

Hope Of Italian Surrender Dimming

ALL OF OREL APPEARS INEVITABLE

Germans Face Major Disaster As Corridor Is Narrowed

Question of Time Before Stronghold Will Be Abandoned by Nazis, Eliminating Entire Salient

MOSCOW, Aug. 4 (CP)—The fall of the German stronghold of Orel appeared inevitable today as a smashing Red Army offensive carried to within five miles of the city. The German retreat westward from points north and south of Orel proceeded steadily and it seemed only a question of time before Orel itself would be abandoned, eliminating the entire enemy salient on the central front.

A Reuters dispatch from Moscow quoted by the British Broadcasting Corporation declared that the Germans' escape corridor west of Orel had been narrowed to 13 miles, threatening the Nazis with another disaster, perhaps equal to that suffered at Stalingrad.

HALIBUT LANDINGS

Landings in July Were Greater Than in June

Total halibut landings in Prince Rupert for the month of July were 3,352,500 pounds. Of this 3,090,500 pounds were brought in by American boats and 262,000 by Canadian boats. Landings in July exceeded landings in June by 430,500 pounds. In June the Canadian landings were slightly more than the American.

July landings were also somewhat greater than the landings in July, 1942, when 3,208,500 pounds were brought in. In that month American boats brought in 2,987,500 pounds and Canadian boats landed 221,000 pounds.

ERECTING BUILDING

Permit Taken Out for \$65,000 Structure for Killas and Christopher

A permit to build a \$65,000 concrete apartment building on Third Avenue, issued to James Killas and N. Christopher, was the largest single item on the list of building permits issued by the city engineer's office in July. The site of the new building is opposite the post office. Preliminary construction work is underway.

Total value of the permits issued was \$66,400. All but the Killas and Christopher permit were for the erection or extension of small buildings, or repairs.

Following is a list of the permits granted:
Killas and Christopher, Third Avenue building, \$65,000.
G. V. Smith, Sixth Avenue East, extension to dwelling, \$300.
George Edgar, Eighth Avenue East, repairs, \$200.
E. Sorheim, Alfred Street, repairs, \$50.
George Maskulak, Ninth Avenue West, repairs, \$400.
John Cargol, Ninth Avenue West, storehouse, \$50.
Knut Uggla, Eveventh Street, repairs, \$200.
Joseph E. Stone, Ninth Avenue West, addition, \$200.

Halibut Sales

American
Akutan, 58,000, 17.5 and 16, Storage and Royal.
Tacoma, 40,000, 17.5 and 16, Booth and Pacific.
Recovery, 30,000, 17.5 and 16, Booth and Storage.
Hazel H., 29,000, 17.5 and 16, Whiz.

CANADA'S DEFENCE MINISTER FLIES TO BRITAIN



Canada's Minister of National Defence, Col. J. L. Ralston is pictured (centre) with his Military Secretary, Col. H. A. Dyde, M.C. (right), as they prepared to board a plane at a Canadian airport for a flight to Britain. Col. Ralston is chatting with Commander J. C. Hibbard, D.S.C., of the Royal Canadian Navy. In London Col. Ralston met Lt.-Gen. Kenneth Stuart, Chief of the General Staff, who recently visited the Mediterranean theatre of war. (Canadian Army Photo).

CAMPAIGN IN SICILY

Allies Converging From All Directions on Catania and Mount Etna Axis Defence Line

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN SICILY, August 4—The Allied offensive in Sicily has reached all its objectives to date and is being reinforced by reinforcements, is sweeping on, it is officially announced. The ring of steel is being drawn around Catania by American forces from the north-west, Canadians from the south-west and the British Eighth Army from the south.

As the Allies converge from various directions by land with strong air and naval support to tighten the pocketed Germans. The Mount Etna line has now been cracked twice.

Taking more towns, the Allied armies advanced another seven to twelve miles yesterday.

Naples was hit for the second successive night in a reopened air offensive against the mainland with railways and communications particular targets.

INTERNATIONAL LAW

LONDON, August 4 (CP)—Sir Cecil Hurst, president of the Permanent Court of International Justice, British Member of the United Nations Commission for the Investigation of War Crimes, has declared: "After this war there must be introduced some effective machinery for supporting the vigor of law."

Carnival Queen Candidates Now Out for Votes
No residential requirements are necessary, nor do you have to have your name on a voters' list in order to qualify as a voter for one of the five young ladies who are candidates for the Civic Centre Carnival Queen contest which begins officially today.

The girls who are competing for the post of glamorous royalty at the street carnival to be held August 23 to August 28 have been appointed to represent various groups in the city and already they are out selling the tickets which register votes in their favor.

The candidates are:
Miss May McElwain, repres-

Reach Munda

American Ground Troops at Air Field—Many Barges Sunk

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Aug. 4 (CP)—American ground troops have reached the east end of the Japanese air base at Munda on New Georgia Island, Allied headquarters announced today.

Allied planes have destroyed or damaged 29 barges in the New Guinea-New Britain sector, bringing to nearly 200 the number of such Japanese supply boats wrecked in the past ten days.

Vancouver Mayor Urges Miners To Go Back To Pits

VANCOUVER, August 4 — In view of the national fuel crisis which is already being felt and which may reach serious proportions during the coming winter, Mayor J. W. Cornett, at the request of Hon. Humphrey Mitchell, minister of labor, issued an appeal yesterday to all coal miners to return to work in the pits.

MOLYB ON MEZIADEN

Art Cameron and Party of Boys Back From Prospecting

STEWART, August 4:— Art Cameron, well known prospector, returned from a month's trip to the Meziaden Lake area. He was accompanied by three school boys on holiday, Ian McLeod, Gerald Murphy and Freddie McMullen, who assisted him in his work and learned something of prospecting.

Prospecting and development work was carried on in the investigation of a group of claims located along the strike of a contact between granite and sedimentary rocks where a series of quartz veins occur carrying molybdenite. Several of these veins have had intermittent work done on them for a number of years and, apparently, indicate an extensive potential mineralized area. In addition to the veins exposed float ore in quantity occurs at several points where bedrock is covered by alluvial.

The claims are located on the mountain west of Meziaden Lake, 30 miles from Stewart, and are favorably situated for exploitation. It is hoped that further work may be carried on. The continued demand for war materials would appear to warrant a fuller investigation of these molybdenite ore occurrences.

REVISION IS URGED

Distrust of Taxation Methods Stunting War Production Conference States

VANCOUVER, August 4 (CP)—Distrust and distrust over income taxation methods are affecting production of essential war materials, it was contended by delegates yesterday at a conference of representatives of shipyard trade unions in Vancouver, Victoria and Prince Rupert.

The conference passed a resolution urging an amendment of the income tax act to exempt the cost of living bonus overtime wages and wages paid to any part time emergency workers and to provide a graduated scale of taxation giving greater exemption to workers with families.

ALLIED CONTROL OF AIR

British Figures Give Some Idea of Great Volume of Attack on Reich Territory

LONDON, August 4 (CP)—Royal Air Force, Royal Canadian Air Force and American bombers dropped 21,500 tons of high explosives on Hitler-dominated Europe in July — more than fifty-three times as much as the Germans dropped on the British in the blitz raids.

The greatest air offensive of the war made Hamburg the major target, 78,000 tons being dropped on that battered seaport, war industries and shipping facilities of which are now virtually demolished.

During July Allied aircraft maintained a better than two-to-one advantage over Axis air forces in aircraft losses, shooting down 1200 enemy planes over Europe, Britain, Malta, North Africa and the Middle East against a loss of 596.

Big Royal Air Force bombers took a night off last night but intruders attacked a convoy off LeHavre and an air field near Brest.

Prince George Man Is Fined

PRINCE GEORGE, August 4—Richard William Lattman of South Fort George pleaded guilty to acquiring graded gasoline otherwise than by surrendering to a dealer gasoline ration coupons. Stipendiary Magistrate G. Milburn fined him \$100 and \$1.75 costs after he had pleaded guilty.

People Are Anxious But Badoglio Feels Different About It

Toughest Type Military Dictatorship is Being Imposed by New Premier

MADRID, Aug. 4 (CP)—Premier Pietro Badoglio's regime has slowly but firmly imposed upon Italy a military dictatorship of the toughest type and prospects of Italian surrender are now extremely dim, according to Italians who felt Rome early last Sunday. While the Italian people in general are anxious for peace, these new arrivals in Spain declare that the peace movement lacks capable leadership and Badoglio shows every sign of doing his best to keep it so.

Blockade Is Disregarded

BUENOS AIRES, August 4 (CP)—Argentina announced Tuesday night that she has decided to disregard the German-defined blockade of the North Atlantic coast which she has been recognizing since its application two years ago. All ships of the Argentine merchant fleet will now resume use of New York as a terminal point of instead of New Orleans.

All Ready For Peace

But British Foreign Secretary Reiterates It Must Be Unconditional Surrender

LONDON, August 4 (CP)—Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden told the House of Commons Tuesday night that the Allies would be "only too ready" to adopt a "reasonable attitude" toward Italy if the Allies got what they wanted for fighting Germany. He said that with the departure of Mussolini and the Fascist regime, Italy took on a different status.

The Foreign Secretary said that the British war cabinet is anxious to see Italy accept unconditional surrender 'so that we can turn the war even more vigorously onto Germany.'

Log Scaling Not So High

Decrease in Output for This Year to Date is Seen

Log scaling in Prince Rupert forestry district for the present year up to the end of July has totalled 90,724,118 board feet as compared with 120,461,047 board feet in the corresponding seven months of 1942. The total scale for the month of July amounting to 25,045,209 board feet compared with 29,272,510 board feet in the same month last year.

Production of poles and piling this year has totalled 888,928 lineal feet to date, a large increase over 386,500 lineal feet in the same period last year.

Baseball Scores

Monday

American League
Philadelphia 5, Chicago 3.
Washington 4, St. Louis 3.

National League

Pittsburgh 5, Boston 4.
International League
Syracuse 5-4, Toronto 4-6.
Newark 3, Montreal 2.
Rochester 7, Jersey City 5.
Buffalo 6, Baltimore 4.

TUESDAY

National League
New York 5, Cincinnati 3.
Boston 6, Pittsburgh 1.
St. Louis 7, Brooklyn 4.

American League

Cleveland 11, Boston 9.
Detroit 4, New York 0.
New York 12, Detroit 4.
Washington 7-3, St. Louis 4-0.

Pacific Coast League

San Francisco 10, San Diego 6.
Oakland 3, Portland 1.
Seattle 5, Hollywood 1.

International League

Montreal 2-1, Newark 1-7.
Rochester 8, Jersey City 2.
Syracuse 2-5, Toronto 0-8.
Buffalo 6, Baltimore 1.

American Association

Kansas City 3-1, Columbus 1-0.
Milwaukee 3-4, Toledo 2-2.
Minneapolis 4, Indianapolis 3.
St. Paul 11, Louisville 8.

Germans Seize Italian Ships

Nazis Take Over Vessels in Crete, Ankara Hears

ANKARA, August 4—According to reports just reaching here the Germans have seized three Italian ships in Crete.

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