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PARLIAMENT BLDGS.

Talk of Invasion Is In Air

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This Will Be Done As Soon As Housing Facilities Are Completed—C. N. R. Head Reviews Company's War Activities

SEVEN-DAY WEEK NOW

OTTAWA, April 24: (CP) — The Prince Rupert shipyard will shortly go on a seven-day week plan adopted in agreements signed with other Pacific Coast yards, it was learned officially last night.

MONTREAL, April 24:—"In our shipyards we have built minesweepers and we are now engaged on a contract for the building of cargo vessels," said R. C. Vaughan, president of the Canadian National Railways, yesterday in giving a review of the railway system's war activities. "For that purpose we have a force of 1200 men at work now and, when housing facilities are completed, that number of workers will be doubled

That the ability of the Canadian National Railways to deal effectively with the responsibilities of wartime transport was due to the all-out co-operation of its workers, was a statement made by Mr. Vaughan during the course of his welcome to representatives attending the twelfth annual meeting of the system committee of the union management co-operative movement, maintenance-of-way section. Mr. Vaughan added that during 1941 the system had handled the greatest amount of traffic in its history, exceeding the previous peak year of 1928. The performance had been due largely to the manner in which the maintenance-of-way workers had performed their duties in keeping track and bridge structures at the standard necessary for the safe and expeditious operation of the heavy traffic.

Mr. Vaughan made an extensive review of the conditions which face the transportation industry owing to the reduction of materials required and the increased cost of those which are essential to safe operation. As to the system itself Mr. Vaughan reminded his listeners "we operate the largest railway on the North American continent and we have extended our activities. Not only have we added to the tracks but industrial sidings and other war requirements but we have gone into matters also necessary in the war effort. We are manufacturing guns. In our shipyards we have built minesweepers and we are now engaged on a contract for the building of cargo vessels. For that purpose we have a force of 1200 men at work and when housing facilities are completed that number of workers will be doubled."

Mr. Vaughan explained that the company is also operating for the government a number of ships, in addition to the services of the Canadian National Steamships, in which many men are daily risking their lives. He recounted that there have been losses at sea and said that it was the duty of all to support those men and the armed forces engaged in the conflict.

"We must see that the job at home is well done," said Mr. Vaughan "and I am confident that all the skill and efficiency of our men will be exercised in the support of the struggle to maintain what we choose to call our way of life."

Mr. Hopcraft replied on behalf of the Brotherhood of maintenance-of-Way Employees and warmly praised all that had been done to develop the co-operative movement. He stressed the advance in safety measures and how the men had been enlisted to prevent waste, lessen the fire hazard and reduce accidents.

First Halibut For Vancouver

VANCOUVER, April 24—Captain Jim Parsons, with his boat Agnes C., again the first skipper to land halibut at Vancouver this year. It is his third year in succession. The Agnes C. landed 8,200 pounds yesterday, receiving 19c. flat.

ROSTOCK POUNDED

Baltic Sea Port Was Target of R.A.F. Last Night—Left Mass of Flames

LONDON, April 24 (Canadian Press)—Canadians helped the Royal Air Force to sow a whirlwind of bombs and blazing flames in a smashing night attack on Rostock, Nazi supply base for the Finnish front. It was revealed today. The Baltic port was evidently badly damaged by the pounding. "All we could see of Rostock was a square of fire as we headed home," reported one Canadian flier. "The town was lit from end to end. "Four British planes are missing.

The Royal Air Force was again over Western Europe last night. Berlin and Luxembourg radio stations went off the air about midnight. Berlin admitted today that a British plane had reached there.

Meanwhile German raiders were over southeast and southwest coast towns of England as well as Wales during the night. Three of the enemy air craft were brought down.

British Ships Claimed Sunk

Berlin Claims That Two Transports and Three Sailing Vessels Are Sent Down in Mediterranean

BERLIN, April 24—Axis u-boats in the Mediterranean, it is announced here, have sunk two British transports of 14,000 total tonnage in the Mediterranean as well as three coastal sailing vessels.

DOWN IN SIBERIA

One of Machines Which Bombed Japan Last Saturday Makes Forced Landing On Russian Territory

MOSCOW, April 24—Tass News Agency announces that an American bombing plane, the crew of which says it was one of the machines which raided Japanese cities last Saturday, has made a forced landing on the Siberian coast and, in accordance with international law, Russia not being at war with Japan, the machine has been seized and the crew interned. Ambassador William Standley has asked Washington for instructions.

(At Washington both the United States Army and Navy Departments declined to comment on the Moscow report).

An official announcement in Kuibyshev, the provisional capital of Russia, said that a United States bomber which raided Japan last Saturday and then lost its bearings had been forced down in Russian maritime province on the Sea of Japan and the five-man crew had been interned.

It appears to be an already completed test of the year-old Japanese-Russian neutrality pact although United States embassy officials said that instructions were being sought from Washington.

Meanwhile Tokyo seeks to draw information from Washington by broadcasting that America has no way of communicating with American planes which took part in the attack.

CRASHED IN BLIZZARD

GLASGOW, April 24 (CP)—Two airmen who decided to remain at their posts were uninjured when a Coastal Command Beaufighter got out of control during a blizzard and fell 2,000 feet into the side of a mountain.

BULLETINS

ROLF BRUHN DIES

KAMLOOPS — Rolf Edward Bruhn, aged 30, son of Hon. R. W. Bruhn, provincial minister of public works, collapsed and died on the shore of Shuswap Lake yesterday after towing ashore a capsized boat buoying up a companion, Harry Steepe, who could not swim.

BOOSTING "YES" VOTE

VANCOUVER — Liberal, Conservative and C. C. F. parties have joined forces to get out a "Yes" vote in the manpower plebiscite next Monday. The city has been divided into sections with a section assigned to each party.

ROYALTY IN VANCOUVER

VANCOUVER— Crown Prince Olo, and Princess Martha of Norway are visiting Vancouver. They were given a civic welcome at the City Hall yesterday after which they went sightseeing.

YOUNG IS ACQUITTED

VANCOUVER — Sidney George Young was acquitted by an Assize Court jury at his second trial yesterday on the charge of murdering Frederick Fawcett, Oak Street druggist. Now he will serve fifteen years at New Westminster for armed hold-up.

CANADA AND VICHY

OTTAWA—Canada is the only British Dominion still maintaining diplomatic relations with Vichy France following the breaking off by South Africa. Prime Minister King has promised a statement to Parliament on the matter next Tuesday.

VANCOUVER MILK PRICE

VANCOUVER— The Vancouver milk price has been increased 1c to 11c a quart, the highest price in ten years. The new price is approved by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board.

CANNOT FINISH ROAD

EDMONTON — The Alberta government has been advised by the British Columbia government that the latter cannot complete the road from Fort St. John to the Alberta boundary because it has not enough money.

NO JAP SITDOWNS

OTTAWA — Hon. Humphrey Mitchell, minister of labor, said yesterday, in answer to a statement made by George Cruickshank, M. P. for Fraser Valley, that there would be no more sitdowns by Japanese on road work. "We have broken the back of the Japanese problem," said Mr. Mitchell.

BIG FIGHT IN RUSSIA

War May Be Settled For Allies On That Front, Declares Lord Beaverbrook

NEW YORK, April 24:—Speaking before the American Newspaper Publishers' Association here yesterday, Lord Beaverbrook declared that Russia is the most important fighting front in the war today. The outcome there may settle the war for the Allies. Russia may be the means by which the whole Axis structure is brought down. If the Soviet should be knocked out of the war, there would never be such another opportunity for the Allies. Therefore, every thing possible must be done to keep Russia supplied.

Declaring that the best form of defence was attack, Beaverbrook said that Britons passionately desired the establishment of a second front.

The newspaper peer, speaking of British politics, said it would be a disaster if Prime Minister Churchill should be displaced.

ROOSEVELT AGREEABLE

Prime Minister Churchill Receives Messages Indicating Accord On War Strategy

LONDON, April 24: (CP)— Prime Minister Winston Churchill has received a message from President Franklin D. Roosevelt to the effect that he has agreed with all conclusions reached by the United States chief of staff, General George Marshall, following his recent visit to Britain, informed sources said today.

The agreement is in connection with joint Allied war strategy.

PAPER FOR BLUEPRINT

It takes 6,000 pounds of rag content bond to make enough blueprint paper to draw the plans for one pursuit plane.

Queen Charlotte City Man Passes

Roy McKenzie, Queen Charlotte City hotel proprietor, passed away, according to word received from the Islands. His death will be much regretted for he was very well known. His wife is in Vancouver.

Which Way Will Attack Come-From Britain or Germany?

London Star Suggests May 1 As Zero Hour—New List Of Rules To Govern Civilians Issued

LONDON, April 24:—Spring is here and so is invasion talk. This time the invasion talk is two ways. The London Star goes so far as to suggest May 1 as the zero hour for the Allied invasion of Europe. However, the possibility of a Nazi invasion attempt on Britain is not overlooked. Rt. Hon. Herbert Morrison, Home Secretary, has issued a new list of rules to govern civilians in case of German attack.

Head of C. I. O. Is Under Fire

Showdown In Regard to Philip Murray is Expected to Come To Head Soon

NEW YORK, April 24—Not only his leadership but the membership of Philip Murray, president of the Congress of Industrial Organization, is being challenged and an early showdown is expected. Principal criticism against Murray comes from the United Mine Workers of America of which John L. Lewis, former president of the C.I.O., is head.

TWENTY-TWO POLLS HERE

Will Be Total of 119 Polling Places In Skeena riding at Plebiscite Next Week

FOUR ADVANCE VOTERS

At the opening session of the advance poll yesterday in connection with the federal manpower plebiscite only four ballots were cast. The advance poll will continue this afternoon and evening and again tomorrow. Mrs. Percy McIntosh is in charge as deputy returning officer with Miss Edith Johnstone as poll clerk. The advance poll is at the office of the returning officer, T. W. Brown.

With the possibility that Telegraph Creek may not vote because supplies could not be delivered in time, there will be 119 polls in Skeena riding for the forthcoming manpower plebiscite on Monday next, it is announced by T. W. Brown, returning officer. Prince Rupert will have twenty-two polling tables.

The enumeration in the city of Prince Rupert for the plebiscite has been completed and shows a total of 4407 voters as against 3754 listed for the federal election which took place in March 1940.

Polling on the plebiscite for the City of Prince Rupert will take place in the Toc H Rooms on Monday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Voters have been requested to bring with them the slips given to them or left for them by the enumerator so that they may find their proper polling station without delay.

Persons who are qualified to vote but who have inadvertently been left off lists may vote at their proper polling station if they can be vouched for personally by a voter ordinarily resident in the same polling division and whose name is on the list and if, in addition, the voter whose name is off the list brings with him his National Registration Certificate. Ordinary voters whose names are on the lists need not bring with them their National Registration Certificates.

Accord Reached—

CHINA AND BRITAIN IN AGREEMENT

Close Military Collaboration — Plenty of Soldiers—The Battle of Burma

CHUNGKING, April 24—Chungking reports that China and Great Britain have just reached an agreement for close military collaboration. There will be no limit to the number of Chinese troops available for use of the United Nations in Burma.

As for the battle situation in Burma, British and Chinese forces are still in command on the Irrawaddy River but elsewhere they are not so secure.

On the eastern end of the line the Chinese have abandoned an important town and are now fighting a rearguard delaying action.

Fresh Japanese troops are being poured into the battle.

Japanese troops are now reported within 100 miles of Mandalay, important Burmese city, it was disclosed today in a British communique which said new attacks were developing in Taunggyi area.

In spite of reports to the contrary, the important oil town of Yenanguang is still in Chinese hands although General Chiang Kai-Shak's forces in that area appear to be in danger of being outflanked.

Pounding Rabaul

Meanwhile United Nations headquarters in Australia report that Allied planes continued almost daily attacks on Rabaul, New Britain, by blasting shipping, barracks and warehouses at the Japanese base again today. The raiders swooped low to machine-gun Japanese forces on the ground. There had been similar attacks on Tuesday when buildings and shore installations were bombed and on Wednesday when docks were concentrated upon.

It was also announced that the Japanese had made three bombing attacks yesterday on Port Moresby, New Guinea, but the damage was negligible.

Further enemy landings have been made on the Philippines but on Cebu and Panay Islands the American and Filipino defenders continue resistance although they are greatly outnumbered. Corregidor was bombed again but not so severely.

Important Conference

General Douglas MacArthur, United Nations commander-in-chief in the southwest Pacific, and Prime Minister John Curtin, together with other executives, conferred for four hours yesterday. No announcement was made other than that "matters of the greatest importance" had been discussed.

SEEDED BY PLANE

Mountainous slopes have been successfuly grass - seeded from airplanes in Idaho.

War News

MALTA ATTACKED AGAIN

VALETTA—Malta was subjected to two more attacks yesterday by Axis aircraft Six of the German bombers were shot down and four damaged.

"GOLDEN RANGE" CAPTURED

KUIBYSHEV—Red Star, Soviet Army newspaper, said today that Russian forces had captured "The Golden Range," menacing German stronghold in Crimea, but there were reports that some Finns had moved south to bolster Nazi divisions on the Kalinin front.

PRODUCTION MOUNTING

WASHINGTON—President Roosevelt said today that the war production program was working out extremely well and hinted that another program might be piled on the top of the one which was called fantastic last January.

ALL NOT HARMONY

Italian Commanders On Russian Front Told To Avoid Clashes With Germans

MOSCOW, April 24:— That all is not going so well between the Germans and the Italians on the Russian front is indicated by an order which has been found in which Italian commanders were instructed to "avoid all clashes with our allies." The order was found by the Russians during the capture of prisoners.

DOMINOES TO FINALS

Victoria Team Takes Western Canada Basketball Title

WINNIPEG, April 24— Victoria Dominoes won the Western Canada senior basketball championship last night by defeating Winnipeg St. Andrews 46 to 34 in the third game. Each team had previously won one game.

The Dominoes now go to Montreal to meet the Oilers in the Dominion finals.

CIVILIAN PROTECTION COMMITTEE (A. R. P.)

PRINCE RUPERT AREA

A test of all sections of the A. R. P. will be carried out on Sunday afternoon, April 26.

On the sound of the sirens, which will give the Imminent Danger signal of five blasts, repeated three times, all members will proceed immediately to their posts and will continue to man their posts until the signal of three blasts is sounded, repeated three times.

On the Imminent Danger signal all civilian cars will pull into the curb to a stop and will remain stattionary until permitted to proceed by the police.

J. J. LITTLE,
Chief Protection Officer
C. P. C., A. R. P.
North Pacific District.