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Canadians May See Action Soon

PRINCE RUPERT ELECTS LABOR COUNCIL; TOTAL OF 671 PERSONS VOTE

William Brett Heads Aldermanic Poll and Jack Deane Tops School Trustee List—Two Women Candidates Are Both Successful

Prince Rupert electors at the polls yesterday chose a prodominantly labor council, the first in the history of the city, to assume control of municipal affairs after January 1 next when the city returns to local autonomy in civic affairs. The Civic Labor Federation elected six members to the aldermanic board of eight and, nominating only two candidates for the board of school trustees, was successful in electing both. In the labor success a notable feature was that three candidates actively identified with the local Fishermen's Co-operative were successful—William H. Brett heading the aldermanic poll with Tage Sorensen also elected while Jack Deans topped the school trustee poll. Robert McKay, president of the Prince Rupert Ratepayers' Association, won an aldermanic seat as did Mrs. Norah Arnold, the secretary of the association. Two women candidates in the election were both successful, Mrs. Kathleen Hill coming a close second to Mr. Deane in the School Board contest. Another victor was Thomas Elliott, president of the Prince Rupert Trades and Labor Council.

The campaign was between the Civic Labor Federation and the Prince Rupert Ratepayers' Association.

The ratepayers won the mayoralty, two aldermanic seats and three School Board seats.

Labor won six aldermanic seats and two places on the School Board.

Elected alderman for two-year terms are W. H. Brett, George Hills, J. S. Black and H. M. Daggett, being the four high candidates, while Robert McKay, Thomas Elliott, Mrs. Norah Arnold and Tage Sorenson got one- year terms.

Jack Deans, Mrs. Kathleen Hill and J. T. Langridge are two-year term school trustees and C. G. Ham and E. J. Smith, one year.

W. M. Watts was elected mayor by acclamation on Monday.

The vote was heavier than some expected, 671 ballots being used.

The detailed results of the polling yesterday are as follows:

Aldermen

W. H. Brett (Labor)	424
George Hills (Labor)	391
J. S. Black (Labor)	363
H. M. Daggett (Labor)	346
Robert McKay (R. P.)	335
Thomas Elliott (Labor)	326
Mrs. Norah Arnold (R. P.)	320
Tage Sorenson (Labor)	302
J. E. Jack (R. P.)	266
R. A. McLeod (R. P.)	254
A. D. Ritchie (R. P.)	254
T. O. Morgan (Labor)	250
R. E. Mortimer (R. P.)	234

School Trustees

Jack Deane (Labor)	449
Mrs. Kathleen Hill (Labor)	441
J. T. Langridge (Labor)	375
C. G. Ham (R. P.)	363
E. J. Smith (R. P.)	341
G. E. Madison (R. P.)	205

A HUGE AREA

French West Africa is three-fifths as large as the United States.

BOMBING GERMANY

Official Announcement of Visitations to Targets in Northwest Of Reich

LONDON, Dec. 18— Despite bad weather, a substantial force of Royal Air Force bombers attacked targets in northwest Germany for the second successive night, Thursday, the Air Ministry officially announced.

Low clouds were encountered over the objectives, it was stated, and the results of the bombings were not seen.

The announcement was merely that the Royal Air Force had bombed targets in northwest Germany in the raid from which eighteen bombers were missing.

Co-operative Takes Canning Properties

Acquires Interests of Nootka Packing Co. on Graham Island in Queen Charlottes

The Massett Co-operative Association has acquired the properties of the Nootka Packing Co. on Graham Island including cannery plants at New Massett and Hi Ellen reserve on Tow Hill as well as clam digging leases on the North Beach of Graham Island. Seasonal digging and canning of clams is about to be commenced.

CAR STRIKE IS AVERTED

Agreement Reached Between B. C. Electric Co. and Employees on Living Bonus

VANCOUVER, Dec. 18 (CP) — The Street Railwaymen's Association last night accepted a proposal by the Regional War Labor Board that a forty-five cent weekly cost of living bonus be retroactive to last February 15, thus averting a strike scheduled to begin this morning and which would have tied up street car services in Vancouver, Victoria and New Westminster.

Originally the board had ruled that the bonus be effective last August 7 but the men claimed it was due from October 1, 1941.

To The Electors of Prince Rupert—

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Although there was no contest for the mayoralty, I should, nevertheless, like to express appreciation in being elected to office by acclamation.

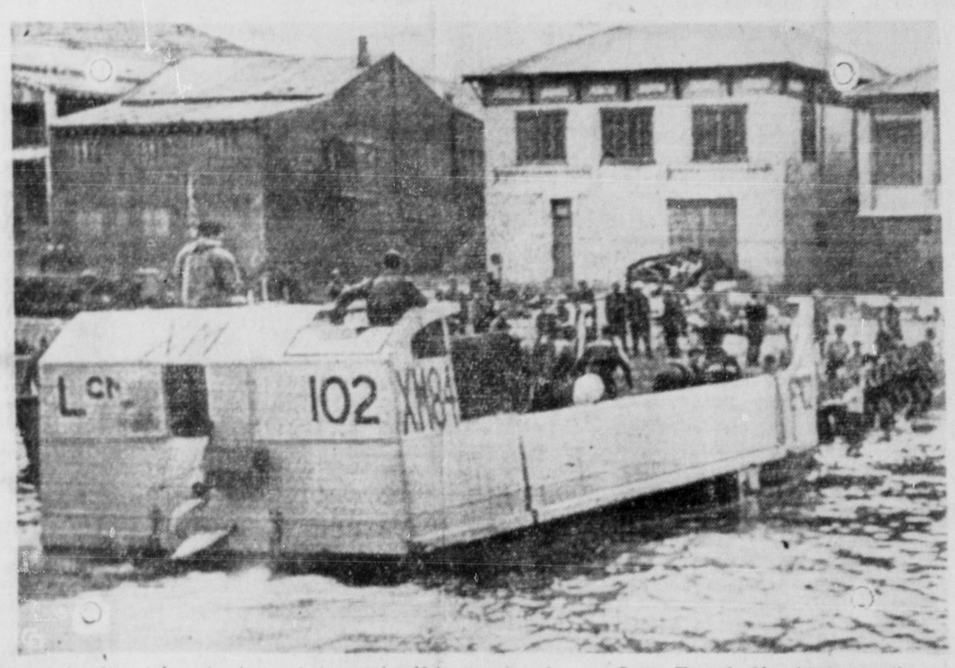
Please accept my sincere thanks for your confidence.

You have elected an able council. Together we shall do our utmost to justify your trust.

W. M. WATTS.

Prince Rupert,
December 18, 1942

THE ALLIES MOVE TO THWART AXIS



A landing barge is shown being unloaded on a beach near Oran, French Algeria as American and other United Nations' troops, in a surprise move, occupied that strategic territory. This photo, one of the first to be received from the new theatre of operations, was cabled from London.

TELLS HIS STAND—

POSITION EXPLAINED BY DARLAN

Says Formidable French Fleet Units Are to Join up With Allies

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Dec. 18 (CP)—Admiral Jean Darlan declared today that formidable French fleet units at Dakar, Alexandria and North African ports will join the Royal Navy and the United States fleet on the high seas to fight the Axis.

In an exclusive statement to Wes Gallagher, Associated Press correspondent, Darlan gave his reasons for his dealing with the Germans in Vichy during the past two years and, in answer to questioning regarding General Charles de Gaulle, Fighting French leader, expressed the hope that "all Frenchmen who are able to fight the Axis will do it in close union." Darlan said: "The aim of all I did while in the French cabnet was to keep within due limits of the power Germany had gained over France and to save all that could be saved of my unfortunate country and its Empire."

Darlan disavowed personal ambitions in joining with the Allies.

ROMMEL IN BAD PLIGHT

Eighth Army Battering at Trapped Forces of Afrika Korps

CAIRO, Dec. 18 (CP)—The dramatic action, by which mobile forces of the British Eighth Army slashed in two Marshal Erwin Rommel's retreating detachments sixty-five miles west of El Agheila, was coupled with widespread aerial action over northwest Africa including eight-hour bombing of Axis objectives at Tunis and its approach port of La Goulette. Large fires, violent explosions and other excellent results were produced, a communique said.

The British are now battering at trapped Nazi forces including armored formations which "have been severely mauled," British headquarters announced. British vanguards drove in behind the withdrawing troops and cut across their path from Wadi Matratan, near the Mediterranean, southward toward the desert. Now they have advanced another 31 miles to 100 miles beyond El Agheila.

While vanguards of the British Eighth Army were reported today to be attacking the retreating enemy more than one hundred miles due west of El Agheila, other

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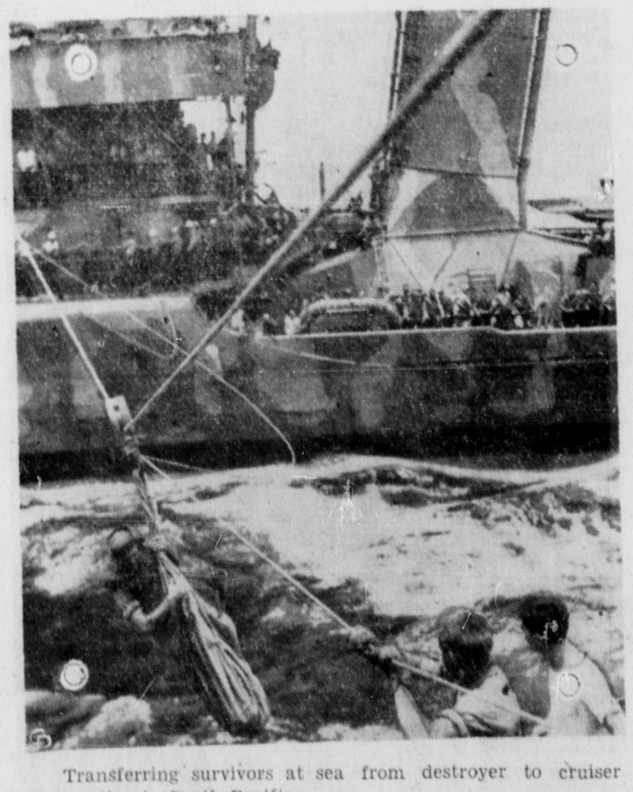
A CIRCUS RIDE IN THE PACIFIC



Transferring survivors at sea from destroyer to cruiser after action in South Pacific.

HUGE AIR FORCE IS PROVIDED

Airmen Under British Commonwealth Plan Now Fight All Over the World

By FRANK FLAHERTY
Canadian Press Staff Writer

KING'S MESSAGE

OTTAWA, Dec. 18 — King George, in a message to Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King on the third anniversary of the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan, described the plan as 'perhaps the most striking feature in the magnificent effort which Canada has made in many directions towards winning the war."

OTTAWA, Dec. 18 (CP) — Three years after it came into being the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan is paying lush dividends to the United Nations in the form of vast and still growing air striking power. Yesterday the plan was three years old. On that day in 1939 representatives of four British nations met in a room in Ottawa and put their signatures to the Air Training agreement which set the thing in motion. The object then, as Prime Minister Mackenzie King stated it, was to create an air force of overwhelming strength with which to smite Hitlerite Germany. Canada, Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom were to pool part of their air training organizations and place the whole thing on Canadian soil and under the direction of the R.C.A.F. The decision then made, coupled with another on the same date six months later, will probably turn out to be the most profitable decision reached by Empire statesmen in the war.

Things did not turn out as draftsmen of the plan expected. They looked for a war in which the British and French land armies could hold the Germans in the west while the British Empire built up a mighty air force to aid in an offensive a year or so later.

Britain Threatened

The land armies did not hold. France was defeated and the powerful German air force was in a poistion to launch a devastating air attack on the United Kingdom. Britain became unable to supply the planes needed to keep training expanding in Canada.

In the spring and early summer of 1940 the empire governments faced this problem: Whether to throw every available airman and airplane into the fight or carry on with the training plan which was designed to reach its goal of maximum production in March, 1943. In other words—to scrap the plan or not to to scrap it.

The decision was to go ahead.

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General McNaughton Sees Glint Of Dawn On Horizon At Last

Believes That Chance of Dominion Forces to Get Going In War Will Not be Long Delayed

SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND, Dec. 18 (CP) — Lieutenant General A. G. L. McNaughton indicated today that the Canadian Army may see action before long. Discussing the general progress of the war, he said: "I definitely think there is a glint of dawn on the horizon." In an interview, when asked "Do you think you are going to get your chance soon?" he replied: "I don't think it's likely to be long delayed."

Fire Victims Receive Blood

Large Supplies of Plasma Are Shipped to Newfoundland

MONCTON, N.B., Dec. 18—Large supplies of plasma for blood transfusions from Montreal and Ottawa and of drugs and other medical supplies from Boston, Toronto and Winnipeg were forwarded by Trans-Canada Air Lines air express today to St. John's, Newfoundland, for use of those injured in the fire which destroyed a Knights of Columbus hut in that city on Saturday night last. The shipments of dried blood and other medical supplies left supply centres at night and were in St. John's around noon next day.

BACK FROM OVERSEAS

Capt. James Hadden and Sergeant Major Brown Arrived This Afternoon

Capt. James Hadden and Battery Sergeant Major William M. Brown are home from overseas. They arrived in the city this afternoon.

It is five months since Capt. Hadden and Sergeant Major Brown left Prince Rupert.

They have had many interesting experiences during their absence. Part of the time they were stationed at Dover.

William Mott New Mayor of Westminster

VANCOUVER, Dec. 18 — William Mott was elected mayor of New Westminster yesterday with a substantial majority over J. Lewis Sangster.

Victor B. Harrison was re-elected mayor of Nanaimo, Norman Stibbs in Nelson and W. C. Hamilton in Port Alberni.

NIPPONESE RESISTANCE

Land Patrol Activity Around Salamaua on New Guinea

MELBOURNE, Dec. 18—The Japanese continue their resistance to the Allied forces in the Buna area of New Guinea.

To the west of Buna, there was patrol activity around Salamaua yesterday.

Eighteen out of 36 Jap Zeros, engaging in an air fight yesterday were shot down.

A new type of parachute bomb is being used by the Allies.

NAZI PLAN IS FAILURE

Attempt to Break up Russian Offensive Foiled

MOSCOW, Dec. 18 (CP)—The Red Army has turned back a force of superior numbers at Verkhnekumsky, also known as Kotelnikovski, southwest of Stalingrad in addition to taking five more German strongholds west of Rzhev on the western front, it was reported yesterday.

A dispatch to the newspaper Red Star said that Axis armies attempting to roll back the flank of the Russian claw south of the Don hoped to destroy the entire plan of the southwestern Russian offensive but "every effort to obtain their ultimate objective was rejected."

A dispatch from the central front said that the Fourteenth German Motorized Division which once numbered twenty thousand men had been wiped out in a ten-day battle.

Red Army shock troops smashed into another village on the vital Rzhev-Vysasma railway line west of Moscow during the night, beating off German dive bomber attacks and destroying a battalion of German infantry, a Russian communique said today. The engagement came in the wake of reports of counter-attacking Germans suffering another setback west of Rzhev and Soviet denial of Nazi claims that the Germans had trapped a Russian army at Toropets, northwest of Velikie Luki.

MANY DIE IN NORTH

Scores of Deaths from Influenza, Measles and Pneumonia at Telegraph Creek

TELEGRAPH CREEK, Dec. 18 — A score of deaths have occured in recent epidemics among the natives here and Dr. G. W. Meyer of Atlin, who visited Telegraph Creek in company with a nurse, Miss Fowler, believes, after making a survey, that more deaths may occur. The epidemic has been of measles and influenza complicated by pneumonia.

Proper nursing and correct diet for those suffering from the after-effects of the diseases are the main needs now, said Dr. Meyer. He suggested a hospital should be established at Telegraph Creek.

Miss Christine Clark, a Vancouver nurse, has arrived to be located here.

AUTOMOBILE GROWTH

At the end of the First Great War there were 6,000,000 automobiles in the United States. When the present war started the number had increased to 32,000,000.