rubber plantations of Malaya are the largest in the world—one of the reasons that Japan would like to take the peninsula into her "new order for Asia."

Yoke of Oppression—

NAZI RULE DIFFICULT IN FRANCE

Survey Reports On Position Of People And State Of Work

OTTAWA, May 28: (CP)—Great reaction among the people of France unoccupied by German troops, but feeling the burden of the Nazi domination, is of a mental and moral order, says a report received by the Canadian Y. W. C. A. officials from Mrs. E. B. Fox of the American Y. W. C. A.

"While enduring great privations and worry in the daily struggle for existence because of insufficient fuel, food, medical supplies, clothing and blankets," she writes, "the real suffering is caused by the uncertainties and instabilities, the prolonged isolation from the outside world, the continued separation of families and lack of communications."

Comparing conditions with those of last September Mrs. Fox said, "living and travel conditions have become more normal for citizens of the country and privileged foreigners. Most of the overcrowding and congestion has been solved by the concentration in camps of tens of thousands of refugees, most of whom are without means of support. Hotels, pensions and trains, however, are still crowded."

Work Of Girl Guides
Mrs. Fox described the work of the Girl Guides and Boy Scouts, both Catholic and Protestant. "The outstanding impression of my contacts with these young leaders is

of their courage and perseverance and constantly making known their views and the carefree manner in which they accept the hard physical conditions under which they live and work."

In connection with the privations of the people in general she said one is "constantly amazed" at the ingenuity shown in discovering food and fuel substitutes. "Among the people there is a noticeable stiffening of spirit, a quiet dignity and determination and a kind of heroic living, especially among the young people."

In spite of difficulties the "Y" workers have carried on their work and met at the Nimes conference. Mile. Barot, well-known to "Y" workers, was appointed Counsellor of the National Y. W. C. A. in the unoccupied zone and organizer of work for the Committee of Christian Associations in the refugee camp at Gurs.

Three other secretaries, Misses Nicole de Ferron, Marie Bouniol and Erica Brucker, who had been doing field work during the winter months were able to reach 150 out

of the 196 Y. W. C. A. centres and reported that the work was being carried on with "devotion and tireless energy."

Work In Camps
In Mile Barot's report on the work in the camps, she said that Y. W. C. A. and C. I. M. teams had worked hard all winter trying to ameliorate the suffering of thousands of men, women and children.

"Their courage and perseverance have been well rewarded by the confidence they have won both inside and outside the camps—and by the privileges they have been granted," she wrote.

Another team working at Lyon had as a special assignment the welfare of people expelled from

Alsace and Lorraine. She described how the work is carried on in harmony with the Catholic social workers and priests. "They look after the Catholics and we try to aid the Protestants. There are 8,000 refugees temporarily housed here."

In other internment camps and "centres d'accueil" of which between 20 and 25 were visited, not only were there tens of thousands of French but aliens of more than 30 other nationalities.

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