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PRINCE RUPERT, B.C., THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 1942

Tomorrow's Tides

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Progress of War In Pacific Area

War News

PEACE OFFENSIVE

LONDON—According to advices reaching London in a roundabout way, Chancellor Adolf Hitler and Premier Benito Mussolini are to meet in a few days. Meantime there are reports of an Axis peace offensive. A. F. L. Free French News Agency, says that Germany within the last six weeks has sent three offers to Britain through Turkey, Switzerland and Sweden. Italy is desirous of making a separate peace, it is reported.

CANADIAN PRISONERS

OTTAWA—Two thousand Canadians, soldiers and civilians, are interned by the Japanese at Hong Kong and Kowloon, it is announced. Food and hospital conditions are unsatisfactory.

AMERICANS AT MALTA

LONDON—According to reports reaching here American fighter planes have arrived at Malta, supposedly either from an aircraft carrier or North African bases.

HAD NARROW ESCAPE

LONDON—Wing Commander John Fulton had a narrow escape in the Royal Air Force attack on Kiel. His bomber developed engine trouble and he limped home to make a safe "belly" landing.

MANY BOMBERS LOST

LONDON—The British lost 137 bombers in heavy raids on Germany last month. This is not considered serious in view of heavy reserves of planes and pilots.

SHORTAGE OF LABOR

Employers "Crying For Help" — Skilled and Unskilled Workers Needed

To use the words of them employers in every line of industrial and constructional work in Prince Rupert district are "crying for help." There is an acute shortage of every kind of labor—skilled and unskilled. Lack of accommodation has been one of the difficulties and this has forced employers to resort to putting up camps for sleeping accommodation which are about to make their appearance in various parts of the city. Wartime Housing is also to start at once on the erection of further dwellings and staff houses.

In shipbuilding there is an acute shortage of all labor, especially steelworkers and other skilled men. Lack of building laborers and carpenters is delaying construction work.

The demand for loggers continues and importations are being made from Alberta to the Prince George area.

Closing of the Polaris-Taku mine at Tulsequah and the Big Missouri mine at Stewart has released miners for work in other sections and most of these will be absorbed in placer mining in the Yukon and Northern British Columbia.

Halibut fishing is drawing workers from local industries such as shipbuilding and construction work and salmon fishing about to commence will have a similar effect.

Retail trade is brisk with sufficient labor available. The unemployment office reports placements at present running eight times higher than last year at a similar date.

Buildings Being Erected To Lodge Building Workers

Owing to the shortage of lodging accommodation in Prince Rupert and the increasing volume of construction work which is going on, the E. J. Ryan Contracting Co. is now about to proceed with the erection of camp buildings which will be situated in proximity of various projects that are going on. The buildings will be for lodging purposes only and not for boarding.

13 YEARS TO BUILD
The Suez Canal, opened in 1869, was 13 years in construction.

BULLETINS

CONTRACTS LET

Armour Salvage & Towing Co. has been awarded a \$9900 contract by the Department of Munitions and Supply for a sidewalk at a signal station here. McKenzie Barge & Derrick Co., Vancouver, have the contract for the rental of a derrick now at Prince Rupert at a price of \$12,900.

SAN DIEGO ALARM

SAN DIEGO — San Diego had an air raid alarm from 10:30 to 11:15 last night and all southern California radio stations went off the air. Unidentified planes were later announced to be friendly.

MORE SHIPS DAMAGED

LONDON — Royal Air Force torpedo planes are reported to have damaged three more Axis ships in the Mediterranean.

JAP MOVEMENT

OTTAWA — Movement of all Japanese from Vancouver Island and the proximity of Pacific Coast harbors has been completed. Hon. Humphrey Mitchell, minister of labor, told the House yesterday in answer to questions by Tom Reid, M.P. for New Westminster.

IS HOWLED DOWN

LONDON—A member who protested yesterday at the great amount of damage done to civilian property at Rostock by the Royal Air Force raids was howled down in the House of Commons. There were cries of "What About Bath."

ENTERED APPEAL

VANCOUVER — One of four youths who were recently convicted and sentenced to hang for the murder of a Japanese has appealed on the grounds that he should have had a separate trial.

BLACK MAGIC

QUEBEC — Quebec provincial police have rounded up a "Black Magic" ring with the arrest of five men and thirteen women on charges of witchcraft. Paraphernalia seized included skulls, black cloth, pin wheels and fifty bottles said to contain Hitler and Mussolini spirits.

WELDERS' DISPUTE

VANCOUVER — F. E. Harrison of the federal Department of Labor is investigating a dispute between Amalgamated Building Workers Union and Burrard Dry Dock Company. Welders and burners are demanding higher wages.

FIRST A NIP... THEN A SHAVE



This serious faced student at the U. S. Army Air Corps Gunnery School in Hartweg, Tex., obviously has something on his mind. He is Sergeant T. K. Reeder, of Charleston, S.C., member of a west coast bombardment squadron. The sergeant's squadron has not been in contact with the enemy yet. He's waiting for that day before having a shave. He has decided that he must get himself a nip first.

RECRUITING NORWEGIANS

Board Here From East is Meeting With Good Response — Nine Join Up Within Few Hours

A Norwegian Army recruiting board, in the course of a tour of western Canada, arrived in Prince Rupert on Tuesday night's train from Edmonton and will proceed tonight by the steamer Prince Rupert to Vancouver. The board consists of Lieut. W. Melbye, recruiting officer, and Dr. G. A. Wiesener, medical officer associated with the Royal Canadian Air Force at Toronto. The recruits are being medically examined and attested on the ground. The response of local Norwegians has been satisfactory, no less than nine having been enlisted within a few hours of the board's arrival.

GOD AND THE NAZIS

LONDON, April 30 — A German soldier's manual entitled "God and the People," terms Christianity "the religion of the lowly, the weak and the cowardly," according to the Stockholm newspaper, Dagens Nyheter.

Post-War Plans— B. C. MAY SET WAY IN PEACE

Skeena Member Tells Local Club of Aspirations of Government Through New Committee

Conditions such as existed after the conclusion of the last war cannot and will not prevail after the present war is over. E. T. Kenney, M.L.A. for Skeena, asserted yesterday in addressing the weekly luncheon of the Prince Rupert Gyro Club on the subject of "Post War Rehabilitation." Mr. Kenney is a member of the special committee of the British Columbia Legislature which has already started studies and activities in connection with anticipated post-war problems. He discussed some of the aims and objects of that committee which he said had already made a good start and was imbued entirely with the spirit of public service with an idea of personal kudos.

Post-war rehabilitation was a subject which must be recognized, Mr. Kenney declared. When the war was over men who were now in uniform and in industry would not be content to go back to the tempo and conditions of pre-war days. All of the men enlisting were promised that their jobs would be held for them. There would be the problem of those now relieving who would be displaced. They would have to be taken care of and, in addition, there would be the young men who were now "teen age boys. Conditions such as existed after the last war must not be allowed to prevail after this one. There would have to be opportunity for each and every one with no browbeating one by another. The problem of men returning from military service indeed had already commenced and, of course, it would be greatly accentuated after the war was over.

There were two problems, said Mr. Kenney—first that of winning the war, in which the question was not of whether there would be victory but how long it would take to achieve; second, that of winning the peace which there would not be unless the problems of rehabilitation were met.

The committee, which had been set up by the Legislature to deal with post-war rehabilitation plans, had been given wide and extensive powers and had been given assurance of adequate financial backing for its projects.

In post-war reconstruction it was anticipated that British Columbia would be much in demand owing to its climatic conditions and the possibilities it presented

Battle of Burma Is Going Badly; Looks Better Further South

Allies Rolling Up Slashing New Aerial Victories Over Japanese North of Australia

British and Chinese defenders of Burma, gravely threatened with entrapment, were reported to have lost contact today as Japanese mechanized columns drove into Lashio, gateway to China, after a 170-mile advance in four days. Chinese dispatches said that New Lashio, only a few miles from the old town of Lashio, where the Mandalay railway line links with the mountain road to China was the centre of heavy fighting.

The Chinese command announced last night that Japanese advance units had reached the suburbs of Lashio, railroad of the Burma Road to China, the city falling to the enemy after a battle in which both sides suffered heavy casualties. Both old and new Lashio have fallen, according to another announcement by the Chinese High Command tonight, but battle is still continuing in the vicinity, the communique said. Loss of Lashio menaces the entire British-Chinese defence of Burma.

Somewhat offsetting the grim turn of the Burma conflict, the Allies rolled up slashing new aerial victories over the enemy in the southwest Pacific. Allied headquarters reported that United Nations' army destroyed or damaged twenty Japanese planes and started big fires in an attack on the Japanese air base at Lae, New Guinea, and also battered anew at the enemy base at Kupang on Timor Island.

The American volunteer group of airmen is credited with shooting down twenty-two of twenty-four planes attempting to raid Loiwong in the Burma-Yunnan border without loss to themselves.

There were three air raids by the enemy on Port Moresby yesterday but little damage was done. Prime Minister John Curtin of Australia suggests that a full scale aerial assault upon Port Moresby may be expected within two weeks.

HALIBUT SALES

American
New Washington, 45,000, 7.5c and 10c. Storage.

Canadian
Cape Spear, 10,500, 12.1c and 10-2c. Atlin.
Balsac I., 7,560, 12c and 10c. Pacific.

from the standpoint of natural resources and industrial opportunities.

Mr. Kenney suggested that there would have to be a decentralization of population in the new development after the war. Men would have to go to the work instead of the work being taken to the men. Industries would have to be established adjacent to the natural resources instead of being centred in the big centres.

The Skeena member bespoke for the committee the co-operation and support of all individuals and organizations which had the best interests of the country at heart.

In post-war rehabilitation plans British Columbia would have the opportunity to show Canada that it was 100 percent behind the effort not only during the war but in the peace that would follow resolved Canadians should continue as free men with economic security, conditions befitting a people of their type and principles based on the foundations which had been laid before.

President George L. Rorie was in the chair at yesterday's luncheon. He called upon a guest, C.H. Orme, to extend a vote of thanks to Mr. Kenney.

Announcement was made of the initial meeting to be held tonight of the civic centre carnival committee. Guests were C. H. Orme, W. D. Vance, Dr. John Nickerson, A. S. Nickerson, Arthur Morrison (Grand Forks) and D.E. Bell (Vancouver.)

HUGE AIR BATTLES

Germany and Britain Slashing Back and Forth at Each Other With Increasing Tempo

LONDON, April 30: — Gigantic air battles between Royal Air Force and Nazis were fought out this afternoon 25,000 feet over the French coast. It was impossible to count the number of planes participating but at one point vapor streaks extended over an area of several miles.

Last night the Royal Air Force blasted and set fire to the Goodrich Rubber works and the Gnome-Rhone aero plant in the Paris suburb of Gennevilliers. The Air Ministry said that both plants were left aflame by low level attacks made in the face of strengthened anti-aircraft defences.

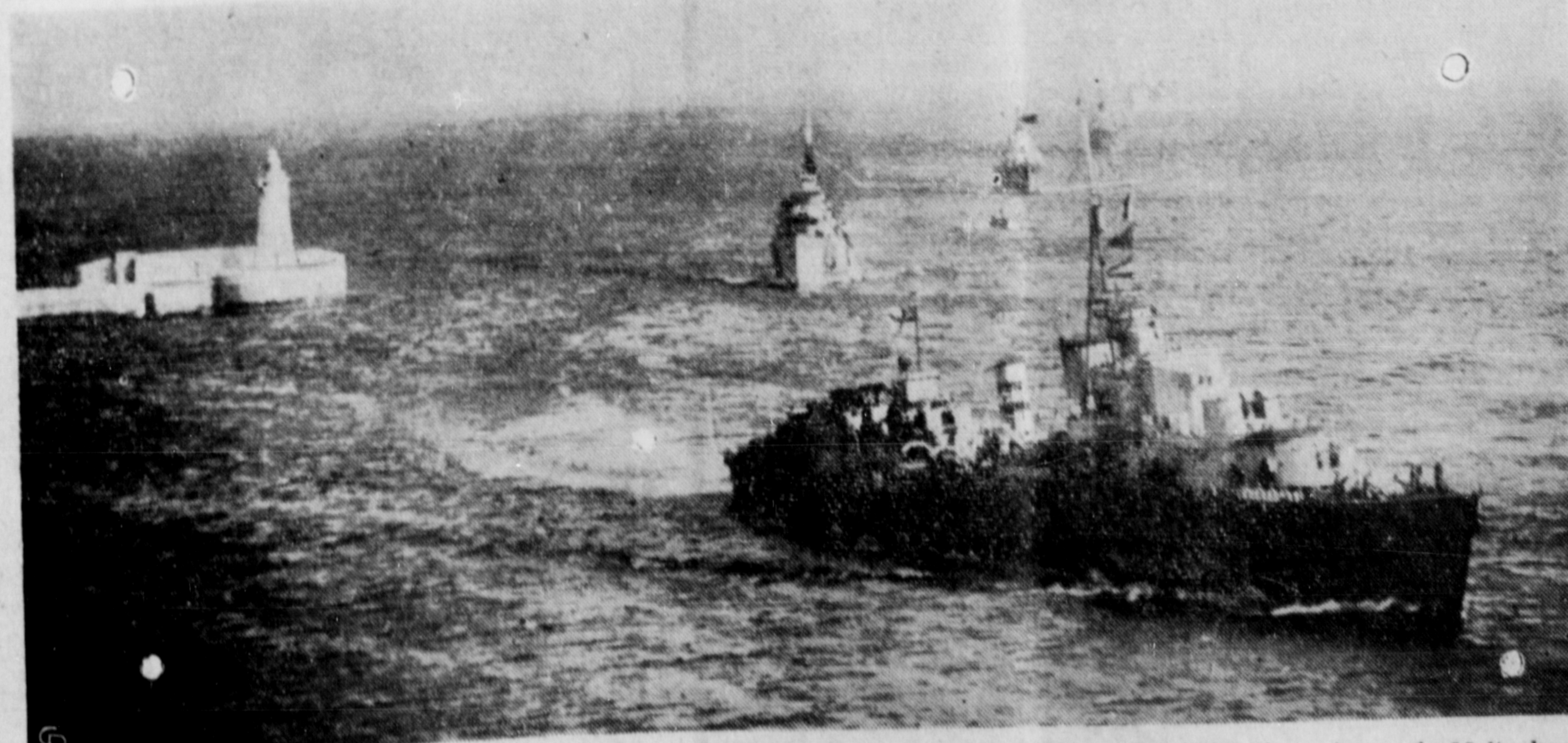
Six British planes were missing in the night's operations which included blows at Ostend docks and Low Country airdromes.

The Nazi air force lashed back with short but sharp overnight assaults on Norwich, leaving several large stores in ruins and killing several persons.

SHOT DOWN IN SWEDEN

STOCKHOLM — A German plane was shot down over Swedish territory yesterday by anti-aircraft fire.

BRITISH CONVOYS MOVE DUCES' "MARE NOSTRUM" TO REACH MALTA



Destroyers of the Royal Navy lead a convoy of British merchant ships past the lighthouse guarding the entrance to Malta harbor. Despite repeated bombing attacks by Italian planes, convoys are moving to Malta bringing supplies and reinforcements for the troops stationed on the island.