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Red Army Keeping Up Offensive

PRODUCING FOR NAZIS

Plants In France Have Huge Orders For German Forces

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LONDON, May 21: War factories in occupied France, the target of heavy Royal Air Force blows, are working on German orders estimated to run into billions of francs.

Production schedules imposed by the Nazis are said to call for manufacture of airplanes, motors and parts, tanks, lorries, torpedoes, shells, bullets, armor plate and various types of precision instruments.

In one month alone, the Germans placed with French factories orders totalling almost 4,000,000 francs, mostly for airplanes to be produced over a period of a year.

However, standing in the way of their fulfilment and completion of other war production schedules are said to be French workers' "go-slow" tactics, shortages of fuel and raw materials added to destruction wrought by British bombs.

Planes For Nazis
In six hours' bombing of the big Renault and Matford works, the R. A. F. reportedly deprived the Germans of potential output of 20,000 lorries, tanks and armored vehicles, or enough to equip five armored and mechanized divisions.

Twelve factories started work last July on some 2,000 of the 5,000 airplanes France is scheduled to manufacture for Germany before the end of 1942. The plants are located at St. Nazaire, Les Mureaux, Sartrouville, Bordeaux, Le Bourget, Fourchambault, Colombes, Courbevois, Suresnes, Putaux, Billancourt and Villacoublay.

Torpedoes for the Axis are in production at the Toulon State arsenal and its branch at St. Tropez. Shells and bullets are being made at St. Joseph, Le Portrik, Fougeres and Essai, and various instruments at Levallois-Perret, Cholet and Paris.

The Delahaye and Citroen works are turning out lorries and so is the Hotchkiss plant, also building and repairing tanks.

Bomb Production
Among the factories devoted to bomb production are listed Escat and Meuse at Ansin, and Ste. Louvrol at Aulnoye whose output is estimated at 6,000 of an unspecified type monthly.

The drain on French raw materials resulted in a salvage campaign for metal, particularly copper, lead, brass, bronze and nickel. While the Nazis pressed French production, their labor recruiters are seeking workers for factories in Germany. Paris newspapers carry hundreds of advertisements for skilled men, drawing attention to "favorable conditions" in Germany.

MONSOONS IN BURMA

Battle Between Japanese And Chinese Stalled—Nipponese Advance Into Chekiang

CHUNGKING, May 21: Drenching monsoon rains stalled the Battle of Burma at China's back door today while Japan's invasion armies pressed a grave new threat on the Chinese east coast with a thirty-mile advance into Chekiang Province.

Dispatches said that the Japanese were apparently determined to overrun Chekiang and wipe out any air bases which could be used for bombing attacks on Tokyo. The enemy were advancing southward on a 150-mile front.

Oil Burners All Out Now

OTTAWA, May 21: Hon. C. D. Howe, minister of munitions, announced in the House of Commons late yesterday that "there will be no heating by oil next winter in homes or factories anywhere in Canada. Oil burners will have to be changed to coal or wood during the coming summer."

WILL LEAD DIVISIONS

Potts of Saskatoon To Head Sixth And Leclerc of Montreal Seventh

OTTAWA, May 21: Brigadier A. E. Potts of Saskatoon has been appointed to command the Sixth Canadian division and Brigadier P. E. Leclerc of Montreal the seventh, it was announced yesterday by Hon. J. L. Ralston, minister of national defence. The leader of the Eighth Division is not yet made known.

Country Gas Stations May Open At Night

OTTAWA, May 21 (Canadian Press)—Gasoline stations in rural areas more than five miles from cities will be allowed to remain open one evening per week as a convenience for farmers, Hon. Clarence D. Howe, minister of munitions and supply, told the House of Commons.

Vichy Offices Being Closed

OTTAWA, May 21: Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King told the House of Commons yesterday that the government had requested the French consular offices and agencies in Canada be closed. This action does not constitute a break-off with Vichy. The minister will remain at Ottawa and the legation stays open.

TODAY'S STOCKS

(Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co.)

Table with columns for Vancouver and Toronto stock prices, listing items like Bralorne, Cariboo Quartz, Hedley Mascot, etc.

BULLETINS

GERMANY AND SWEDEN

STOCKHOLM — Telephonic communications between Sweden and Germany have been cut off for more than twenty-four hours. It is the second time within the last few days that communications have been severed between the two countries. This is a regular procedure by the Nazis preceding a military move against a victim.

ELECTED BISHOP

PRINCE GEORGE—Rev. Samuel Pollinger of Prince George was yesterday elected Bishop of Cariboo in succession to Rt. Rev. C. A. Wells, now padre-in-chief of the Canadian forces. The Bishop-elect came to this country from England in 1911 and, after having been located on the coast and in the Fraser Valley, came to Prince George in 1932.

NAZIS USING CANARIES

MOSCOW—It is reported here that the Canary Islands are being used by Germany for submarine bases for attacks on shipping in the Caribbean. The bases are located in carefully concealed lagoons.

AGAINST CONSCRIPTION

QUEBEC—The Legislative Assembly of Quebec yesterday adopted a motion 61 to 7 urging the federal government to continue the policy of voluntary enlistment for overseas service instead of conscription.

GOERING SPEAKS

BERLIN—Addressing workers yesterday, Vice-Chancellor Herman Goering said this was the hardest war that Germany had ever had to fight. The winter campaign had been terrible, he said.

DECLARATION EXPECTED

BERLIN—It is expected here that Mexico will declare war on Germany over the sinking of a Mexican merchant ship. The deadline is set for tonight.

CANADIANS DECORATED

LONDON—Six Canadian airmen were decorated at Buckingham Palace yesterday by the King. All won promotion. Among them was Sergeant Pilot Stephen Robert Frost of Vancouver who received the Distinguished Flying Medal.

WATERWAY CUT

WASHINGTON—The St. Lawrence Waterway project has been shelved here as not being a program of direct concern to the prosecution of the war.

AIR CONFERENCE

OTTAWA—The first phase of the air training conference of fourteen nations here is expected to conclude tomorrow with a plenary session at which reports of committees, which have been deliberating in private, will be received.

MADAGASCAR CASUALTIES

LONDON—The British casualty list in the capture by the British of the Madagascar naval base is officially announced as having been 100 killed and 350 wounded.

MESSERCHMIDTS DOWNED

LONDON—Two German Messerschmidts have been shot down in an attack on British shipping off the southeast coast of England.

ALL JAPS GONE

SAN FRANCISCO—Not a single Japanese can now be found on the streets of this city. The last group was taken yesterday to Tanforan camp. All the Japanese now left here are a few who are ill.

Canadians In Far East Now

LONDON, May 21: Royal Air Force headquarters announced today that a Canadian flying boat squadron has arrived in the Far East. It is the first complete Royal Canadian Air Force squadron to serve in that theatre of war.

FUNERAL OF BERT GREER

Many Attended Last Rites This Alerneer for Esteemed Pioneer Citizen

There was a large gathering at St. Andrew's Anglican Cathedral this afternoon for the funeral of the late Ex-Aid, W. J. Greer, many old friends gathering to pay final tributes of esteem and respect to the memory of a valued pioneer as well as to betoken their sympathy for the bereaved. A service of the craft at the Masonic Temple preceded the Cathedral rites and there was a Masonic burial with J. W. Pottinger, worshipful master of Tampeean Lodge, in charge.

Rt. Rev. G. A. Rix, Bishop of Aledonia, and Very Rev. J. B. Gibson, the dean, officiated at the Cathedral. Peter Lien presided at the pipe organ to accompany the hymns which were "Abide With Me" and "Rock of Ages." A large procession followed the cortege to Fairview Cemetery.

Honorary pallbearers were C. E. Cullin H. B. Eastman, James Batt, Robert Gordon, G. W. Johnstone and James Hall. Active pallbearers were J. H. Sheddin, H. W. Birch, J. H. Thompson, J. L. McIntosh, Regimental Sergeant Major W. M. Brown and James Dick. There were numerous and beautiful floral offerings.

HALIBUT SALES

Table showing halibut sales summary and American/Canadian prices.

DEEP ENOUGH

The deepest oil well in the world extends less than three miles downward.

Experiences In Air Force

Gordon and Jack Kirkpatrick, sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kirkpatrick, pioneer residents of this city, now located in Vancouver, are both serving overseas. Dr. Gordon Kirkpatrick is with the Canadian Army Medical Corps in England. Jack Kirkpatrick Jr. has been having exciting experiences with the Royal Canadian Air Force over Germany, France, Gibraltar, Persia and Egypt, figuring even in a crash on Mount Ararat. He is a navigator. After having been in a hospital in Russia, he is now in Calcutta.

RUSSIANS DRIVE ON GERMANS

Nazi Stronghold Near Kharkov Crushed — Hun Counter-Offensive Being Fought Off

MOSCOW, May 21: Marshal Timoshenko's army reported today it had crushed one of the key German defence strongholds on the Kharkov front, wiping out a Nazi garrison in a fierce forty-minute battle and storming forward six more miles. Artillery, planes and tanks were used in concerted battering of a strong point, clearing the way for an infantry charge which took the position, Red Star newspaper said. Meanwhile the Russians are reported fighting off German flank assaults aimed towards Lyum and Barvankova, eighty miles southeast of Kharkov, and holding on grimly at the eastern tip of Kerch Peninsula, barring a short cut to the Caucasus.

BOMBING GERMANY

This Is Most Effective Way Of Helping Russia, Declares Sir Stafford Cripps

LONDON, May 21: Bombing Germany is the best way of assisting Russia "until such time as we are able to make a carefully planned attack on the continent which we intend to do," Sir Stafford Cripps, Lord Privy Seal, told the House of Commons yesterday.

Answering criticism in the second day of a war debate in which Prime Minister Winston Churchill declared that the government was ready to face a vote of confidence if a substantial body of members desired it.

INQUEST IS HELD

Circumstances Surrounding Drowning of Indian Woman in Skeena River Being Investigated

Hearing of evidence in the inquest of Edna Wale, Kispiox Indian woman, whose body was found in the Skeena slough near Sunnyside cannery last week, will be proceeded with tomorrow before Coroner A. J. Lancaster and jury consisting of C. L. Youngman, Alex Mackenzie, G. C. Walker, George Ross, L. C. Eby and John Bulger.

An inquiry was first started but testimony was of such a nature that the coroner decided an inquest should be held. The inquest opened on Monday and, after viewing the body, adjournment was made until tomorrow.

The body was sighted on the beach near Sunnyside by Mrs. Johnson Ross of Greenville. It was picked up at 5 o'clock Thursday evening and brought into Prince Rupert. There had been a drinking fracas among Indians the night before.

The dead woman's parents live at Kispiox and the body has been sent there for burial.

BOOK SAVES PAPER

LONDON, May 21: New widows' and orphans' and old age pension books issued by the Health Ministry are half as thick as previously and will mean a paper saving in this department of 40 to 50 tons a year.

R. A. F. IS INDEPENDENT FORCE FOR STRIKING

Night Raids Concentrate On One Target And Keep Nazi Fighters Busy On Large Scale On West Front

LONDON, May 21: (CP)—In discussions on the R. A. F.'s daring raids into Germany the new bombing technique has been explained in London as a strategy aimed at concentrating on one target virtually all the bombers sent out in any one night. This means such a plastering of bombs for the target town that for the time being at least it can be wiped off the list of objectives. In other words the air force is being employed as a full, independent striking weapon, just the opposite of the German raids on Britain a year and more ago when they were intended as the spearhead for an invading army already waiting on the "invasion coasts" of France.

As to the daytime fighter sweeps in which sometimes as many as 300, 400 or 500 participate, the air ministry explains their value is two-fold: 1. To force Germany, already dangerously short of fighters, to keep at least half of them in the west. 2. To bring this half of German fighter strength to combat and thus gradually to destruction of alternately to oblige it to operate incessantly and on a scale beyond its endurance.

Nazi Strength
Germany at present is so short of fighter planes, authorities in London state, that their fighter strength in the west cannot be relieved. "The Luftwaffe is in a cleft stick," said the air ministry in an official review. "It dare not keep its fighters on the ground in the face of our sweeps for they would be liable to destruction by the cannon fire of our Hurricanes and Spitfires."

"Both French and German morale would be seriously affected (though in opposite ways) if our unchallenged squadrons called forth no visible response from the German fighters."

"Yet, though obliged to operate almost continuously and in very large numbers with a consequent strain upon aircraft serviceability, personnel and fuel, they dare not risk a general combat so urgently do they need to eke out their dwindling fighter resources."

The strain goes beyond the German air force because, while keeping some 500 German fighters occupied on the western front the British sweeps also immobilize a force of 1,500,000 men in defence jobs. For Germany's benefit they would be much better used in industry if the R. A. F. would allow it.

Boys' Vandalism Is Cause of Fire

Confessed to Starting Blaze in Gasoline Line of Waterfront Fuel Plant

Straight vandalism on the part of two boys of teen age caused what might have been a serious fire among the oil tanks of the local waterfront a few nights ago. The boys deliberately started a fire in a gasoline line on the Home Oil Distributors Ltd. dock and it actually assumed some proportions. Albert Kisser, a waterfront resident, detected the fire and did much to keep it under control until the arrival of the fire department. Later the boys were apprehended after investigation by police and military authorities. They were reprimanded in the presence of the parents who were urged to exercise closer supervision.

PASSES IN VANCOUVER

Capt. W. M. Crawford Dies Suddenly—Well Known Here

Capt. W. M. Crawford, president of the Empire Stevedoring Co., passed away suddenly in Vancouver last night. He was prominent for many years in the business and marine life of Vancouver. He was well known in Prince Rupert through visits here, particularly recently.

MICA FROM INDIA

Of the total world production of mica in 1938—9,015 tons—5,334 tons came from India.