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Roosevelt Sees Victory Looming

RECRUIT RESERVE

Prince Rupert Machine Gun Units To Start Enlisting Monday With First Parade Wednesday

Recruiting of Prince Rupert's militia reserve unit, the Prince Rupert Machine Gun Battalion, will commence on Monday evening next and the first parade will be held Wednesday evening, it was announced yesterday by the administrative officer commanding, Lieut. Col. G. C. Oswell, in speaking before the Prince Rupert Gyro Club at luncheon yesterday. Being organized solely for the defence of Prince Rupert in the event of attack or imminent danger of attack and not liable to removal elsewhere, the unit will consist of able-bodied men of at least C2 nominal medical category on the basis of cursory physical examination between the ages of eighteen and fifty years. Uniforms, rifles and full equipment will be issued to each man enlisted in the unit and there will be a minimum of two parades a week. Training will be of a practical and technical nature with a minimum of attention to straight drills. Machine gunnery, as suggested by the name, will be the specialty of the unit which will have its headquarters in the garrison armory on Sixth Avenue. Col. Oswell stated that leading military authorities considered that the presence of a trained and effective reserve at Prince Rupert was an immediate and absolute necessity. It would be a No. 1 priority unit as far as equipment was concerned. Japan was still a definite menace and this was a strategic point in the Pacific arena. It was considered quite possible that Prince Rupert might be called upon to defend its own back yard. A good deal of equipment was already here, Col. Oswell disclosed, and more was immediately available. The personnel of the permanent staff of officers had already arrived. In considering enlistment and active participation in the reserve, Col. Oswell asked local men to take into account the importance of the reserve in relation to other organizations which might claim attention. Of course, it was not intended that normal and legitimate vocations of reserve members should be interfered with under normal conditions. Col. Oswell declared that there could be no more procrastination in the matter of getting the reserve into preparation at Prince Rupert. It was important that local men should be equipped with uniforms and trained to man guns against the possibility of action here. Past President W. F. Stone, who occupied the chair at yesterday's luncheon, expressed the opinion that there was almost 100 percent support of the movement for the establishment of a reserve unit at Prince Rupert and, as far as the Gyro Club members were concerned, he believed there would be practically full enlistment.

WARNING IS FINAL

No Permits For Continuation of Oil Burners in Canada After January 15

OTTAWA, Jan. 7.—The Department of Munitions and Supply has given final warning to owners of commercial and industrial buildings which have not converted from oil to some other form of heating. There will be no more temporary permits after January 15. The fuel oil situation is described as "grave."

Great Concentration Of Jap Shipping and Naval Forces at New Britain Id.

MELBOURNE, Jan. 7 (CP) — Air reconnaissance over Japan's big base at Rabaul on New Britain Island has revealed that a concentration of Japanese shipping there has been augmented since Tuesday when it was first disclosed by an Australian government spokesman, it was said in government circles today. Pilots returning from missions over Rabaul were said to have reported that the amount of warship-protected shipping now gathered at Rabaul exceeds forces gathered by the Japanese for the first counter-attack on the eastern Solomons now held by United States forces. Australian allied headquarters today reported that medium bombers and attack planes yesterday swept over the Japanese airdrome at Lae, New Guinea, destroying four anti-aircraft gun positions and a grounded bomber. Meanwhile bombers and fighters hit enemy positions along the Sananda trail, last Jap foothold in northwestern New Guinea.

Street Delivery Service Cannot Be Started Now

The Junior Chamber of Commerce has been advised by the Postmaster General's department at Ottawa that it is not in a position to institute a street mail delivery service in Prince Rupert at the present time. Some time ago the Junior Chamber, with the support of other local organizations, requested that such a service be instituted as a means of relieving congestion at the Post Office.

BOARD HAS FIRST MEET

New School Body in Session Last Night—Deane Named Chairman Many Matters Taken Up

Considering in a preliminary way a wide variety of subjects having to do with the local educational machinery, the new board of school trustees had its inaugural session last night. The meeting lasted about two-and-a-half hours and the full board—Jack Deane, Mrs. George Hill Jr., J. T. Langridge, E. J. Smith and C. G. Ham—was in attendance. Considerable progress was made in organizing the work of the board which, for the time being at least, will meet Wednesday evenings of each week.

At the opening of the meeting Jack Deane, having headed the poll at the election, was named chairman of the board on motion of E. J. Smith and Mrs. Hill.

Considerable discussion ensued on the matter of finding a secretary for the board and it was finally decided to obtain, if possible, the services of some member of the City Hall staff, possibly Miss Audrey Wrathall, who has been acting as secretary of the school board under the commissioning. Failing that, the board will seek elsewhere for a secretary, a monthly salary of \$30 being tentatively set. A committee consisting of the chairman and Trustees Smith and Hill was delegated to proceed with steps to obtain a secretary.

Committees Named
Committees of the board were assigned to the schools as follows: Booth Memorial School—Trustees Langridge and Ham.

King Edward and Seal Cove Schools—Trustees Hill and Smith. Borden Street School—Trustees Ham and Deane.

These committees will be responsible for the handling of problems of the schools they represent, reporting to the board as a whole.

The board as a whole is this afternoon paying a visit of inspection to all schools. Among the matters to be gone

Jap Supply Ship Sunk Off Kiska

WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan. 7 — Medium-sized Japanese bombers have sunk a Japanese supply vessel 110 miles northeast of Kiska Island in the Aleutians and southwest of Kiska hit another enemy supply ship.

KILLED BY BIG ROCK

Instant and accidental death as a result of a fractured skull and cervical vertebrae and other injuries on being struck by an 800-pound jagged rock in a quarry near Galloway Rapids where deceased was employed was the verdict of a jury which yesterday investigated a fatality which occurred at 3:45 yesterday morning when Arnold Swain, aged 27, lost his life.

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COASTAL DEFENCE

Lieut. General Stuart, Chief of Staff, is Coming to British Columbia

VANCOUVER, Jan. 7 (CP)—The Vancouver Daily Province, in a news page story yesterday, said that Lieutenant General Kenneth Stuart, chief of the Canadian general staff, was coming to the coast probably January 16 for important discussions with Major General G. R. Pearkes and other high-ranking military officials. No details can be disclosed on the discussions, the newspaper said, but problems relating to Pacific Coast defence would be under review.

The paper also said that for the first time it could be revealed that General Stuart made a fly-line trip to the Aleutians last year to obtain information on Japanese strength in Kiska and Attu and the possibility of an enemy push into Alaska and British Columbia. He also flew to San Francisco to discuss with Major General DeWitt, United States Pacific Coast commander, defence problems involving both countries.

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Accidental Death Verdict Returned By Jury at Coroner's Inquest

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President of United States Says 1943 Will See Progress Toward Berlin, Rome and Tokyo

REDS DRIVE ON—

ROSTOV IS OBJECTIVE OF DRIVE

Russians Have Pushed Forward Fifty Miles in Last Two Days

MOSCOW, Jan. 7 (CP)—The Red Army of the lower Don has broken through German lines on a twenty-mile front on both sides of the river and driven to within seventy-five miles of Rostov, key to the whole Nazi salient in the Caucasus, the Russians announced today.

Dispatches from the front said that Russian forces, commanded by Lieut. Gen. Rokossovsky, veteran of last winter's Battle of Moscow, had pushed forward fifty miles since capturing the Don River bridgehead of Tsimlyanski two days ago.

The most advanced point of the Russian thrust said to be reached yesterday was Bolshaya Orlovka on the Sal River just southwest of its confluence with the Don, midway between Tsimlyanski and Rostov. Twenty-six thousand Germans have been killed or captured since January 1 in the Stalingrad-Caucasus region, bringing the total of the enemy killed or captured there to 330,000.

Twenty-one more towns and two railway stations in the Middle Don and Caucasus area have been recaptured by the Russians including Miranski. The Germans are abandoning tremendous quantities of equipment in their flight.

AID FOR RUSSIANS

Drive for Funds Launched Here Like in Rest of Canada

A local "Aid to Russia" committee is being organized with Mayor W. M. Watts as honorary chairman, Rev. A. F. MacSween as chairman and G. R. S. Blackaby as treasurer. A meeting to organize the local effort is to be held in the City Council Chamber next Tuesday. Representatives of various organizations have been asked to attend and an invitation is being extended to all interested. The meeting was called under the auspices of the local branch of the Canadian Ukrainian Federation before the Dominion-wide campaign became known locally but this organization has joined in the concerted campaign and the meeting will be held under the auspices of the local committee for the Canadian Aid to Russia Fund.

The "Aid to Russia" movement is now being organized across the Dominion under the sponsorship of leading Canadian business and professional men in all parts of the country. It is hoped to raise one million dollars during the month of January. This money will be used to procure relief supplies such as serum, drugs, surgical supplies, clothing, blankets, etc., to be shipped at the expense of the Russian government to the distressed areas.

The annual meeting of the local Deep Sea Fishermen's Union for the election of officers, which was to have been held this Tuesday night, was postponed until a later date to be set.

Reviews Progress of War, Reports on Mighty Arms Production, Russian Events of Great Importance

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (CP) — President Franklin D. Roosevelt told a victory pledged Congress today that the cause of the United Nations was moving forward at last in Europe, Asia and Africa, backed by a "miracle of production" and said that 1943 carried the promise of a very substantial advance along the roads that lead to Berlin, Rome and Tokyo. Delivering the annual message to the legislators in person, President Roosevelt called on them to put aside bickering over economic measures and strive to contribute to the national unity.

The President's address was divided into three main sections—a review of the progress of the war, a report on the mighty arms production of the United States and a general outline of his hopes for peace to follow the conflict and for the guaranteeing of freedom from want and fear. By far the largest and most important developments in the whole strategy picture of 1942, the President said, were events on the long front in Russia—first the implacable defence of Stalingrad and, second, offensives by Russian armies at various points which started in the latter part of November and still roll on with great force and effectiveness.

The Capitol was the scene of unusual precautions. Hours before the arrival of the President, police and army threw a cordon around the hill and steel-helmeted soldiers stood on guard around the buildings.

This evening's train, due from the East at 7 o'clock, was reported this afternoon to be four hours and forty minutes late.

More Subs Being Sunk

OTTAWA, Jan. 7.—Canadian bombers have sunk two Nazi U-boats and possibly disposed of a third off the east coast of Canada recently.

Federal Salvage Official Coming

A. Sheline Coming to Prince Rupert to Organize Campaign Locally

A. Sheline, Dominion government salvage organizer from Calgary, will be arriving in Prince Rupert Saturday night for the purpose of organizing salvage here of various materials useful in connection with the war. At the request of the local Red Cross Society, the Junior Chamber of Commerce recently interested itself in the salvage campaign and it is as a result of the Junior Chamber's representations that Mr. Sheline is coming here.

ANNOUNCEMENT « «

New Subscription Rates

Effective from February 1, 1943

Changing conditions due to the war and its effects are forcing newspapers throughout the country to increase their subscription rates.

Under prevailing conditions advertising revenues are falling off while costs of production and service are mounting.

In order for the newspapers to remain in business and maintain service to their readers, there is no choice but to ask readers to pay a higher percentage of the cost of the newspaper than they have been doing.

The Daily News has carefully considered the matter and finds reluctantly that it, too, must increase its subscription rates. The increase will be as small as possible.

We shall continue our policy of rendering the utmost possible service in proportion to the public support received.

In making the increase we are satisfied that the public, generally speaking, will understand our position. We believe the increased cost is far less than the measure of value and service given by our paper.

The new schedule of subscription rates will be as follows:

By City Carrier, effective as from February 1,
15c per week 65c per month \$7 per year
Mail Subscription Rates—40c per month,
\$4 for twelve months

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