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# Pave Way For Invasion of Europe

## ADVISED TO STAY AWAY

Wartime Housing and Contractors Being Warned of Lack of Educational Facilities Here

The city council last night approved a suggestion from the co-ordination committee, report of which was presented by Mayor W. M. Watts, that no new pupils should be accepted in city schools in view of present conditions of overcrowding in some of the schools, particularly at the east end of the city resulting from new industrial population in Wartime Housing properties. The suggestion is being sent on to the school board which will use its discretion in the matter.

Ald. N. E. Arnold wondered how such action would jibe with the Education Act. Ald. George Hills was not very keen on jeopardizing the interests of children who, after all, were not responsible.

Mayor W. M. Watts referred to overcrowding conditions in some of the schools, the limit of forty pupils to a classroom being exceeded in some cases.

Ald. J. S. Black looked at the matter from the standpoint of the children's health. Schools were already crowded to the limit.

At the suggestion of Ald. George Hills it was decided to officially warn Wartime Housing and contractors that it would be advisable to keep families away from Prince Rupert in view of the lack of educational facilities.

Ald. Robert McKay felt the whole thing was a federal responsibility.

## PLANS FOR SIDEWALKS

City Engineer's Estimates Include Item for \$10,000

City engineer's estimates for the year which have come before the city council include an item of \$10,000 for new sidewalks and assistance in A. R. P. undertakings. This was disclosed at last night's council meeting. New sidewalks proposed include one on Sherbrooke Avenue and another on Biggar Place.

A figure of \$2000 was mentioned in regard to the cost of the Sherbrooke Avenue sidewalk. This, it was thought, was a little high and there was a suggestion that there might be assistance in this project from the military authorities.

## Better Plan of Sewer Repair

Necessity of This Urged Upon City Council by Chairman of Board of Works

The situation in regard to downtown sewers was again before the city council last night, being mentioned by Ald. Robert McKay who stressed the desirability of some more economical plan of sewer rehabilitation than was now being pursued. The alderman felt that the present policy of digging and patching up here and there as continuous breaks occurred involved waste of both time and money. The better plan would be to take hold block by block and completely rebuild. This would be more efficient and permanent.

The Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-operative Association is seeking from the city council a lease on a piece of land about 50 by 70 feet on the water front near the Cow Bay bridge on which it is proposed to erect a warehouse. Formal application for the lease was made to the council at last night's meeting in a letter from A. Sinclair, manager of the association. The application was left to the finance committee for attention.

## WAR NEWS

**BRITISH SMASH BERLIN**  
LONDON—A mighty force of Royal Air Force and Royal Canadian bombers smashed Berlin last night in the sixth successive night foray over the continent. Nineteen planes were lost, two of them Canadian.

**ENEMY IS HURLED BACK**  
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA—Allied troops have hurled back all of General von Arnim's attacks in northern Tunisia, knocking out 24 German tanks in three days and killing at least 600 Axis troops, while, in central Tunisia, the Allies captured Sbeitla and drove on three miles farther east.

**NEW RUSSIAN VICTORY**  
MOSCOW—Returning to the forefront of Red Army operations against the Germans, Marshal Simeon Timoshenko has driven into their positions on a broad sector of the Northwestern front and smashed the seasoned German Sixteenth Army between Leningrad and Lake Ilman, the Russians said today.

**GREAT JAPANESE CONVOY**  
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA—One of the largest Japanese convoys yet to be sighted in the northeastern sector of the southwest Pacific is reported by the Allied High Command to be heading in the direction of New Guinea.

## Fixed Scale of Wages Proposed

Members of Fire Department Would be Put on Definite Basis Under Plan

A definite scale of wages for the members of the fire department is under consideration. It was brought before the city council last night by the fire committee.

Under the proposed scale a first class fireman would receive \$150 per month, second class \$142.50, third class, \$135 and probationer, \$125. A year's probationary period would be required. After the probationary period there would be two weeks' holidays per year with pay.

Ald. H. M. Daggett thought there should be a wage scale for all civic departments.

## Better Deal Being Sought

City Council to Press Its Case Further With Wartime Housing

Although Joseph M. Piggott, president of Wartime Housing Limited, has so far not taken sympathetically with the idea, the city will communicate further with that organization with a view to getting a new collateral agreement in regard to terms under which city land is held by Wartime Housing. Further effort will be made to point out to Wartime Housing the advantages it receives at Prince Rupert further. The city council, at the suggestion of Mayor W. M. Watts, decided to keep moving along these lines.

## Cities May Go Into Business

Legislation Being Enacted at Session of B.C. House to Enable Dealing in Fuel

In view of fuel shortage conditions, municipalities are to be empowered to purchase coal, wood and fuel oil for purposes of resale under legislation being introduced at the present session of the Legislature, the city council was advised last night in a communication from the Union of British Columbia municipalities.

Oiler Besner left last night for a trip to Vancouver.

## What to Give Minesweeper

City Council Favors Gift to War Vessel Named After This Place But Wonders What It Should be

The proposal of making a suitable presentation, in collaboration with the Senior and Junior Chambers of Commerce, to the recently launched minesweeper Prince Rupert was discussed at last night's meeting of the city council and left to the mayor and Ald. W. H. Brett to further deal with.

The aldermen felt that something should be done about it but the question was what form the presentation should take. One idea was that there might be a silver tea service but some of the aldermen did not take very kindly to this as they thought the men would not see very much of it. The mayor's idea was a bell. Ald. Robert McKay thought a radio.

## Civilian Bodies Denied Meeting Place by City

The city council last night, by resolution of Ald. J. S. Black, seconded by Ald. George Hills, adopted a policy of refusing the use of the city police court room to civilian organizations for use as a meeting place although military court-martials may use the premises subject to arrangement with the chief of police.

The matter came up in a request from the Junior Section of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce for permission to use the police court for its meetings on first and third Friday evenings of the month.

Ald. Black felt that, if permission was granted to one civilian organization, it would have to be granted to all. Conversely, if one was refused, all would have to be refused, Mayor Watts pointed out.

Ald. Robert McKay inquired at last night's meeting of the city council as to what was being done in the matter of a sewer near the corner of Eighth Avenue and McBride Street under the plan for which private property owners were to connect up with some Wartime Housing dwellings. The mayor replied that the city clerk had written to four property owners concerned but had received a reply from only one. Ald. McKay thought that some more houses a block further along might also be connected up.

## HOLD IN TUNISIA

Germans Fail to Make Headway in Vigorous Assaults

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, March 2 (CP)—The Germans made two more attacks yesterday toward Beja, west of Tunis and a short distance south of the Mediterranean coast, but were driven back after losing six tanks in one action.

Some twenty miles to the south Allied troops struck out with counter-attack northeast of El Aroussa, killing at least three hundred Axis troops and wiping out some machine gun posts.

In northern Tunisia all German attacks, some of them very vigorous, were turned back.

In one of the most successful days in the air, the Allied air forces shot down twenty-five Axis planes.

## ARMY WINS FIRST GAME

Opener of British Columbia Hockey Championship Finals is Played

NEW WESTMINSTER, March 2 (CP)—Victoria Army trounced Vancouver Royal Canadian Air Force ten to one in the first game of the best of seven series for the British Columbia senior hockey championship. The next game will be at New Westminster tomorrow night.

## RED ARMY NEW DRIVE

Timoshenko Scores in Surprise Move in Lake Ilman-Leningrad Sector Toward Estonia

MOSCOW, March 2 (CP)—The latest Russian communique today did not mention fighting in the Lake Ilman-Leningrad sector where the Red Army, under command of Marshal Simeon Timoshenko, has just scored a great victory over the Nazis but front line dispatches indicated that Timoshenko had not halted his drive to consolidate until after he had swept over nine hundred square miles of territory, recapturing 302 villages. Timoshenko is evidently aiming for Estonia with a view to cutting off large Nazi forces.

To the southwest of Kharkov and Rostov the Red Army continues to advance although at a slower pace.

Ald. T. H. Sorensen reported at last night's meeting of the city council that there had been complaints in regard to the condition of a sidewalk leading from Amrose Avenue to the dry dock. It was understood that this was a private sidewalk but a check-up will be made.

Post-war establishment of an international state in the area embracing northern British Columbia north of the 54th parallel, Yukon and Alaska was advocated by E. T. Kennedy, Liberal member for Skeena, in the Legislature yesterday. (The 54th parallel runs just south of Prince Rupert which would, therefore, be included in the proposed international area).

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## APPEAL OF GOVERNOR

His Excellency Issues Statement in Opening of Red Cross Drive

OTTAWA, March 2—An appeal to the people of the Dominion to support the Canadian Red Cross national campaign for \$10,000,000 which opened yesterday was made by His Excellency, the Governor General, who is President of the Society.

In a statement to the press the Governor General said:

"The Canadian Red Cross Society urgently needs \$10,000,000. About half this amount is for food parcels to be sent to Canadian and British prisoners of war in the hands of the enemy in Europe and the Far East. This is an absolutely essential service, for as the pressure of the United Nations increases, our men in captivity will become more and more dependent for their food on Red Cross parcels. We must make certain by the generosity of our contributions that this supply is kept going through the splendidly organized channels of the International Red Cross.

"We must remember also that many of the comfort for the men in our armed forces are supplied by the Red Cross, and the provision of hospital supplies is a constant drain on our resources.

"Another important item in the Red Cross bill is the Blood Donor Service, which has meant the saving of so many lives and the alleviation of so much pain.

"All these things cost money, and as President of the Canadian Red Cross Society, I ask all Canadians to give everything they can to this most worthy cause.

"The longer the war lasts, the greater is the human suffering it brings in its train. The Canadian Red Cross is dedicated to the relief of that suffering, and it is the privilege and responsibility of the Canadian people to see that this work is neither interrupted nor retarded through shortage of funds. I feel sure that I do not appeal to you in vain."

## BULLETINS

WASHINGTON — The United States would utterly destroy the Japanese Navy before the war is over and Japan will not be allowed to build another, Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox declared today.

CHURCHILL TO PACIFIC  
LONDON — Prime Minister Winston Churchill has received an invitation from General Douglas MacArthur to visit the South Pacific war zone. The effect of such a visit would be "magical," MacArthur declares.

GANDHI HOLDING OWN  
POONA—With the twenty-one fast period due to end tomorrow, Mahatma Gandhi was reported today to be still holding his own.

NAZIS COMING OVER  
BERLIN — The German radio said today that Nazi bombers may visit the east coast of the United States within the next few months. New York, Boston and Washington might not be safe.

BUTTER STILL SHORT  
OTTAWA — The government has decided against the restoration of the former butter ration of eight ounces every two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Helgerson, 425 Dunsuir Street, have received a cable from their son, Harold, who is serving with the Royal Canadian Air Force, telling of his safe arrival overseas.

## Berlin Sustains Its Worst Pounding Yet; Is Attacked In Force

Under Secretary of State for Air Says Way is Being Paved for Invasion of Europe

LONDON, March 2 (CP)—"Berlin got it heavier last night than it has ever had so far," said Capt. Harold Balfour, Under Secretary of State for Air, as it was authoritatively stated that the weight of bombs hitting the German capital from a mighty force of Royal Air Force and Royal Canadian Air Force bombers last night was probably about nine hundred tons or twice as great as the top load dropped on London in any one night by the German air force. Balfour said that the continuous air raids on Germany paved the way for the Allied invasion of Europe.

Nineteen planes were lost, two of them Canadian, in the night's operations which included bombing of other targets in western Germany, mine laying operations in enemy waters and fighter intruder patrols over northern France.

It is estimated that almost 1,000 planes took part in the night's raids.

The Berlin radio said that considerable damage had been done in the raid and incomplete returns showed eighty-nine killed and 213 injured.

## Jap Prisoners Are Killed In New Zealand

WELLINGTON, New Zealand, March 2 (CP)—Forty-eight Japanese war prisoners were killed in a mutinous outbreak at a war prisoners' camp, it was announced today.

## BISHOP IS AT FUNERAL

Head of Roman Catholic Church Leaves to Arrange for Obsequies of Late Father Coccola

Rt. Rev. E. M. Buno, D.D., Bishop of Northern British Columbia and the Yukon, and Father James Carroll left on last evening's train for Smithers to attend the funeral of the late Father Nicholas Coccola, veteran priest of the central interior, who passed away yesterday morning at the Roman Catholic Hospital at Smithers. Arrangements for the funeral were to be concluded following the arrival of Bishop Buno at Smithers.

A link with the past history of British Columbia was severed when Father Coccola passed away in the Smithers Hospital at 11 o'clock yesterday morning. He came to this province direct from France as a young man in his twenties. Working as a missionary he had remained in the province ever since. He went through the boom days of the Boundary mining country in southern British Columbia many years ago and came north from there. On more than one occasion he had his life threatened by irate Indians.

Father Coccola founded the Indian industrial school at Lejac on Fraser Lake and for the past ten years had resided at Smithers. He had been in failing health for some time past and his death was not unexpected.

Father Coccola was about ninety years of age.

The aged priest had a host of friends in all parts of the province and many old timers from all over the country called to visit him and renew old acquaintances while in Smithers.

## New Fire Engine For City Coming

Provision is Made in Estimates Presented to City Council Last Night

Purchase of a new fire engine at an estimated cost of \$10,645 is provided for in the fire department estimates for the year. It was announced at last night's meeting of the city council. The estimates of the department total \$29,684 including \$16,234 in wages as compared with \$11,485 last year. The wages are higher in view of the larger personnel of the department.

## City Should Lead Way in Campaign For Red Cross

The President of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, in a communication before the city council last night, solicited the support of the city in fullest measure possible to the present national Red Cross drive. He felt that in this matter the cities should lead the way. The matter was referred to the finance committee.

## Chlorination Is Up Again

Federal Government Inquires From City as to Progress Made

Communications having been received by wire from the Department of National Health as to what progress was being made by the city in the matter of installing a chlorination plant for city water at government expense, the Department of Pensions and National Health being anxious to expedite the signing of an agreement, the city council last night decided to reply to the government reiterating its stand, already communicated to the government early in January, that, as the city had no money to finance the work and furthermore could not obtain the men or equipment necessary to do the work, the government would have to look after it itself. However, it was mentioned that the necessary equipment had already been ordered.