

Crisis In War Due Shortly

Eighteen Candidates in Field for Civic Office

Two Candidates For Mayor, Twelve For Aldermen And Four For Trustees, at Close of Nominations Today.

Signifying that they have placed more than 1,500 voters of Prince Rupert for disposal on election day Thursday, the Civic Labor Federation, the Germanic board and four for the board of trustees—composed the roster of civic office nominations at the close of nominations this afternoon.

The office of mayor are competing Harry Mark Daggett, merchant, backed by the Civic Labor Federation, and Robert McKay, merchant, chairman of the Ratepayers' Association, but competing independently.

For the two-year term on the Germanic board, there are five candidates. They are: Nora Ethel Arnold, widow; Thomas Bennett Black, electrician; Gordon Douglas Bryant, merchant; George Bernard Casey, transfer agent; Leonard C. Griffiths, support manager; John Mulrone, union business agent; Carl Poulsen, plater, nominating Harry Mark Daggett, merchant; Tage Sorensen, store manager; and Thomas W. Elliott, fish packer.

Candidates for a one-year term as alderman are James W. Rogerson, grocer, and Alexander Sinclair, office manager. A man and a woman are opposing for the one-year term on the board of school trustees. Elected for a two-year term are Myrtle Muriel Roper, housewife, and Stephen Leslie Peachey, engineer.

For Mayor
Harry M. Daggett, carpenter, nominated by George W. Rudderham, seconded by William H. H. H.

Robert McKay, merchant, nominated by Arthur H. Silverman, seconded by Harry A. H.

Aldermen (Two Year Term)
Nora Ethel Arnold, widow, nominated by Robert Gordon, seconded by Alexander MacLennan.

Thomas Bennett Black, electrician, nominated by Robert Gordon, seconded by Cyril H. H.

Gordon Douglas Bryant, merchant, nominated by W. M. H. H., seconded by George Eckman.

George Bernard Casey, transfer agent, nominated by Agnes Murray, seconded by Emily H. H.

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Carl Poulsen, plater, nominated by Percy Cameron, seconded by J. Currie.

George W. Rudderham, machanic, nominated by George Hills, seconded by William H. Brett.

Tage Sorensen, store manager, nominated by Alexander Sinclair, seconded by Mary Viereck.

Alderman (One Year Term)
James W. Rogerson, grocer, nominated by R. A. McLeod, seconded by James Park.

Alexander Sinclair, office manager, nominated by George W. Rudderham, seconded by John L. A. Murray.

School Board (One Year Term)
Stephen L. Peachey, engineer, nominated by H. M. Daggett, seconded by E. A. Evans.

Myrtle Muriel Roper, housewife, nominated by George Hills, seconded by Tage Sorensen.

School Board (Two Year Term)
Norman Bellis, hardware department manager, nominated by David Crocker, seconded by Edward Green.

Doris Elfreda Teng, housewife, nominated by W. M. Watts, seconded by E. J. Smith.

Malta and Britain United by Bombs

VALETTA, Dec. 13 (AP)—The common experiences of the trials of war have welded Malta and Britain in an unbroken union born of mutual sufferings caused by bombing, said Miss Mabel Strickland, proprietor of the Times of Malta, when she returned home after a tour of the United Kingdom.

"Now that Britain controls the Mediterranean and peace reigns in Malta," she said, "we are looking forward to the island being a great air base in peacetime and to the time when the links forged in war will be maintained to bring peace and prosperity to both peoples."

Election Will Not be Delayed

OTTAWA, Dec. 13 (AP)—Hon. Ernest Bertrand, minister of fisheries, declares that the federal government has no intention of asking Parliament for an extension of office. "The federal general election will be held within the appointed time," he says.

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Brazil To Send Force

First Overseas Army Being Sent by South American Republic To Aid Allies.

ALGIERS, Dec. 13 (Canadian Press)—The Brazilian general staff announces that Brazil is sending forces and air units to serve with Allied troops in Europe or Africa. It will be the first expeditionary force ever sent overseas from the Latin-American republic. The Brazilian chief of staff and other high military officers are here in connection with the making of arrangements for the sending of the force.

Held in France For Three Years

Englishwoman Found Clothes Hard to Obtain—Says French Optimistic

LONDON, Dec. 13 (AP)—Parisian creation 1943—blue sacks, a top garment made from a French silk slip, a French blouse and part of a tartan skirt, a Glen-garry hat, made from the rest of the tartan skirt, and a roomy overcoat.

That's the Paris wardrobe 57-year-old Dorothy Rolfe brought back to England with her when repatriated recently.

Miss Rolfe had spent nearly three years in Vittel prison camp near Paris where clothes were scarce as catch can. The grey-haired woman had only the few things she could snatch when she was arrested in December, 1940, to last during her imprisonment.

The first three months of her confinement she spent in a filthy military barracks where the women were afraid to undress. In April, 1941, she was moved to Vittel and quartered in a disused luxury hotel with occasional leave in Paris.

Miss Rolfe describes the French as cheery and optimistic, confident that the war will soon be over.

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Still Take U-Boat Toll

LONDON, Dec. 13—Five German submarines were sunk and three damaged in a forty-eight hour battle in the North Atlantic when a convoy was attacked. The convoy suffered less than one percent loss.

EIGHTH IS ADVANCING

New High Ground Overlooking Port of Ortona Taken in Fierce Fighting in Italy.

ALGIERS, December 13 (Canadian Press)—Cracking a portion of the new fighting Adriatic line on which the Germans have massed three divisions, the British Eighth Army, with Canadian troops in the lead, has captured elevated ground overlooking the sea coast town of Ortona, anchor of enemy defences guarding roads to both Pescara and Chieti.

Official advice today reported fierce fighting along the entire sector.

GOOD WORK OF POLICE

Commissioner Satisfied at Clearing Up of Thefts—New Jail Quarters Needed.

Expressing satisfaction that the city detachment under Staff Sergeant F. W. Gallagher had been successful in clearing up a large number of breaking and enterings which have occurred in the city recently and giving assurance that all possible steps would be taken to maintain an efficient and effective police service here adequate to meet the conditions of increased population and current circumstances, Commissioner T. W. S. Parsons, provincial police, left Saturday night on his return to Victoria.

Commissioner Parsons, in addition to conferring with the local officials of his force, conferred with the Canadian and American military authorities and acknowledged the co-operation they were giving in connection with policing.

The British Columbia police head also had two conferences with Mayor W. M. Watts. The second meeting was on Saturday afternoon when the need of improved jail facilities here was discussed. The commissioner was quite candid in expressing his feeling that the present accommodation was altogether unsatisfactory with quite undesirable features.

THE "QUEENS" DIED

LONDON (AP)—The mystery has been solved. It is known now that the "remarkable scarcity of wasps this summer" was due to the abnormally high temperature which caused the queens to awaken before their time and thus they died. "A similar discovery," remarks a London paper solemnly, "was made during a similar shortage of wasps in 1781."

SMUGGLERS ESCAPE

BELFAST (AP)—Police and smugglers staged a boat race on Lough Erne, near the Eire border, resulting in the capture of the boat and quantities of canned salmon, sardines, soap and other commodities scarce in Eire. But the smugglers jumped out of the boat and escaped.

Hitler May Meet His Waterloo in 100 Days

Bulgaria Shaken to Its Foundations With Fear of Allied Invasion — Rommel Preparing for Allied Attack From West.

LONDON, Dec. 13 (CP)—A peace or war crisis, inspired in part by fear of expected Allied invasion of the Balkans, was shaking Bulgaria to its foundations today amid some indications that the world has little more time to wait for proposed east-west-south knockout blows against Adolf Hitler. "The next one hundred days will be as important in the history of the world as the one hundred days before Waterloo" declared Lord Strobogol, chief Labor whip in the House of Lords, in a speech yesterday. "Then Napoleon met his fate and Hitler will meet his if we act bravely and swiftly."

BULLETINS

NEW PACT SIGNED
MOSCOW — A friendship, mutual assistance and post-war co-operation pact between Russia and Czechoslovakia has been signed. Details will be announced tomorrow.

MINISTERS RESIGN
SOFIA — The Bulgarian Premier and two of his ministers have resigned under leftist pressure which would take Bulgaria out of the war.

REDS IN ASCENDANT
MOSCOW — The Red Army is again making progress against the enemy all along the front. New fighting has broken out along the straights of Cherkass, southeast of Kiev, which is now no longer in danger from the Germans.

POPE TO BROADCAST
ROME — The Pope will make his usual Christmas Eve radio broadcast from the Vatican.

SHIPBUILDING SLOWDOWN
WASHINGTON — The United States Maritime Commission has ordered a reduction from seven to six days per week in all shipyards of the nation.

FLU DEATHS MOUNTING
LONDON — There were more than seven hundred deaths from influenza during the week ending December 4.

SIGN CZECH-RUSS PACT
MUTUAL ASSISTANCE AND POST WAR COLLABORATION PLEDGED AS BARRIER AGAINST AGGRESSION.

LONDON, December 13 (Canadian Press)—Russian and Czechoslovak governments took the first step towards erecting a barrier against future German aggression in eastern Europe by binding themselves in a treaty of friendship, mutual assistance and postwar collaboration.

The agreement was signed by Premier Joseph Stalin and the Czech president, Dr. Edouard Benes, who is in Moscow. The pact is for twenty years' duration. Details will be announced later.

Partizans Recognized By Russia

MOSCOW, Dec. 13 — Soviet Russia recognizes General Tito's partizans as the official government of Yugoslavia instead of the government in exile of King Peter.

EYES ARE ACTIVE

During a person's waking hours, the eyes are in a continuous state of activity.

WILL PROBE INTO SHIPS

Cracking up of Three American Liberty Ships to be Investigated.

SEATTLE, Dec. 13 (AP)—Investigation into the breaking in two of the steamer John P. Gains in the North Pacific November 25 will probe into the cracking of at least two older Liberty ships in American waters, the Post Intelligencer said.

The newspaper said it had learned authoritatively that both older ships were reported to have made port safely, one about a year ago and the other about six months ago.

WEST REICH HIT AGAIN

American Heavy Bombers Fight Their Way Through Fighter Planes and Flak Today.

LONDON, December 13 (Canadian Press)—Strong forces of American heavy bombers thundered through concentrations of enemy fighters and flak today in a new daylight assault on northwest Germany.

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Three dramatic pictures snapped through the periscope of a U.S. submarine prowling in Jap-controlled waters. At the top the torpedo fired by the hidden submarine explodes right against its target. The beginning of the end for the Jap ship. In centre the ship sinks rapidly by the bow as the stern raises high in the air. At bottom the ship goes down, its stern almost vertical.

HEAR DAGGETT

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