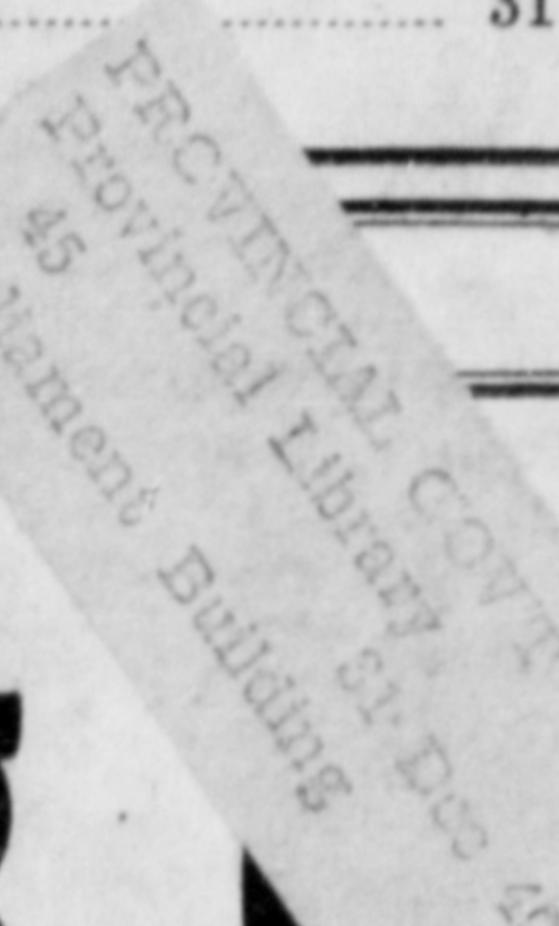


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Big Bombing Of Germany Kept Up

Axis Pushed Back—

ALLIES ARE OCCUPYING KASSERINE

Enemy Trying in Vain to Regain Lost Initiative in Tunisia—Vicious Air Attacks

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Feb. 27—British and American troops, pouring through recaptured Kasserine Pass, are closing in on Kasserine town which London reported was already occupied. It is an important junction point. The Axis is also reported to be evacuating other towns in the area as Marshal Erwin Rommel's forces fall back towards Gasta, fifty-five miles to the north.

To the south the British Eighth Army is still working on the Mareth Line.

Heavy Allied bombing all over the Tunisian area is being kept up. The important port of Gabat received a strafing yesterday. General James Doolittle is in command of one section of the United States Air Force operating in the area.

An official communiqué today announced that Allied troops had reoccupied the town of Kasserine and their vanguards had approached an air field fifteen miles to the southwest where the Germans have been demolishing installations preparatory to evacuation. Field messages reported today. This air field at the village of Thelte lies seven miles north of Feriana, another goal in the Allied counter-attack, against withdrawing divisions of Rommel.

Strongly entrenched British units in northern Tunisia threw back the enemy's tank attacks with heavy losses, it was announced. Trying to seize the initiative, the Nazis threw several battalions of infantry and armored units against a fifteen-mile section of British line between Goubelat and Bou Arada, west of Pont du Fahs, but British artillery and tanks beat off each thrust.

BRING DOWN JAP PLANES

British and American Bombers Having Success in Burma, New Guinea and New Britain

NEW DELHI, Feb. 27—United States airmen engaged a group of forty-six Japanese interceptors in a raid on a Burma objective and, in dogfights, only nine of the enemy planes escaped while the Americans lost not a single one.

Exchanges of air activity have been general over bases in Burma, many planes of the Royal Air Force also being out on forays.

In a raid over a New Guinea harbor hits were scored by heavy bombs on a Japanese cargo ship.

In addition to shipping, enemy installations on New Guinea and New Britain were also attacked again.

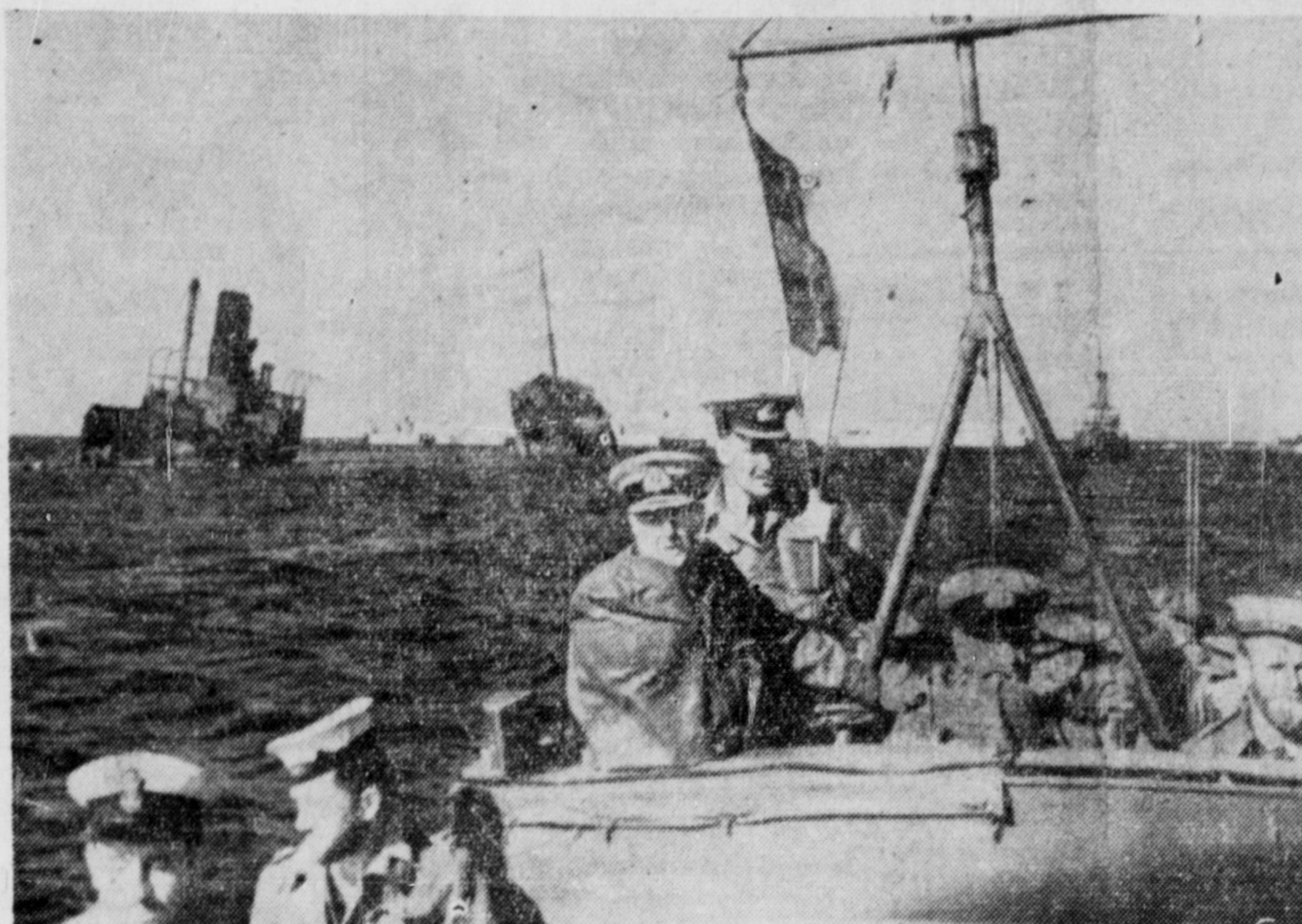
Re-Establishment Of Young Airmen

Will be Difficult but Important Problem, Says Minister of Air Power

OTTAWA, Feb. 27—Hon. G. C. Power, minister of national defence for air, spoke in Parliament yesterday of the re-establishment in civil life of young airmen after the war. This would be a "most difficult but important" problem.

A. H. Perkins left this morning for Port Essington.

MEDITERRANEAN CHIEF LOOKS OVER BENGALI HARBOR



Admiral Sir Henry Harwood, of the Royal Navy, commander-in-chief of the Mediterranean fleet, is shown, LEFT, with his aides in a motorboat tour of Bengali harbor after its recapture by the British forces. In BACKGROUND are some of the hulls of Axis shipping plastered by Allied aircraft during the blitz on Axis bases that coincided with the drive of the British Eighth Army. That drive is nearing Tripoli as this is written.

AMENDMENT IMPORTANT

Exclusive Bargaining Rights for Unions Having Majority of Men in Industries

VICTORIA, Feb. 27—Hon. George Pearson, minister of labor, introduced an important amendment to the Conciliation and Arbitration Act in the Legislature yesterday. The amendment provides that the union having the majority of members in any industrial plant shall have exclusive bargaining rights.

Rights of labor to bargain collectively are extended and protected in the amendments to the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act. The new legislation makes bargaining compulsory for employers when employees are properly organized and take the proper procedure.

The main amendment provides for the extension of privileges of trade unions. It is under this main amendment where it is provided that when the majority of employees belong to one trade union that union shall have the right to bargain for all employees affected although full provision is made for the rights of members of craft unions within a large group of employees.

FINE BALL BY MASONS

Spacious Banquet Hall of Temple Crowded Last Night

The banquet hall of the Masonic Temple was crowded last night for the annual ball of Tsimsean and Tyee Lodges, A. F. & A. M., which was, as usual, one of the outstanding events of the local social season. Blue and white streamers and Masonic emblems featured the decorations.

The dance was in full swing from 10 p.m. to 2 p.m. with G. P. Tinker a genial master of ceremonies.

At midnight delicious refreshments were served.

SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

LONDON, Feb. 27—Prof. C. E. M. Joad in a Home Service BBC broadcast advocated a compulsory six months educational holiday every 10 years for all citizens and attendance at a night school one night weekly.

CHINA'S GUERRILLAS

At least a million irregulars and guerrilla fighters are an important part of the Chinese armed forces.

Postie's Job Too Rigorous

Retired Bishop Found Age Against Him When He Carried His Majesty's Mails

LONDON, Feb. 27—Because his age is "beginning to tell a bit," Dr. Linton Smith, who retired in 1939 after 21 years as Bishop of Rochester, had to resign after three days as village postman of Overstrand, Norfolk. Dr. Linton took over when the regular "postie" fell ill and although 75 years old tramped eighteen miles each day.

ATTACK ON THIS COAST

Warning of Likelihood is Issued From San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27 (CP)—United States Pacific Coast residents were told Friday in a warning from regional offices of civilian defense of the possibility of enemy attack on the area being greater now than ever before. James C. Sheppard, regional Office of Civilian Defense director, said the Pacific Coast will probably be attacked. "It's time we faced the fact," Sheppard said. "The need for constant vigilance and preparedness is greater than ever."

Sheppard said that Lieut. Gen. J. L. DeWitt, western defense commander, stressed the attack possibility in a letter to him.

Discussion Is Not Permitted

Prelude to Charges in Legislature Regarding Laxity of Government Purchasing

VICTORIA, Feb. 27—Harold E. Winch, leader of the C.C.F. Opposition in the Legislature, was prevented from discussing an inquiry into the provincial police purchasing department when Speaker Norman Whittaker ruled that such discussion would be sub judice as four persons convicted have appealed. It was then that Mr. Winch made charges of "extraordinary laxity" in government purchases.

SMALL FARM DUTCH

One-fifth of the people of Holland earn their living on the land, mostly on small farms of less than fifty acres.

CHURCH IS READY NOW

Upstairs Auditorium of St. Paul's to Receive Congregation for First Time Tomorrow

Carpenters and painters have been busy for some weeks making necessary improvements which were left unfinished before the Christmas holidays and, as a result, the fine upstairs auditorium of the new St. Paul's Lutheran Church at the corner of Fifth Avenue and McBride Street is in readiness for the congregation to assemble therein for the first time tomorrow. Both the church choir and the Varden Singers will furnish the music for a full day of services commencing with Holy Communion in the morning before the regular morning service at which a number of new members will be received into the congregation.

The congregation is planning to have the church building dedicated the last part of March at which time Bishop L. C. Foss of Seattle, the district president, will officiate.

At that time Rev. O. A. Aasen of Vancouver who organized the congregation will also be present. Rev. Aasen is at the present time serving two congregations in Vancouver. Rev. J. H. Myrwang, former pastor, will also be here, as well as Rev. Holtfeld from Ketchikan.

ARE GOING TO FARMS

Federal Government Making Arrangements to Send 175,000 Workers to Fields

OTTAWA, Feb. 27—Some less essential industries may be closed down to release suitable men and women for farm work this year, Hon. Humphrey Mitchell, minister of labor, indicated in the House of Commons yesterday. Arrangements are being made for the return of some 175,000 workers to the farms this spring. There will also be deferment of some military call-ups.

Passengers leaving for Vancouver included T. Lofendo, T. A. Newton, R. L. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Tindall, E. A. Hyde, A. Bouchler, T. Watson, F. Christie, R. Bowles, G. Wilson and Miss Joyce Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Marsh, James Gould, L. W. Sparrow, F. Walters and G. Butler.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

Robbery With Violence is Alleged In City Police Court Case

James Enwright was committed for trial in city police court today and will appear in County Court on Monday before Judge W. E. Fisher for election on a charge of robbery with violence.

Enwright, it is alleged, took hold of Mike Sopko in the Canadian National Park and relieved him of \$17.

Sopko reported to the police and Enwright was picked up in a cafe soon after by Constable Strouts.

CONVICTION OF RADIONS

Fines of \$5 and \$2.50 Imposed Upon Twenty-eight Local Persons Yesterday

There were twenty-eight prosecutions before Magistrate W. D. Vance in city police court yesterday on charges of having radio licences without being licensed. Fines of \$5 and \$2.50 in each case were imposed. All pleaded guilty with the exception of A. H. Silverides who chose to contest the prosecution and was represented by T. W. Brown as counsel. The only witness was L. B. Crow, radio inspector, who gave formal evidence. There was no defence or argument.

Other prosecutions, besides that of Silverides, were against W. D. Lambie, Gilbert L. Taylor, Clarence A. Clifton, Mrs. Olga Jerstad, Andrew Strand, Miss Mary A. Way, Grant O. Dennison, Frederick H. Cameron, Clarence W. Ellison, Leo Trudeau, Elmar Magnusson, Peter Lake, Harold C. Christensen, James Hutchinson, John P. Carr, Dr. J. F. Maguire, Peter C. Leopold, James E. Scanlon, William Foltz, Clarence B. Thomson, Bernard Allen, John H. Bulger, Leslie Acheson, Charles P. Balagno, George J. Dawes, Donald L. Fraser and Arthur H. Roberts.

It is announced that henceforth persons who are visited by a radio inspector and are found to be without licences for their receivers will be automatically hauled into court.

MYSTERY SOLVED

Body Washed up on Queen Charlotte Was That of Northholm Crew Member

The mystery of how the body of Donald Alexander Robinson of Calgary was washed up on the beach at Langara Island at the northwest of the Queen Charlotte group has been solved. Robinson was a member of the crew of the freighter Northholm which foundered off Cape Scott, Vancouver Island, six weeks ago. The body had drifted some two hundred miles or so to Langara Island where it was found by a watchman, A. J. Peavy. The body has been brought here.

INVITE ARMY IDEAS

LONDON, Feb. 27—Sir James Grigg, Secretary for War, has announced that suggestion boxes will be introduced in British Army camps so "all ranks can put forward ideas for economies and improvements in the army."

UP FROM THE DEEP

CANBERRA, Feb. 27—The body of Flt. Sgt. Rawdon H. Middleton of the Royal Australian Air Force who was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross in January was recovered from the English Channel at Dover.

Cologne Objective of British and Canadians--Yanks Hit Naval Base

Round-the-clock Pounding of Reich is Being Effectively Kept Up Although Some Losses Suffered

LONDON, Feb. 27 (CP)—Hundreds of Royal Air Force bombers including a force from the Royal Canadian Air Force bomber group, attacked the Rhineland city of Cologne last night. It was not immediately known how many Canadian squadrons took part but it was indicated there were at least two. Of ten planes lost in the raid three were Canadian. It was the heaviest attack on Cologne since the 1,000 plane assault last May and maintained the savage round-the-clock pounding of Axis targets from the air.

The German High Command admitted there had been damage and casualties in the raid on Cologne.

The night raid of the Royal Air Force followed a daylight raid by United States flying fortresses on Wilhelmshaven, seven of the American machines being lost. Six United States newsmen travelled with the bombers.

There has been little retaliation by the enemy for the attacks on their territory. A few bombs were dropped along the south and southeast coast but damage and casualties were negligible and two Nazi planes were shot down.

RED CROSS DRIVE HERE

National Drive to Start Here as Elsewhere in Canada on Monday

The 1943 Red Cross National Appeal will commence on Monday next and the drive in Prince Rupert will get off to an early start. The chairman, R. E. Mortimer, announces that seven canvassing captains have been named with the city divided into different districts in which they and their canvassers will operate. It is hoped that generous donations will be ready for the canvassers when they call so that there may be no loss of their valuable time.

Prince Rupert Gyro Club has undertaken to canvas the business district with President W. J. Scott as team captain and canvassers in the persons of D. G. Borland, W. F. Stone, F. J. Skinner, C. C. Mills, G. A. Hunter, J. H. Bulger, Gordon Bryant, W. D. Lambie and Jack Ray.

Ladies will take care of the residential canvass with Mrs. J. E. Boddie, Mrs. A. H. Hill-Tout, Mrs. Alex Mitchell, Mrs. T. J. Boulter, Mrs. W. F. Eve and Mrs. D. G. Stuart as captains and the following as canvassers:

Mrs. Malcolm Lamb, Mrs. H. V. Tattersall, Mrs. Alex Barbe, Mrs. William Davidson, Mrs. William McLean, Mrs. James Hadden, Mrs. J. D. Allen, Mrs. Gordon F. Daniels, Mrs. John Ivanson, Mrs. J. T. Landridge, Mrs. S. A. Kielback, Mrs. M. J. Keys, Miss Peggy Dodimead, Mrs. Lillian Peters, Mrs. G. Geddes Jr., Mrs. Thomas Collier, Mrs. Margaret Smith, Miss B. Groves, Mrs. Dan Parent, Mrs. William Currie, Miss Dorothy Styles, Mrs. Fred Barber, Mrs. A. G. Bartlett Jr., Mrs. Geo. Dawes, Mrs. T. D. Black, Mrs. A. W. Alaire, Mrs. Eddie Clapp, Mrs. J. N. Forman, Mrs. H. R. Hibbard, Mrs. Geo. Hills, Mrs. Sinclair Pierce, Mrs. R. S. Scherk and Mrs. A. J. Phillipson.

DICK HAZLETON DEAD

LONDON, Feb. 27—Richard Hazleton, former Irish Nationalist member of Parliament, died in a London hospital at the age of 63.

RUSSIANS MOVE ON—RED ARMY KEEPS UP OFFENSIVE

German Counter-Attack Mounting But Are Still Unavailing

MOSCOW, Feb. 27 (CP)—The Red Army, driving westward, continued its winter offensive in the face of mounting German counter-attacks today along the entire front from north of Kursk to the Black Sea coast. Bloodiest battles are raging southwest of Kramatorsk where the Red Army is facing large tank forces and numerous fresh German reserves.

All Hitler's tanks are evidently being thrown into furious battle in the Donets Basin to prevent the Nazis being trapped west of Rostov.

The enemy counter-attacks have so far all been repulsed with heavy losses.

Now the Russians continue to move towards the Sea of Azov and also towards the Dneiper River despite the increased German resistance including more air power.

Little Change In Gandhi Condition

Reaches Eighteenth of Twenty-one Foodless Days

POONA, India, Feb. 27—Mohandas K. Gandhi shows no change on the eighteenth day of his three weeks' fast.

Winners in Sea Cadets' Raffle

Lucky Tickets Drawn at High School Last Night

The drawing for the Sea Cadet Bugle Band's raffle took place last night at the High School dance in the Eagles' Hall.

The winners were:

Box smoked fish—Ticket 848, F. Stewart.

Waterman's pen and pencil set—963, Stan Veitch.

Ladies' umbrella—660, Teresa Allison.

Electric clock—982, M. Martinson.

Man's sweater—419, Mrs. Tessie Harvey.

Table lamp—699, Mrs. G. Olsen.

Tickets