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### EDITORIAL

#### The Great Conference . . .

The event itself, rather than the accomplishments it may have attained, to many may comprise the striking feature of the conference of Prime Minister Winston Churchill, President Franklin D. Roosevelt and other Allied leaders near Casablanca in North Africa, the announcement of which was made last night. Certainly it was impressive and unprecedented. Apart possibly from the statement of French unity, the other announcements of conference results such as the resolution for victory, the plan for a general offensive, the determination that the philosophy of the aggressors must be completely destroyed cannot hardly be called new war aims but rather reiteration and development of the old ones.

The importance of the meeting, however, is not to be minimized. It renewed our resolve to win along the lines of our aims. It was an impressive rendezvous of the Allied leaders almost under the fire of one of the most important of the current war theatres and it augurs well for our cause. The confidence that it will radiate to us all is not an unimportant factor.

#### Differences in Africa . . .

General Giraud, French high commissioner in North Africa, and General De Gaulle, Fighting French leader, have met. Political differences have, it is intimated, been ironed out at least to some extent but not completely.

Of still larger importance than the meeting between these two French factions was the meeting of minds between British and American statesmen on basic policies to be pursued in North Africa. A dangerous chance of serious disagreement in this vital field existed and there are signs that it is being cleared up.

Even if General De Gaulle came to a working agreement with General Giraud, there would have been no object in him going to Washington unless and until Messrs. Roosevelt and Churchill reached an understanding about Africa, now that understanding has evidently been reached.

#### Dim-out and Traffic . . .

The dim-out conditions which are being imposed now in Prince Rupert and will continue for the duration of the war will present difficulties in the way of traffic both vehicular and pedestrian and will make necessary a new degree of watchfulness and caution.

The car operators will have to slow up and be on their guard in a degree that has never been necessary before. Most likely night driving will be reduced to a minimum. Doubtless, there will be no such driving that is not absolutely necessary.

As the visibility of the motorists will be greatly reduced owing to the drastic reduction of street illumination and because of the shielding of headlights, the pedestrians will not be able in the interests of their own safety to wander about on the roads as they have been doing. Wherever possible, it will be essential that they should keep to the sidewalks.

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## RELIEF IN DISASTER

This is One of Important Functions in Red Cross Work

### Year Reviewed

In Presidential Report of W. R. McAfee for 1942

"At the end of July a joint statement was issued by the Red Cross and the Provincial Civilian Protection Committee, establishing the division of responsibility between the two authorities in the event of disaster," said W. R. McAfee, retiring president of the Prince Rupert Branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society, in his annual report. "I consider it well worthwhile giving the following outline of what is expected of the Red Cross in preparation for, and taking care of, emergencies. It is our duty to:

#### In Case of Emergency

"A. Assist the Civilian Protection Committee and local and Provincial authorities in

"1. Home Nursing training.

"2. Provision of First Aid Post medical supplies.

"3. Supplemental assistance of personnel and supplies when needed.

"4. Evacuation (voluntary).

"B. Provide the emergency necessities of life

"1. Shelter.

"2. Food.

"3. Clothing.

"Important progress has been made already in this work. Much remains to be done. I would say that what Mr. Watt needs more than anything in organizing disaster relief is increased personnel and greater sympathy and understanding on the part of the public.

"The Red Cross Corps was asked to take charge of the registration of possible casualties at all First Aid Posts. An emergency food committee under the chairmanship of J. G. Johns was formed. It was decided to bring the evacuation committee of the A. R. P. under the Red Cross to establish machinery for possible voluntary evacuation under Red Cross auspices. Under this committee a registration bureau was set up by Mrs. J. G. Johns for the purpose of listing women and children who might wish to be evacuated. Results were unfortunately negligible, due to marked apathy on the part of the public. O. C. Young secured the co-operation of the I. O. D. E. in an effort to build up stores of emergency clothing, but again the public did not respond.

"The provision of facilities for Home Nursing training has always been an important contribution of the Red Cross to community and national welfare. The need for large numbers of women, trained in the principles of Home Nursing has perhaps never been greater than at present. The ranks of civilian doctors and nurses have been depleted by the prior needs of our armed forces and it is conceivable that serious epidemic situations might have to be taken care of by those trained by the Red Cross.

"Three classes in Home Nursing were conducted by Miss Priestly last spring and resulted in 52 certificates being granted. A class of over twenty is now taking instruction, under Mrs. L. B. Lambly R.N., a class is being organized by the ladies of the Moose. We have been offered every co-operation in this work by Dr. R. J. McDonald and the Prince Rupert Public Health Unit, who stand prepared to organize classes as fast as the women of Prince Rupert register for instruction."

#### Year in Review

What the local Red Cross branch had been able to achieve during the past year, Mr. McAfee's report said, had been due to the generous support of the people of the city and district and to the devotion of workers, relatively few in numbers, who had accepted active responsibility, often in terms of personal sacrifice, of seeing that the work was carried on.

With a membership of 2862 it was a matter of regret that more people were not in a position to give voluntarily some time as well as money to Red Cross work.

The retiring president considered it gratifying that receipts of the branch during the year, exclusive of campaign returns, had totalled \$3,111.52 including \$1431.52 from the theatre can, \$646.55 from salvage, \$328.90 from a tea, \$275.30 from a miniature locomotive raffle, \$214.05 from an Ontario Regiment band concert and \$215.52 in sundry donations from various native organizations in the district. The branch was most grateful for these sources of revenue.

Satisfactory results had been obtained locally during the month of May in the national campaign, there having been a generous and

whole-hearted response on the part of citizens, energetic and enthusiastic workers having also been active in the drive. Subscriptions came in from every possible source including logging and mining camps, canneries, fishing villages and native villages and, as a result, the cash total for the campaign ultimately reached the sum of \$17,000.

The greatest part of the money raised in the national campaign, said Mr. McAfee's report, had been earmarked for the great work of providing comfort and parcels for prisoners of war. This was a work which must go on and from which even greater demands would arise.

"Once again we convey our earnest appreciation," continued the presidential report, "to those women of the Red Cross who, week after week, month after month, sew and knit for the members of our active and auxiliary services, for air raid victims, for refugees. During the year approximately 5500 completed articles passed through the workroom in addition to 12,670 surgical wipes, compresses, pads and swabs. Mrs. Elkins and her committee members have done a good job."

The report expressed appreciation at the co-operation of the mayor and council having found new quarters for the workroom in the City Hall after it had been found necessary for the police authorities to again take over the police court room.

With large numbers of armed forces in the area, the hospital visiting committee under Mrs. J. B. Gibson, had had an extremely busy time. The work of this committee had taken on, added importance since the Department of National War Services had recently delegated to the Red Cross the job of seeing that military hospitals were supplied with comforts and necessary equipment not provided for in other ways.

As chairman of the Junior Red Cross committee, Mrs. J. D. Fraser had been successful in encouraging some very fine work in the schools during the spring term. Mrs. Fraser had found it necessary to give up the chairmanship but the incoming executive, no doubt, would take steps to see that the work was maintained.

The entertainment committee, under Mrs. Shelford Darton, had done good work. A tea at the home of Mrs. L. W. Kergin and a Christmas raffle had been instrumental in raising important sums of money. Appreciation was expressed to H. J. Rees whose donation of a steam locomotive model had resulted in the raising of the sum of \$275 by a raffle conducted by Mrs. T. J. Boulter.

#### Red Cross Corps

The women of the Red Cross Corps, with which Mrs. S. D. Johnston and her advisory committee had given valuable assistance, comprised a most important asset whose value in the event of an emergency arising could not be overestimated. It was to be hoped that efficiency would be maintained and many new recruits enrolled.

Mr. McAfee paid special tribute to Percy Miller, chairman of the salvage committee, and assistants for their work during the year. The work had represented much sweat and toil. Unfortunately, the situation in regard to collection, storage and shipping of salvage materials had deteriorated. After an unproductive appeal to the Department of War Services, the branch had reluctantly decided to give up the collection of salvage. Now the Junior Chamber of Commerce had taken over the job and would have the best wishes of the Society for success.

Reference was made also in the report to the services of Arnold Flaten as Red Cross representative on the Civilian Protection Committee, H. A. Breen as liaison officer between the Red Cross and the armed forces, Rev. C. A. Wright as next-of-kin appointee.

There had been co-operation with the American Red Cross.

## PLENTY OF BARLEY FOR MALT

There's no shortage of the raw materials used in the manufacture of beer. Barley and hops, the basic ingredients, are available in abundance, sufficient to supply the whole of Canada. Furthermore, no sugar or sweetening of any kind is used in the manufacture of beer.

We are now permitted to sell during each month only ninety percent of the amount of beer which was sold during the corresponding month last year (1942). Sales of bottled beer have also been greatly reduced. These restrictions would in themselves be assured of creating difficulties of distribution and complaint but these difficulties are further complicated by the fact that no consideration has been given to the special concentrations in certain communities of troops and war workers since last year. The result is manifest disappointment and injustice to the civilian population as well as to the troops in these communities.

We believe that supplies of beer to the armed forces should in any event be excepted from the rationed supplies of the civilian population.

Because of these restrictions all people who enjoy a glass of beer will have to suffer.

## Brewing Industry of British Columbia

#### Hockey Standings

	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Boston	17	6	12	129	121	42
Detroit	15	9	8	107	76	39
Toronto	16	4	11	146	97	36
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