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Vichy Warned by London

Germans Take Island Towns—

Prime Minister Churchill Tells House of Desperate And Grim Battle of Crete

BRITISH PLANES WITHDRAWN

LONDON, May 22: (CP)—British fighter planes on Crete were withdrawn today after the German attack started because of "pronounced disadvantage under which our fighters were operating," it was authoritatively disclosed today. A statement, warning against considering the invasion of Crete analogous to what Britain might expect, said "to do otherwise would have been a waste of air forces involved." The statement said that the defence operation at Crete must be regarded as one in which British naval and land forces are primarily employed.

LONDON, May 22.—A full review of the situation in Crete was given to the House of Commons this afternoon by the Prime Minister Winston Churchill who admitted the capture by the Nazis of the important towns of Candia and Malemi although the airbase at Candia was still being held. He described it as "a most strange, desperate and grim battle affecting the whole course of the campaign in the Mediterranean." The situation appeared to be satisfactory everywhere except in the vicinity of Malemi and Candia where the Germans had gained footholds. The British lacked airdromes but the enemy lacked artillery. The British had tanks and armor but the enemy had more in current of retreat. Very large attempts by the enemy to follow up the landing of airborne troops with waterborne forces were being resisted by the why the loan should not be as naval forces, Mr. Churchill believed, easily taken up as had been the with success. One troop convoy Victory loans of the First Great had been broken up yesterday and War. Incidentally, the campaign an even larger one of thirty ships for this loan was being run along with naval escorts had been attacked today. So far these attempts had been dispersed with sinking of some enemy ships. Today the Germans attempted to land tanks. "I feel," said the Prime Minister "that the results cannot be other than satisfactory in view of the strength of our naval forces in the Mediterranean."

MUCH SEAL COVE WORK

Other Projects at Air Base in Addition to Sub-Station Which Power Company Will Build

A new sub-station to serve the Seal Cove base of the Royal Canadian Air Force is to be erected at a cost of \$39,000, the contract having been awarded to the Northern British Columbia Power Co. The original source of power will be the Northern British Columbia Power Co. itself. The sub-station will be the distributing unit for the electrical energy of the air station.

Further important contracts are about to be let in connection with the air base at Seal Cove, including a garage, recreation room and two store buildings. There will also be a concrete slab apron containing 6500 square yards of material as well as 500 lineal feet of twenty-foot road. Eight hundred feet of two-inch water pipe and 1200 feet of four-inch vitrified four-inch sewer pipe is also to be laid. Tenderers on the work include W. C. Arnett Co. Ltd., E. J. Ryan Contracting Co., Marwell Construction Co., Northern Construction Co. and J. W. Stewart, Knott & Jones, A. McKinty, L. G. Scott and Trevis and Williams.

ATTACK IS UNLEASHED

British Launch Largest Effort So Far Against Axis In North Africa

CAIRO, May 22: (CP)—The Royal Air Force has unleashed its most intensive effort of the desert war so far against German concentrations and transport columns in Libya. In the past thirty hours eight German planes have been destroyed and an ammunition and gasoline dump exploded.

As flight after flight of British bombers showered missiles day after day, Royal Air Force fighters skimmed desert roads, sending thousands of incendiary bullets into Axis vehicles.

Condition of R. Phillips, who suffered severe injuries including broken collar bone, pelvis, ribs and punctured lung in a twenty-five foot fall from a ladder at Surf Inn, is reported at the Prince Rupert General Hospital to be serious. He was brought here by plane Tuesday afternoon.

Weather Forecast

Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Islands—Light to occasionally fresh south winds, cloudy and mild with light intermittent rain.

Victory Loan—

CAMPAIGN IS UNDER WAY HERE

Importance Emphasized At Meeting Of Citizens Last Night—Line Of Action Revealed

The vital importance of a success being made of the forthcoming Victory Loan campaign in Prince Rupert as well as everywhere else in Canada was emphasized last night at a meeting of representative citizens in the city council chamber. Promotion plans were revealed for the benefit of citizens who have been invited to concentrate their talents and influence in putting over this important aspect of the effort. J. J. Little, chairman of the Prince Rupert city unit, presided.

In opening the meeting, Mr. Little described the set-up of the campaign organization starting from the minister of finance, Hon. J. L. Halsey, as national chairman. For British Columbia Au Jin W. Taylor of Vancouver was the provincial chairman with Col. J. W. Nicholls as chairman for Prince Rupert division. The quota for Prince Rupert, Mr. Little announced, was \$350,000. As there was \$2,800,000,000 more in current of retreat. Very large attempts by the enemy to follow up the landing of airborne troops with waterborne forces were being resisted by the why the loan should not be as naval forces, Mr. Churchill believed, easily taken up as had been the with success. One troop convoy Victory loans of the First Great had been broken up yesterday and War. Incidentally, the campaign an even larger one of thirty ships for this loan was being run along with naval escorts had been attacked today. So far these attempts had been dispersed with sinking of some enemy ships. Today the Germans attempted to land tanks. "I feel," said the Prime Minister "that the results cannot be other than satisfactory in view of the strength of our naval forces in the Mediterranean."

The Germans had been successful with their airborne troops in occupying some positions but it had been at tremendous cost to them. The British, New Zealanders, Greeks and Cretians, with the assistance of artillery and machine guns, had engaged the parachute troops and had inflicted heavy casualties upon them. Earlier reports from Cairo had stated that the Germans were still down in flames and an 800 mile landing airborne forces in considerable numbers and had gained a foothold. Naval forces had, however, prevented the enemy from making a sea landing. Vast legendary caves on the island were, it was believed, serving the Nazi parachutists by affording them shelter. Last night's reports were that thousands of German parachute troops plummeted down out of the skies had failed to gain any key points at that time, also that a flotilla of troop laden speed boats had been beaten back before they could effect a landing. Three thousand enemy troops had attacked the Suda Bay airport. Dive bombers had rained bombs on the island in support of the efforts to land parachutists and forces by boat. Royal Air Force pilots, although outnumbered twenty to one, were putting up a valiant fight. German losses were severe while those of the British were comparatively light. Confidence of the ability to hold Crete was expressed despite the growing intensity of the enemy attack. The Royal Air Force was continuing its attack on Greek mainland bases.

Impressive Support

Col. J. W. Nicholls told of attending a meeting of the provincial executive of the campaign in Vancouver. He had been impressed by the calibre of the men serving on that committee. Leaders of both industry and labor were entering wholeheartedly into the campaign. Women and religious bodies were also taking an active part. He had also been favorably impressed with the economical lines along which the campaign was being conducted. Col. Nicholls emphasized the importance of propagandizing the campaign and one of the best means was by personal contact from one to another in pointing out the importance of buying and supporting of the loan. (Continued on Page Five)

Foreign Secretary Eden Threatens to Carry War Into French Territory

Latest Actions of Collaboration With Germany May Make this Necessary—Tanker Bound for North Africa is Intercepted

LONDON, May 22: (CP)—Great Britain warned Vichy today that, if France pursues her "declared policy of collaboration with Germany, British forces will strike the enemy wherever he may be found without any distinction between occupied and unoccupied territory." In advising the House of Commons of possible war action against any part of the French Empire, Foreign Minister Anthony Eden said the Vichy government had embarked on a course which must place the resources and territories of France increasingly at the disposal of Germany.

Bulletins

ASSAIL NEUTRALITY ACT

WASHINGTON, D.C.—War Secretary Henry L. Stimson assailed the United States neutrality act today as "a violation of our most sacred tradition of foreign policy—freedom of the seas." Last night Navy Secretary Frank Knox asked Congress to scrap the neutrality act and adopt the policy of freedom of the seas. This would allow United States ships to again enter British ports.

CANADIAN FOREST FIRES

TORONTO—Continued dry, hot weather has resulted in numerous large forest fires in Quebec, Ontario and also on the prairies. A large quantity of cut lumber near Parrot River, Saskatchewan, is threatened with destruction.

HOUSE IN DARKNESS

OTTAWA—While Col. J. L. Ralston, the minister of national defence, was speaking yesterday there was an explosion and the lights of the Chamber went out. Lightning had struck a power line. Col. Ralston went on but later a recess was called.

OPPOSE CONSCRIPTION

BELFAST—Ulster Nationalists oppose the suggestion of the Andrews government that a policy of conscription be adopted. Premier Eamonn de Valera of Eire has been asked to go on record against conscription.

TODAY'S STOCKS

(Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co.)

Vancouver
Big M. 100.00, .04.
Bralorne, 9.85.
Cariboo Quartz, 2.26.
Dentonia, .004.
Fairview, .001/2.
Gold Belt, .22.
Hedley Masot, .52.
Minto, .01/4.
Noble Five, .001/2 (ask).
Pacific Nickel, .04.
Pend Oreille, 1.25.
Pioneer, 2.05.
Premier, .91 (bid).
Privateer, 49.
Reeves McDonald, .12.
Reno, .11.
Relief Arlington, .01/2.
Sheep Creek, .80.
Oils
A. P. Con., .05.
Calmont, .14/2.
C. & E., 1.08.
Home, 1.60.
Pacalta, .02/2.
Royal Canadian, .07.
Okalta, .50 (ask).
Mercury, .03.
Prairie Royalties, .05.

WAR SAVERS

War savers in Kimberley, Pen-ticton, Port Alice, Nanaimo, Lyt-ton, Prince George and Mission City saved a total of \$25,539.75 during April.

BIG PLANT STARTING

Thirty Million Dollar Bomber Establishment To Be Established In Ontario

OTTAWA, May 22: (CP)—The go ahead signal has been given the National Steel Corporation of Montreal to start a tooling up plant at Malton, Ontario, for new bomber production while negotiations are moving towards completion of a contract probably running to some \$30,000,000, it was learned today.

PROTEST GAS TAX

New Federal Impost Claimed To Be Undue Hardship On Farmers And Fishermen

OTTAWA, May 22:—Members representing all political colors joined in the House of Commons yesterday in opposing the three percent gasoline tax on farmers and fishermen upon whom it was declared a hardship would be worked. Hon. J. L. Halsey promised a statement today on the matter of reconsideration but made no undertaking. He asked the members to consider the gravity of the hour. R. B. Hanson, Leader of the Opposition, was among those who spoke against making the tax effective on farmers and fishermen. Three amendments were ruled out of order.

Cassiar Cannery Provided Tablet

Memorial Erected At Gittlakdamiks For George Adams Who Was Foreman For Years

GITTLAKDAMIKS, May 22:—Unveiling took place here last week of a memorial tablet in the Anglican Church to George Adams. The tablet was furnished by the Cassiar Packing Co. of the Skeena River for whom deceased, who died last winter, was native foreman for many years. The widow is now at Cassiar.

ATTACK ON HELIGOLAND HAD FIRED UPON HESS

Vigorous Assault Made By British Bombing Planes Last Night—Other Points Also

LONDON, May 22: (CP)—British bombers which attacked Heligoland yesterday left the German island stronghold shrouded in a "swirl of dust and smoke lit here and there by flames," the Air Ministry news service said today. The British planes dropped their bombs from a height as low as forty or fifty feet. An anti-aircraft battery was among the objectives hit. Bombs were dropped on docks and in the centre of the town.

Near Dunkerque a power station was attacked and there was a strong Royal Air Force raid on an industrial centre fifty miles inside occupied France, no details of this being given. Two British bombers and six fighters were lost while five Germans were shot down.

Halibut Sales

Summary

American— 38,000 pounds, 10c and 8c.
Canadian— 5,500 pounds, 10.1c and 7.5c.
American
Harmony, 30,000 and Pearl, 8,000.
Cold Storage, 10c and 8c.
Canadian
Annabelle, 5,500, Cold Storage, 10.1c and 7.5c.

Rupert Loses Rifle Title

MONTREAL, May 22: (CP)—Calgary Rifle Club was crowned champion at the close of the tenth annual Dominion Marksman Senior Small Bore Rifle League after defeating the defending titleholders, Canadian National Recreation Association of Prince Rupert, it was announced today. The Alberta marksmen shot 494 out of a possible five hundred.