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Italian Surrender Pantelleria Island

EXPANDING NEW UNIT APPROVED

Local Ack-Ack Company Discussed By Canadian Legion—Other Matters Up

The recruiting drive for an anti-aircraft company to be established in connection with the Prince Rupert Machine Gun Regiment was discussed by regular monthly meeting on Wednesday in the club rooms and approval was expressed. The attendance of members was unusually large and much business of particular Legion interest was transacted.

Applications were received from a goodly number of ex-service men who wished to join their comrades in furthering the work which the Legion does in the interest of the ex-serviceman and the public generally.

Capt. Grant, past commander of the Canadian Legion in the State of California, was present and, when called upon for a few words, proved to be a most interesting and accomplished speaker. He did not speak for very long but his talk was full of life and gave the assembled comrades a great deal of food for thought. He had some progressive suggestions to make and these were well received by his listeners.

After the meeting closed a pleasant hour was spent around the refreshment table.

R.A.F's "Chum" Goes "Grounded"

Twice Dug Out of Crashes Faithful Dog is Finally Through Flying

SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND, June 11 (P)—Happy days of bombing raids are over for Chum, grounded now because high-altitude flying affected his great heart.

Three years ago Chum, a 10-year-old cross between a sheep dog and a greyhound, made his first flight after sneaking on a Royal Air Force station so often he was eventually allowed to stay.

Twice they dug him out after crashes. Only once Chum refused to fly. He jumped from an aircraft before it took off and could not be tempted to re-enter. The plane crashed in flames.

Invariably, as soon as Chum hopped into an aircraft he jumped on a bunk and stayed there. When evasive action flung him from the bunk, he merely yawned and climbed back again.

Ministerial Ass'n Meets

Moral Conditions in City Are Discussed — Service Chaplains Are Welcomed

Moral conditions in the city and measures that might be taken to meet them were discussed at the regular monthly meeting this week of the Prince Rupert Ministerial Association. Business at the meetin was to large extent of routine nature.

Three service chaplains — Capt. Miller, new area padre; Capt. Rowlands of the United States Army, and Flight Lieutenant Springborne of the Royal Canadian Air Force —were welcomed.

Very Rev. James B. Gibson, D.D., the president of the association, was in the chair and Rev. A. F. MacSween acted as secretary in the absence of Rev. C. A. Wright.

Regular meetings of the association are suspended for the summer months and will be resumed in September.

Dominion Day On Usual Date

OTTAWA, June 11—Dominion Day will be observed as usual on Thursday, July 1 and not on Monday, July 5, as had been suggested, the cabinet council decided yesterday.

BUSINESS EXTENDED

TransCanada Now Serving Twenty-Four Points in Dominion

MONTREAL, June 11— The extension of the Trans-Canada Air Lines transcontinental route to Victoria brings to twenty-four the number of points in Canada for which air express service is provided by Canada's national air line according to an announcement today by G. E. Bellrose, general manager of TransCanada Air Lines.

"We established air express between Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Winnipeg, Regina, Lethbridge, Edmonton and Vancouver in October, 1938," Mr. Bellrose said, "and this has grown from the original eight centres to 24, from the Atlantic to the Pacific with direct connections to and from points in Newfoundland and in the United States."

Mr. Bellrose stated that arrangements are in effect between Trans-Canada Air Lines and the Pan American Airways for the transportation of traffic in air express between points in Canada and those served by the Pan-American Airways in Cuba, Central and South America as well as certain islands in the Caribbean Sea. Trans-Canada Air Lines express services also have air express connections with the American air lines via Dallas, Texas, to Monterey, Mexico and Mexico City.

Pick-up and delivery service and all other group work on air express traffic of Trans-Canada Air Lines is performed by the Canadian National Express and that company's operating, traffic and accounting officials serve in a like capacity for Trans-Canada Air Lines express services and to handle the volume of express traf fic offering, it has been necessary to appoint air express agents at the principal airports.

"The development of express traffic over our air lines since its inception has been remarkable, Mr. Bellrose said. "During the year 1942 the total number of shipments handled by Trans-Canada Express was almost four times as large as in the year 1939 and the total weight of express traffic carried was seven times greater. In 1939 we handled 11,076 shipments weighing 51,408 pounds while last year we handled 40,501 shipments with a total weight of 387,318 pounds. This growth is steadily continuing as indicated by the figures for the first four months of the present year when he handled 17,688 shipments totalling 214,857 pounds as compared with 10,268 shipments weighing 67,994 pounds during the first four months of 1942.

"Traffic carried by T. C. A. air express consists very largely of commodities vital to the war effort and war industry, medicinal supplies, machine and other repair parts, building plans and considerable material for war plants nd military establishments.

HONORING SMUTS

CAPE TOWN, June 11 (P)—Gen. Jan Smuts, South African Prime Minister, has been elected honorary associate of the American National Institute of Arts and Letters.

The case of Delmas Smith, charged with breaking and entering a local doctor's office, has been committed to county court and is expected to come up for election this afternoon.

BULLETINS

GROWING AIR STRENGTH
LONDON—By the end of summer United States aircraft strength in Great Britain will be as strong as the Royal Air Force and it will be possible to make mass raids on three or four enemy centres in one day, declares Major General I. C. Eaker.

TESTING GAS MASKS
LONDON—All civilian gas masks in Great Britain are to be tested first those on eastern and southern areas.

ANOTHER FRENCH CRISIS
ALGIERS—General Charles De-Gaulle threatens to resign from the new French council unless certain officials whom he claims have Vichy sympathies resign.

LOS ANGELES DISORDERS
WASHINGTON— Serious disorders between service men and civilians in the Los Angeles area are to be investigated by the State Department.

RABAUL HIT AGAIN
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS—Allied heavy bombers dropped forty tons of bombs on the Japanese airdrome at Rabaul.

CODE MESSAGES BANNED
BUENOS AIRES— Code messages of all kinds are banned by the new Argentinean government. It had been said that enemy agents by sending code messages from Argentina were disclosing Allied ship movements to German submarines.

RECOGNIZED BY AXIS
LONDON— Germany and Italy have recognized the new government of Argentina and Japan is expected to do likewise.

MORE BUTTER
OTTAWA — Butter stocks in Canada are heavier than in five years but there will be no ration increase.

Baseball Scores

American League
Boston 2, Washington 0.
Detroit 5, Chicago 11.
New York 8, Philadelphia 2.
St. Louis 2, Cleveland 1.

National League
Brooklyn 4, Boston 3.
St. Louis 5, Pittsburgh 0.

International League
Montreal 2-0, Jersey City 0-1.
Rochester 4, Syracuse 3.
Buffalo 4, Baltimore 1.
Toronto-Newark postponed.

American Association
Minneapolis , Louisville 1.
Columbus 10, Milwaukee 1.
Indianapolis 6, St. Paul 4.
Toledo-Kansas City postponed.

Coast League
Los Angeles 4, San Francisco 5.
San Diego 13, Sacramento 2.
Oakland 5, Hollywood 3.
Portland 7, Seattle 2.

HALIBUT SALES

Summary

American — 97,000 pounds, 214c and 17c to 23.5c and 18c.

Canadian — 36,000 pounds, 22c and 16c to 23.3c and 17.

American

Yakutat, 50,000, 21.4c and 17c, Booth.

Betty, 24,000, 23.2c and 18c, Storage.

Sherman, 23,000, 23.5c and 18c, Royal.

Canadian 4

Toodie, 11,500, 22c and 17c and 16, Storage.

Annabelle, 3,000, 22c and 17c and 16c, Storage.

Cape Race, 5,500, 22c and 17c and 16c, Storage.

Gony, 16,000, 23.3c and 17c and 16c, Atlin.

E. T. Kenney of Terrace, M.L.A. for Skeena, and Mrs. Kenney are leaving tonight for a trip to Vancouver and Victoria.

DRIVE FOR RECRUITS

Plans Made For Campaign Next Week to Enlist One Hundred Men for Anti-aircraft Guns Here

RADIO TALKS

Monday
12:50 noon — Mayor W. M. Watts.
6:05 p.m.—Col. J. W. Nicholls

Tuesday
12:50 noon — Sergeant Tony Ainsley.
6:05 p.m.—G. R. S. Blackaby.

Wednesday
12:50 noon—J S. Wilson.
6:05 p.m.—Dr. R. C. Bamford.

Plans for an intensive campaign next week for the recruiting of one hundred men for an anti-aircraft company to be formed in connection with the Prince Rupert Machine Gun Regiment were made at a meeting or representative citizens last evening with Col. J. W Nicholls presiding. Various means of emphasizing the need and importance of the unit as an integral factor in actual local defence in case of emergency and of driving home the duty and responsibility of local men rallying to the colors and getting themselves trained and organized were discussed. The putting into effect of the plans and suggestions is getting under way at once.

Features of the recruiting drive will include exhibitions of anti-aircraft weapons on Monday Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of next week on Third Avenue in front of the Post Office where a recruiting hut will be kept open on each of those days for the receiving of attestations. There will also be special publicity features and radio broadcasts.

Col. Nicholls spoke of the need of men, particularly for the anti-aircraft guns which would be the most likely weapons to come into action here as any attack that might come would most probably be by air. Those who joined up would receive army pay on the basis of parades attended. They would not be required to leave Prince Rupert. Permanent citizens, imbued with the spirit of fighting in defence of their own home, were the type of recruits that were most desirable. Leaves were available for those who might be making trips away and those who left the district automatically received their discharges.

Sergeant Tony Ainsley, G. R. S. Blackaby and Dr. R. C. Bamford were appointed a committee to make arrangements for radio broadcasting, G. W. Cripps will make arrangements in connection with the recruiting hut.

Present at last night's meeting were Col. J. W. Nicholls, Lieut Col. G. C. Oswell, W R McAfee, G. W. Cripps, Major Gray, R. G. Hopkins, Dr. R. C. Bamford, J. S. Wilson, J. H. Thompson, G. R. S. Blackaby, Sergeant Tony Ainsley and S. E. Parker.

NEWS FROM JAPAN

LONDON, June 11 (P)—Vatican radio in a broadcast heard here said that information on British prisoners in Japanese hands may soon be made available through a radio-telephone contact between the Apostolic Delegate in Tokyo and the Vatican.

TIPPING BUTCHER ILLEGAL

LONDON, June 11 (P)—British shoppers who "slip the butcher or the grocer" an occasional shilling have been warned by the Food Ministry that such tips constitute "secret commissions" and are punishable offences.

Breen Melvin of the local Y.M.C.A. is leaving tonight for Vancouver where he is to be married.

Mrs. H. W. Dodd left last night for the south.

Strategic Mediterranean Base Point For Drive On Italy Is Taken by Allies

Occupation Marks Culmination of Nineteen Days of Intensive Bombardment—Brings Invasion of Italy Closer

LONDON, June 11—The Italian defenders of Pantelleria Islands in the Mediterranean to the west of Sicily have surrendered and the islands, which for nineteen days had been subjected to continuous intensive bombardment, first by air and during the last few days by the navy as well, have been occupied by the Allied forces.

Taking over of Pantelleria by the Allies is conceded to be another step in a general attack upon Italy for which hundreds of thousands of Allied soldiers, strongly supported by air and naval strength, now stand poised.

The surrender of Pantelleria was unconditional after the nineteen days of bombardment which had been capped by the most concentrated Allied aerial attack of the war.

Allied forces promptly moved ashore at 4:40 this morning on the Italian outpost of the Sicilian Straits, breaking a ring of fortified Axis islands guarding southern Europe from invasion.

The fall of Pantelleria, three years and one day after Italy entered the war, was announced in a special communique.

Climactic raids on Pantelleria yesterday and last night were described as the greatest Allied attack of the war in point of bomb tonnage dropped on a target of similar size. Major Gordon Sarre, United States air force ground officer, said "waves of planes were going over so close on one another's tail that the dust didn't have time to settle."

The communique said: "The island of Pantelleria surrendered today and is being occupied by Allied forces. This surrender is the result of a series of continuous and intense air bombardments supported by naval bombardments. Two previous offers to surrender made to the commander were ignored."

A white flag was displayed on Hill 74 on the northern part of the island, it was announced early this morning. This information was conveyed immediately to the Allied commander and steps towards occupying the island were begun immediately.

The island, thirty-two miles square and formed by a dead volcano, lies forty-five miles east of Cape Bon, Tunisia, and about sixty miles by air south of Sicily and 220 miles by air from the toe of the Italian boot.

At Washington President Franklin. D. Roosevelt of the United States declared the surrender of the island was good news. At the same time he appealed indirectly but strongly to Italy to get out of the war.

PACIFIC DEFENCE

Navy Minister Does Not Admit it Will be Left to United States

OTTAWA, June 11 (P)—Navy Minister MacDonald told the House of Commons that in the establishment of the Canadian Navy after the war there should be cruisers as well as destroyers, with submarines to round out the organization. When asked if it were Canada's naval policy on the Pacific to depend on the United States fleet to [illegible] the west coast, he said he would not express it that way.

HI SCHOOL GRADUATION

Ceremonies Last Night Mark Successful Conclusion of Students For Booth Memorial School Pupils

Graduation exercises of 36 students completing their studies at Booth Memorial High School took place last night. The auditorium, attractively arranged for the occasion, was filled with parents and friends of the graduates. The exercises were impressive and effectively carried out, there being speeches appropriate to the occasion, an acceptable musical program and the presentation of diplomas all of which proceeding took place in the auditorium prior to adjournment to the rooms below where light refreshments were served as personal congratulations were being extended to the young graduates.

Principal W. W. C. O'Neill was chairman and on the platform were members of the teaching staff together with Jack Deane, chairman of the board of school trustees; Col. F. T. Fairey of Victoria, Rev A. F. MacSween and Rev. E W Scott

Following the processional as the graduates moved into their seats in the auditorium with Miss Janet Rochester acting as pianist, there was the singing of "O Canada" after which Rev. E. W. Scott read from the scriptures. The hymn "O God Our Help in Ages Past" was sung with prayer by Rev. E. W. Scott before the rendition of the class hymn "Rock of Ages." The vocal solo "Mother," sung by Miss Harriette Phillipson, was followed

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RATIONING IN INDIA

BOMBAY, June 11 (P)—Rationing of food grains such as wheat and rice is in operation in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Gardner, who have been spending a holiday visit with their son W. J. Gardner, 229 Ninth Avenue West, left today on their return to Vancouver.

Norway Looks For Invasion

STOCKHOLM, June 11 (P)— Twenty-four hour large scale German counter-manoeuvres were held in the Oslo area of Norway on May 31, reliable reports from Norway said tonight, while the Nazis were reported to have warned German people that the Allied air attack may reach all corners of Germany "at any moment."

NO LOVE IS LOST

Chinese Wholesale Grocer Won't Do Business with Japs

VANCOUVER, June 11—That no love is lost between the Chinese and Japanese, even in local circles, is illustrated by an incident that happened here yesterday.

A Chinese wholesale grocer received an order from a Japanese at Tashme, evacuation centre near Hope. The order was filled by a clerk in the wholesale grocery and dispatched for shipment to the Canadian National Railway freight terminal here.

When the Chinese truck driver returned to the wholesale and gave "the Boss" the railway bills of lading, said boss hit the roof. The Canadian National Railways received an urgent phone call: "Stop load freight car. I make big mistake. I sell grocery to damn Jap. I want get my freight back. I send truck quick."

The truck arrived in ten minutes. The freight handlers obliged by unloading the goods from the freight car, returned them to the patriotic Chinese and all concerned resumed normal peace of mind.

Local Tides

Saturday, June 12

High	8:31	15.9 feet
	21:05	18.1 feet
Low	2:15	8.7 feet
	14:19	7.1 feet

LABRADOR ROMANCE

GOOSE AIRPORT, Labrador, June 11 (P)—Maj. H. W. Black's big Airdale took a beating from the native dogs when the Sussex, N.B., officer brought him to the base. He would make love to the female Huskies. But, says the army C.O., he ended up by being the general favorite.

C. C. Mills and A. S. Nickerson are leaving tonight for New Westminster to attend a Masonic Grand Lodge convention. They expect to be away about ten days.

Machine Gun Talk And Demonstration

Feature of Rotary Club Luncheon —Recruits for New Reserve Being Sought

A talk on the subject of machine guns by Lieut. W. R. McAfee and a demonstration by Lieut. A. Deildal, Lieut. G. D. Bryant and Private W. J.Scott featured the program yesterday at the weekly luncheon of the Prince Rupert Club. Col. J. W. Nicholls also spoke briefly, urging the need for more recruits for the local reserve, particularly for the new anti-aircraft company.

President George G. Mitchell was in the chair and there was a fair attendance of members with H. F. Kergin of Vancouver as a guest.

Fred Scadden was winner of the raffle of a war savings certificate for the Queen's Fund.

FRENCH THERE FIRST

Dominica was first settled by the French in 1632.

Rev. F. T. Balmer, local Seventh Day Adventist pastor, here, leaves on this evening's train for Kelowna to attend a provincial of his church.