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### s Having Political Crisis Britain

DEFEAT SUFFERED-

### YANKSARE HEAVY HIT IN AFRICA

Lost Considerable Equipment Algerian Setback Which is Not Minimized

HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Feb. 18 (P) -United States armored formations withdrew today from the mountains below Tebessa in Algeria after receiving a severe mauling at the hands of Marshal Erwin Rommel's desert tank men who occupied the towns of Sbeitla, Kasserine and Feriana in a 66-mile advance since Sunday from Faid Pass in central Tunisia. Tebessa is

battle of this war against the Ger- a meat ration. mans field reports indicated that American tank formations suffered a decisive defeat which observers likened to that received by the DIVIDED IN British Eighth Army at Ain El Gazala, west of Tobruk, last summer. The final result did not appear to be as serious as the Libyan battle, however, as the British Army in the south and the First Army in the North menace Rummel's flank.

At Washington Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson said that the American-forces had suffered not be minimized but still less should it be exaggerated."

Field reports indicated that the Germans had captured a considerable portion of American armored equipment including new General Sherman tanks.

### RATIONING DISTRICTS

People to Get New Books at Centres of Areas in Which They Reside

residing east of Hays Creek.

lows:

Hays Creek and McBride Street

and Westview Bridge. ing west of Westview Bridge.

### Are Anxious Over Gandhi

Leader, on Hunger Strike, Is More Serious.

nment statement today reported Gibson, W. Goddard, F. Green, J. deepening anxiety over the condit- S. Greer, P. B. Guyan, H. Hale, ion of Mahatma Gandhi, now in N. R. Hebb, M. A. Hebert, J. C. the second week of projected twen- Hetherington, C. H. Horsfall, H. ty-one day fast.

ISOLATED 76 DAYS

took them off.

### OFFENSIVE FROM AIR

Royal Air Force Resumes Its Attacks on Continent Without Loss Wednesday Night

LONDON, Feb. 18 (P)-The Royal Air Force renewed its offensive over the continent last night with an attack on an undisclosed district in western Germany which was made without loss.

Suspension of Canned Meat and Fish Sale in This Country Not Anticipated

about twelve miles inside Algeria OTTAWA, Feb. 18 (P) Canadian from the Tunisian frontier and is officials said today that there is no the next communications centre likelihood that Canada will follow after withdrawal from the three the action of the United States in towns along the Tunisian frontier. suspending sale of canned fish and In their first all-out armored canned meat prior to imposition of

## COMPANIES

Shipyard Employees Divided Into Two Groups for Reserve Training

Shipyard employees who have enlisted in the local reserve unit have been divided into two comserious local set-back which "should panies for training purposes. Those on the nominal rolls of the two companies are as follows:

"C" Company-C. Baptie, S. V. Bazeley, P. A. Berg, R. Berg, O. J. Bezaire, G. F. Burrows, A.-Sgt. R. Bury, E. J. Carlson, H. A. Cartwright, J. A. Chappell, G. S. Clark, A. R. Covey, A. S. Crowder, W. Dakus, A.-Sgt. J. Davidson, W. E. Dell, J. K. Dopson, A.-Cpl. A. C. Dwyer, F. B. Dyer, D. J. Gabel, R. R. Glasier, W. Gomez, W. Graham, R. A. Granley, B. L. Greene, A. Hagan, P. J. Haide, H. W. Harper, G. B. Hemmons, J. J. Hipp, T. R. Hodgson, D. N. Howe, J. Innis. J. M. Jerome, J. G. Kaufhold, W. B. Kerr, R. E. Knight, E. P. Kozak, J. Kromhoff, A.-Sgt M. M. Lamb, In connection with the distri- E. H. LaSota, F. J. Leduc, K. W. bution of the new ration books Lineham, M. J. Lockhart, J. I. commencing tomorrow, Mayor W. Lokken, N. F. MacDonald, K. Mc-M. Watts, who is chairman of the Crimmon, A. McKeown, J. G. Mclocal rationing committee, stated Lean, J. McLeod, N. McLeod, W. K. last night that people will be ex- McLeod, W. J. Mallett, E. L. Mogg, pected to go to their own particu- A.-Cpl. E. T. S. Moore, A.-Cpl. P lar centres to obtain their books. R. Moore, T. J. Morgan, W. M. The areas and centres are as fol- Murray, W. R. Nelson, R. E. Nock G. L. Olson, W. J. O'Neil, A.-Sgt. St. Peter's Parish Hall - people A. Ostashower, A. Ovciarka, D. Owens, A.-Sgt. A. E. Palmer, R. E. Basement of First Presbyterian Patterson, N. A. Pavlikis, G. T. Church-people residing between Person, G. B. Peterson, R. M. Ramey, M. J. Rehill, F. E. Rowe, with bodies and equipment Health Unit Building-people re- H. J. G. Schaeffer, R. J. Schaeffer, siding between McBride Street K. J. Schneider, A. G. Simundson, E. Slatta, J. A. Stewart, J. G. Stew-Westview School-people resid- art, R. C. Strachan, R. F. Sylvester, R. F. Thoms, A.-Cpt. J. F. Thomson, C. D. Turner, H. Vanderheide, M. Vanderheide, H. G. Varfeldt, G. W. Watmough, J. D. Weir, W. Kowalchuk. "D" Company-S. D. Adolph, L.

Anderson, G. W. Bowe, L. Brakstad, E. Christiansen, C. Christo-Condition of Indian Nationalists pher, J. Columbin, R. B. Cummings, J. Derkson, A. V. Dunnell, H. B. Eastman, A. Eckstein, C. H. | Fanshaw, K. H. Flegg, G. Funnell, BOMBAY, Feb. 18 (P)—A gover- D. Gallagher, H. Gascoyne, R. J. Hoskins, R. Houde, A. A. Inglee, C. E. Jamieson, S. Jensen, R. N. Judge, M. Krainyk, P. Ladyshewski, H.

LUFTWAFFE VISITS A TUNISIAN TOWN



Reminiscent of German bombings on English towns is this photo of a Tunisian village after a heavy Luftwaffe raid. The Nazis staged raids like this as they vainly tried to halt advance of American and British troops in this North African sector. This was in the early stages of the fighting there. Allied air ascendancy is now growing.

### Bulletins

CHURCHILL ILL

LONDON - Prime- Minister Winston Churchill is suffering from a severe cold and fever, it is announced today. He is confined to bed.

BRITISH MOVE IN

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA - The British Eighth Army, rushing towards the Marits Line to relieve the hard-pressed Americans, has now advanved sixty-five miles into Tunisia and is menacing Axis forces.

JAPS IN CHINA

CHUNGKING - Making new landings northwest of Hong Kong, the Japanese have started a new drive into southern China.

ADVANCE EVERYWHERE

MOSCOW-The Red Army continues to advance everywhere along a 400-mile front from north of Kursk to Rostov with a point now gained 36 miles northwest of Khaikov where the Russian drive has resulted in the seizure of Boeodukhov. The snow-covered fields are littered abandoned by the enemy. In capturing a town northwest of Kharkov, the Russians took one hundred German tanks.

BOMB NEW BRITAIN ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN SOUTH PACIFIC—Allied planes pounded at three bases of the

YANKS TO AUSTRALIA BELBOURNE-A sixth United States Army has arrived in Aus-

Japanese on New Britain Island.

FRENCH JOIN ALLIES WASHINGTON - Forty - two French warships have joined the naval strength of the Allies, these not including the great

battleship Richelieu which reach-

ed New York a few days ago.

lated 76 days in Tuskar Rock light- H. Noble, W. L. Pope, F. B. Quinn, Trottier, W. A. J. Turner, S. Unshouse off the south Wexford coast, W. Repka, J. Ross, J. Saluk, D. W. worth, P. Vaccher, E. Vallee, R. G. Were rescued by a relief boat which Sharpe, D. E. Simpson, P. Smigel- Wagner, G. W. F. Wanstall, R. L. A. Speer, N. R. Stromdahl, J. H. W. W. White, R. Williamson.

SCHOONER TORPEDOED

WASHINGTON - A West Indian wooden schooner is reported to have been sunk by a Uboat off the north coast of South America. Three of a crew of 74 persons on board are dead and 49 missing. The enemy submarine is described by survivors as having been a large one.

MEAT-FISH OUT

WASHINGTON - At the order of the office of Price Administration, sales of canned fish and meats have been suspended in the United States indefinitely. Sales will probably be permitted again on March 28, when meat rationing begins.

MADAME CHIANG SPEAKS

WASHINGTON-Madame Chiang Kai-Shek, wife of the Chinese generalissimo, speaks before the United States Congress today on behalf of greater aid for China. She said that defeat of Germany should not be the first consideration of the Allies and warned that Japan had greater resources in occupied countries than Germany.

SEND CANADIANS SOUTH

OTTAWA -- Howard Green, Conservative member for Vancouver South, suggested in Parliament yesterday that Canadian army men be sent to the South Pacific for military experience and to acquaint themselves with the fighting methods of the Jap-

WANTS DIEPPE DEBATE

OTTAWA-T. C. Douglas, C.C. F. member for Weyburn, Saskatchewan, has asked for an open or secret debate in Parliament on the Dieppe raid .Canadians, he said, wished to know if there had been lack of planning and preparation.

INQUEST ADJOURNED

battled through heavy seas and ski, W. R. Smith, M. D. Speer, W. Ward, G. S. Weatherly, R. Weick, disaster near Kwinitsa, has been ment said it had proof of the mittee of which Mrs. Braun was took to

### REDS ARE SMASHING WESTWARD

Further Spectacular Gains are Made by Russians Over Retreating Nagis.

MCSCOW, Feb. 18 (P)-The Red Army is smashing westward and widening wedges in Kharkov and Kursk regions at the north end of the active Russian-German battlefront and its columns have pierced; deeper into Donets Basin territory in drives threatening the Germans retrea ing from Rostov, the Rusremnants of German strongholds left in the rear of Soviet roops which swept around them for spectacular gains.

Russ'an forces are now moving NEW HEAD towards Kiev and Orel, probably intending to reach the Dneiper River | DR PT entrench themselves.

### \* Sub Drive Kesumed

SAINT LUCIA, British West \* 1 Indies, Feb. 18 ()—The Ger- the Booth Memorial High School mans apparently have started \* \* their long-awaited renewal of \* the submarine campaign in Rev. C. A. Waight succeeded Mrs. G Francee. the Caribbean Sea with the R. S. Blackaby as president. The of the sixty-two passengers are for heoming year. This it presented tion. dead and forty-six others are to the meeting which unanimously ' missing. Three of the twelve & adopted it. \* members of the crew are also \* The following are the officers of the crew are also \* who will direct the association's affairs for the next year:

# CRITICIZED

Specialist Member of Parliament Not at All Satisfied With Way Raid Was Handled

OTTAWA, Feb. 18 (P)-Criticism of staff work behind combined operations in the attack on Dieppe last year was given in the House Cheeseman. of Commons yesterday by Rev. T. C. Douglas, C. C. F. member for Weyburn, who demanded a debate on the subject either open or se-

Douglas said that the gallantry of the men at Dieppe left nothing to be desired "but that cannot be said of staff work of those respontole for conducting this combined econnaissance."

The prairie Socialist member books. said his information was that an aerial bombardment planned t often up the objective had been called off at the last moment, that men were landed at high tide and aken off at low tide when they had to cross 4000 yards of open

Doulas asked why tanks had been landed on a beach facing an unbreached twelve-foot seawall.

### IS CHARGED BY RUSSIA

Leader of YugoSlav Guerillas Is Accused of Collaborating With Axis

LONDON, Feb. 18 ( )—The Daily his audience in his rendering of \* 18, expire Feb. 28. Herald says the Russian govern- two vocal solos "The Cornish Flor- & Coupons 7 and 8, valid Feb. & The inquest into the deaths of ment has sent a note to the Yugo- al Dance" and the "Trumpeter." 4 1, expire Feb. 28. 17 ()—Two lighthouse keepers, iso—
lated 72 ()—A total of Lean, J. P. Mairs, J. E. Moran, E. Thompson, T. G. Torraville, J. Reginald McClellan and Andrew Slav government in London accus— Mrs. J. C. Gilker accompanied him Coupon 9, valid March 1, ex-Kirkup, victims of last week's ing Draja Mihailovic, Serbian guer- at the piano. highway construction camp slide illa chieftain, of "collaborating" At the close of the meeting rewith the Axis. The Soviet govern- freshments were served by a com- & celled.

## Labor Ministers Talk of Resigning In Issue Over Beveridge Report

Policy of Going Slow on Matter of Social Security Approved 335 to 119—Closest Division Churchill Has Had

LONDON, Feb. 18 (CP)—The House of Commons today upheld the government policy of dealing slowly and cautiously with the Beveridge report on social security, sians announced today. Some of defeating a Labor motion of disapproval of that policy by actions were described as cleaning a vote of 335 to 119. The possibility of serious political repercussions remained as the Labor Party, represented

Rev. C. A. Wright Succeeds Mrs. G.

R. S .Blackaby as President

The Prince Rupert Parent-Teach

monthly meeting last evening in

held its annual election of officers.

President, Rev. C. A. Wright.

Secretary, Mrs. J. C. Gilker.

Treasurer, Mrs. Earl Becker.

Membership Conveners — Booth

Memorial High School, Mrs. W. Bus-

sey; Bolden Street School, Mrs. R

Webber; King Edward School, Mrs

Social conveners-Booth Memor-

Borden Street School, Mrs. E.

Press Correspondent, S. A.

previous to the election, the meet-

ing voted sums of \$30 each t

Booth Memorial High School, Kin

Edward School and Borden Street

School and \$10 to Seal Cove School

These donations are always needed

and put to good use in the purch-

ase of sports equipment and addi-

tional teacher and pupil reference

Past Year's Work

ation of the interest and work of

The meeting accorded Mrs.

Blackaby and her executive a very

hearty vote of thanks for their un-

tiring efforts in directing the af-

thought that the Parent-Teacher

Sgt. S. R. Carson R.C.A., a guest

Associations stood for parent power

betterment of the youth of today.

added to school power-all for the

the executive and members.

fairs of the P. T. A.

In matters of business routine

ial High School-Mrs. M. Braun;

Blackaby.

J. Durran.

Howe.

Past Fresident, Mrs. G. A. Hill.

First Vice-President, Mrs. G. R. S.

in the war cabinet by three ministers, voted practically solidly against the government.

Twenty-two Labor ministers, as well as Rt. Hon. Clement Atlee, Secretary for the Dominions and Deputy Prime Minister. Rt. Hon. Herbert Morrison, Home Secretary, and Rt. Hon. Ernest Bevin, Minister of Labor, scheduled an immediate meeting to consider whether or not they should resign.

Such resignation would radically ers' Association at its regular alter the coalition government Prime Minister Winston Churchill set up in May 1940 when the German juggernaut was crashing into the Low Countries and Northern

While the House reaffirmed its sinking of a large British West & executive, at its last meeting held support of the government, the Indian schooner off the north + at Mrs. Blackaby's home, had com- vote was the heaviest ever recorded coast of South America. Three & piled a slate of officers for the against the Churchill administra-

## INCREASED

Pacific Coast Halibut Fishermen Allowed to Take 50,500,000 Second Vice-President, Mrs. G. Pounds This Year

> OTTAWA, Feb. 19 (CP)-The Department of Fisheries announce that Canadian and American fishermen will be permitted a maximum combined catch of 50,500,000 pounds of Pacific Coast halibut during 1943. This is one million pounds more than in 1942

> The West Coast halibut fishery regulations have been amended in view of the need for greater production for the United Nat-

The catch limit in Area No. 2waters off British Columbia, Washington State and Southeastern Alaska has been set at 23,-000,000 pounds or 300,000 pounds more than last year.

The opening date of the season will be April 16.

#### The retiring president briefly re- Died at Local lated the past year's work of the association, expressed her appreci-ation of the interest and work of Hospital Today

Sam Webb, Sixty-one Year Old Dry Dock Worker, Passes Away

Sam Webb, who was about sixty years of age and had been em-Rev. C. A. Wright, following his ployed at the local dry dock, passed election, thanked the meeting for away at 9:30 this morning at the the honor shown him. His remarks Prince Rupert General Hospital showed that for some time he has where he had been a patient since been closely identified with Parent- February 12. Funeral arrangements Teacher work in other parts of the are in the hands of the B. C. Un-Dominion. He enlarged upon the dertakers.

\* BUTTER RATION COUPONS .

of the meeting, especially delighted \* Coupons 5 and 6-Valid Jan, \*