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## Tide Turns For British

### Tide Turns In Favor Of Crete Defenders; Boat Landings Fail

Airborne Detachments Have Been Accounted For and Situation is More Satisfactory Than it was Yesterday

#### DEFENDERS IN CONTROL

CAIRO, May 24: (CP)—At least sixteen Junkers troop transports were shot down by British anti-aircraft gunners in the first three days of airborne invasion of Crete, British sources reported tonight. Allied defenders of Crete gained military control tonight of all but one German air invasion point on the northern coastal plain of the island of Crete and returned tanks and field guns into violently renewed assault on the Nazi-held airdrome of Malemi.

LONDON, May 23: (CP)—A turn in Britain's favor in a furious battle to wipe out the Nazi aerial invasion of Crete while British naval guns were shattering attempts to get seaborne reinforcements to the invaders was indicated today in advices reaching London. A report from Cairo said that German airborne detachments both at Candia and Retimo have been accounted for in fierce fighting and the situation is now satisfactory at both places—more satisfactory than twenty-four hours ago. An authoritative source said that so long as the British Navy can ward off threatened invasion by sea there is every reason to believe that the airborne attack must fail.

### NOMINATE PATTULLO

Liberal Convention Called For June 17 With No One Else in Sight—Other Parties Silent

June 17 has been set as the date for the Liberal provincial nominating convention in Prince Rupert riding, the seat of Premier T. D. Pattullo. There is every reason to suppose that the Premier will be accorded the unanimous Liberal nomination again for the constituency which he has represented without a break since 1916. The Premier is expected to be in the city on the occasion of the convention. No announcement has yet been made as to when any opposing nominations will be made. There appears even to be some doubt as to whether the Conservatives will oppose Mr. Pattullo at all. The C.C.F. is silent as to its intentions but it is expected it will be in the field even if it is necessary to import a candidate.

The battle has been largely one of every man for himself the fighting being of fierce guerrilla type. Even women, wielding murderous twelve inch knives have been engaged in seeking out the Nazi parachutists and killing them.

Near Malemi a large body of German soldiers is reported to have been trapped.

Casualties are estimated at 4000 killed and wounded with 100 Nazi planes destroyed.

Boat loads of would-be invaders have been blasted to death by British naval guns.

Despite mass drownings in their sinking boats, the Germans have kept coming recklessly on.

German dive bombers continued to attack the British fleet.

**U-BOATS SPOTTED**  
LONDON—Authoritative circles today that waters near the coast of North America will probably become a battleground in the campaign against U-boats. They said it is believed German undersea raiders are operating much further west in the Atlantic than a few weeks ago.

**NEUTRALS ARE WOUNDED**  
VICHY—Two Americans and one Egyptian were wounded when a German raider shelled the Egyptian motorship Zamzam on April 17 in the South Atlantic it was reported tonight from Bordeaux.

**AXIS SHIPS DESTROYED**  
LONDON—British submarines have torpedoed and sunk a nine thousand ton troopship and a seven thousand ton tanker trying to reach Axis forces in Libya, the Admiralty announced today and probably sank an Italian destroyer. In addition, a large schooner of the type used by the Axis for carrying ammunition was sunk and a smaller schooner hit several times by shells.

**DOES NOT WANT FRENCH FLEET**  
VICHY—Vice-Premier Darlan in a broadcast today said that Chancellor Hitler had not asked for the French fleet or colonial concessions and declared: "Germany began the war alone and judges herself able to end it alone against any coalition."

**GERMANS CLAIM PRIZE**  
BERLIN—Germans claimed today that the 11,000-ton Canadian oil tanker Canadolic had been captured by the German navy as a prize. (London advices yesterday said it was feared the tanker had sunk off the west coast of Africa.)

**ANOTHER QUIET NIGHT**  
LONDON—Both the Royal Air Force and the Nazi Luftwaffe were grounded by bad weather last night and there was no air bombing on either side.

**GREAT CONVOY ARRIVES**  
LONDON—The greatest convoy yet to cross the Atlantic has arrived in Great Britain. It included fifty ships and brought an enormous quantity of war supplies.

**TURKEY DISTRUSTFUL**  
ISTANBUL—A Turkish newspaper distrusts Germany's assurance that war will not be carried to Turkey and suggests that Turkey now take over Syria under a protectorate.

**SANK ROYAL OAK**  
BERLIN—The submarine commander who went into Scapa Flow and sank the British aircraft carrier Royal Oak early in the war has gone down with his U-Boat.

**GOING OVER TO FREE FRENCH**  
BEYRUT—Many French officers and soldiers in Syria are going over to the Free French side.

## Grave Responsibility— SUMMONS EMPIRE TO NEW EFFORTS IN WORLD GOOD

Never Greater Opportunity, Says Viscount Bledisloe, In Empire Day Message—Youth Will Fashion a New World

LONDON, May 23: (CP)—The British Empire never had a graver responsibility thrust upon it than it has today but never have there been grander opportunities for displaying those outstanding qualities which built the Empire and alone can maintain it, said the Viscount Bledisloe, president of the Empire Day Movement, in an Empire Day message.

Viscount Bledisloe (Rt. Hon. Sir Charles Bathurst) one of Britain's most prominent agriculture leaders, is also a barrister, was Parliamentary secretary to the Ministry of Food during the First Great War and governor general of New Zealand, 1930-35.

The Viscount's Empire Day message follows:—Let us this year celebrate Empire Day as never before for the British Empire, aided by her valiant Allies and buttressed by the practical sympathy of the United States of America, is standing out as the stronghold of humanity against cruelty, injustice, economy and falsehood—an impregnable fortress based not upon hatred and selfish ambition but upon humanity and righteousness.

"It is against the Powers of Darkness that we are fighting, and the fate of the Empire, and with it that of civilization, are at stake. We must all courageously play our part, however humble, in achieving victory, lest freedom should perish from the earth.

Those who planned the downfall of the British Empire recked not of the unquenchable spirit of the British race, the staunch loyalty of peoples of different races and colors owing allegiance to the British crown and the unshakable solidarity of the British Empire. It is above all this unity of the British peoples in the hour of crisis which has brought confident hope to all lovers of freedom and growing dismay to our enemies.

"Let us remember with pride the great exploits of our seamen, soldiers and airmen drawn from every part of the British Com-

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### Our Pledge

by G.L. CREED, R.C.A.F.

We Shall Not Falter Or Fail ...  
Though all the Powers of Hell on Earth assail ...  
Though from once friendly skies swift-winged Death  
Spew nameless Horror with each fiery breath ...  
Though Blood and Tears be all we have to spend—  
We Shall Go On To The End!

We Shall Not Falter Or Fail ...  
Though all our struggles seem without avail ...  
Though all our treasure go to pay the Price,  
Leaving but Life itself to sacrifice ...  
Though from us all but Faith the foe may rend—  
We Shall Go On To The End!

## Matheson Named City Commissioner; Premier Pattullo Gives Views

Suggests That City Managership Could be Accomplished Under Existing Statutes Governing Cities

In a statement conveyed to the Daily News today, Premier T. D. Pattullo announces the appointment of City Treasurer D. J. Matheson as City Commissioner effective June 1. For the past year since the retirement of W. J. Alder as commissioner, Mr. Matheson has been acting city commissioner first to R. S. Gilchrist and then to B. C. Bracewell, both of the department of municipal affairs at Victoria.

Pattullo in his statement, clearly sets forth his views in regard to the local municipal situation. Premier Pattullo's statement in regard to municipal situation here is as follows:

"May I through your paper outline the situation with regard to the government of the City of Prince Rupert.

"I think it may be taken for granted by everybody that all that the provincial government desire is the welfare of the City of Prince Rupert. In recent visits I have discussed with different bodies the situation existing there. No one seemed to favor return to mayor and council.

"I also discussed the matter of City Managership and said that I would look into it which I have been doing. It is my opinion that if legislation were passed following the terms of the joint resolution of the Chamber of Commerce and the Trades and Labor Council,

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## HELD AS CAPTIVES

Official Announcement in Regard to Members of Crew of Canadian Tanker

OTTAWA, May 22: (CP)—The Department of External Affairs announced late yesterday receipt of official word from the International Red Cross committee at Geneva that German authorities have announced forty members of the crew of the Canadian tanker Canadolic have been captured.

## Bulletins

### BLACK-OUT SUCCEEDS

VANCOUVER — The lower mainland and lower Vancouver Island were blacked out last night in the first such test for a district embracing five hundred square miles and more than 400,000 population. Officials described it as 95 to 98 per cent successful and predicted that there would be other tests covering an even more extensive area. It was a clear starlit night and visibility was excellent. Everything went off according to schedule and there was no serious crime or traffic mishaps. The time of the black-out was 10 to 10:15 p.m.

### LORD AUSTIN DIES

LONDON—Lord Austin, head of the car manufacturing firm bearing his name, is dead at age of seventy-five.

## BIG FIRES IN CANADA

Damaging Forest Conflagrations In Quebec, Ontario And Prairies

TORONTO, May 23:—It is estimated that damage amounting to \$4,000,000 or \$5,000,000 has been done by forest fires raging through timberlands of northern Quebec. In the Nipigon Lake district of Ontario one large fire has done extensive damage. An interment camp lies in its path. A sudden change of wind saved the town of Nipigon. There are also large and damaging fires in Saskatchewan and Alberta.

## Halibut Sales

Summary  
American—48,000 pounds, 9.9c and 8c and 10.1c and 8c.  
Canadian—53,500 pounds, 10c and 8c to 10.4c and 8c.  
American  
Excel II., 23,000, Storage, 9.9c and 8c.  
Yukon, 25,000, Storage, 10.1c and 8c.  
Canadian  
Lois N., 36,000, Storage, 10.3c and 8c.  
Parma, 15,000, Pacific, 10c and 8c.  
Bug, 2,500, Atlin, 10.4c and 8c.

## TO BUILD HIGHWAY

International Commission Recommends Building of Alaska Road at Once

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 23.—The International Highway Commission yesterday recommended to Secretary of State Cordell Hull immediate construction of the \$25,000,000 highway through British Columbia and the Yukon to connect the United States with Alaska.

The Commission finds that Alaska is "dangerously isolated" from a military standpoint. Construction of the road would bring Fairbanks to sixty hours travelling time from Prince George.

The highway could be built within eighteen to twenty months, the Commission finds.

## BREAK IS IMMINENT

LONDON—Great Britain seized the French tanker Sheherazade "because of the imminence of a definite break in relations between Great Britain and Vichy," an Economic Ministry spokesman said today.

## Dutch East Indies Will Stand Firm

BATAVIA, May 23: (CP)—A newly launched Japanese press campaign bristling with threats and pointed warnings will not force the Netherlands East Indies from a firm stand in commercial relations with Japan, informed quarters said today.

## Weather Forecast

Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Islands—Light to moderate south or southwest winds, cloudy and mild with light showers over Queen Charlotte Islands.

## Victory Loan 1941

## TORCH DAY CEREMONY

Sunday May 25 3 P.M.

## COURT HOUSE

Parade Starts 2:30 p.m. From Armory

(In event of rain ceremony will be held in Capitol Theatre)