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Tonight's Dim-out

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Nazis Facing Another Disaster

Canadians Take Part in Raid On Italy

Germany and France Also Included Last Night In Big Attack

Described as One of Most Powerful Air Operations of War—Turin, Lorient and Ruhr Objectives Are Hit

LONDON, Feb. 5 (CP)—The Royal Air Force and the Royal Canadian Air Force joined last night for one of the most powerful operations of the war, spreading destruction over Axis centres in Germany, Italy and France with loss of only three big bombers. Royal Canadian Air Force bombers were in a force that smashed at Turin in northern Italy and the submarine base of Lorient in France while other Royal Air Force raiders hammered simultaneously at the northern Italian naval base of Spezia and industrial targets in the Ruhr.

A Royal Canadian Air Force communique reported that one of the missing planes was from a Canadian group and described the attacks on Turin and Lorient as concentrated.

It was the first time this year that the Royal Air Force had raided Italy with bombers based from Britain.

The Canadian communique also told of the destruction of a Nazi bomber by Royal Canadian Air Force Halifax on patrol over the Bay of Biscay.

PLANS FOR FUTURE—

POST-WAR REPORT IS PRESENTED

Many Subjects Covered in Comprehensive Document Tabled by Premier in Legislature

VICTORIA, Feb. 5 (CP)—An interim report of the provincial postwar rehabilitation committee, which during the past year has been giving considerable study to many important problems which may arise out of the war, was presented to the Legislature yesterday by Premier John Hart.

The recommendations include:

Undertaking by the provincial government of active promotion for British Columbia of the steel industry with utilization of scrap steel as a possible nucleus.

The holding of a conference with the Dominion to study the possibility of extending the Pacific Great Eastern Railway to the Peace River, Alaska and the Yukon.

Establishment by the Dominion of a civilian technical corps of ex-servicemen to be employed on public projects.

A national policy of planned production and controlled marketing to give farmers a stable market.

Granting of low interest loans or subsidies for the establishment of secondary industries in smaller towns.

Review of the railway rate structure.

Detailed survey of hydro-electric power possibilities for the electrification of rural areas.

Classification of men of the merchant navy as ex-servicemen for rehabilitation benefits.

Reform of the educational system with a change to make sure that children of rural areas shall be given similar opportunities to those in the cities.

New industrial housing and land settlement measures.

Offering after the war of only tested land for settlement purposes, with controlled settlement in areas close to existing transportation facilities.

The report is a document of three hundred pages and is most comprehensive.

Harold Winch, C.C.F. leader, and Mrs. T. J. Rolston, Vancouver-Point Grey, commented briefly on the report while speaking in the debate on the reply to the Speech from the Throne.

The post-war rehabilitation committee was under the chairmanship of Hon. H. G. Perry and consisted of members of all political groups in the House. During the year the committee toured the province to receive representations and ideas.

SQUARE ROOT SAILING

The speed of sailing yachts generally varies according to the square root of their length.

MANY AXIS SHIPS SUNK

Only Sporadic Tank Fighting at Present on Land in Tunisia

LONDON, Feb. 5 — British submarines have sent ten Nazi supply vessels to the bottom of the Mediterranean in recent days. Allied submarines and aircraft have accounted for nineteen enemy vessels.

There is only sporadic tank fighting at present on the land front in Tunisia.

A report that the British Eighth Army and United States forces have effected a juncture in southern Tunisia is not confirmed.

Nearly All Town Is Sharpshooting

Prairie Centre Ready to Give Nazis Warm Welcome if and When They Invade

BULYEA, Sask., Feb. 5 (CP)—The townsfolk are ready for any invader that dares approach this small prairie town of 100 persons, 50 miles north of Regina.

For they are hanging their bullseyes on a barbed wire fence these days, theoretically banging away at the oche. Every Sunday morning, rain or shine, 22 men, women and children from town and farms turn out to a range on the outskirts of Bulyea. They are the members of the Bulyea Rifle Club.

Everybody is in there fighting. Their accuracy is shown in the awards of 12 bronze medals, three silver medals and a gold medal given by the Dominion Marksmen Association.

The club is the outgrowth of a reserve army drive. Bulyea had no young people—they all went to the war. Seventeen of them enlisted from the village itself and farmer's sons increased the total to 56.

Tonight's train, due from the East at 10:30, is reported six hours late which would bring it in at 4:30 tomorrow morning.

MINISTRY FOR FOOD

Tom Reid, New Westminster Member, Urges This in Parliament

OTTAWA, Feb. 5—Tom Reid, Liberal member for New Westminster, advocated a ministry of food in the House of Commons yesterday during the Throne Speech debate. Canada, Reid said, could meet the challenge of Europe's needs but not by present methods.

Prime Minister King suggested that an announcement regarding a food ministry would be made later.

RANGOON ATTACKED

Royal Air Force Strikes Burma City With Heavy Bombs From American Liberators

NEW DELHI, Feb. 5—Royal Air Force planes made a smashing attack on Burma last night, dropping thousand pound bombs from American Liberators. Akyab was also bombed again.

Left Secret Hoard Of Valuable China

Australian Woman Hated Publicity But Owned One of World's Best Collections

MELBOURNE, Australia, Feb. 5 (CP)—Mrs. Agnes Howard, who died recently in a Melbourne suburb, had an almost morbid horror of publicity. To her next-door neighbors she was just a pleasant old lady who lived alone. But, unknown to them, her small house contained one of the finest collections of china in the world, valued at many thousands of pounds.

Even art dealers, whom she met every week to see if they had new specimens for sale, did not penetrate to her home museum. Few other people visited her.

In the rooms, one could scarcely move for fear of knocking over a piece of Chelsea or Doulton. These beautiful things lay heaped on tables, and jammed, layer upon layer, into glass cases.

When she exhibited a section of this treasure last year in aid of the Red Cross she insisted on remaining anonymous.

Mrs. Howard bought her china in Europe and America, as well as locally.

TAKES OVER U.S. FORCES

Lieut. General Frank M. Andrews Assumes Command in Europe

LONDON, Feb. 5—Lieut. General Frank M. Andrews has been appointed commander - in - chief of United States European forces in succession to Lieut. General Dwight Eisenhower, now in North Africa. He said in a statement that his first job would be to increase and intensify the air attack on Germany.

General Andrews, formerly an airman himself, has come from the Middle East command and was formerly in the Caribbean area.

SOUTH AFRICAN ELECTION

JOHANNESBURG, Feb. 5 (CP) — Speaking to his constituents at Standerton, Prime Minister Smuts said he didn't know whether or not there would be a South African general election in 1943. "It's a matter for parliament to decide," he said.

Would Close Mines Dep't

Dr. Gillis, Liberal Member For Yale, Demands Something Be Done in Coal Situation

VICTORIA, Feb. 5 (CP) — Dr. J. J. Gillis, Liberal member for Yale suggested, while speaking in the Throne Speech debate, that, if the provincial Department of Mines did not intend to do anything in the present coal shortage, it should be closed up and its functions assumed by a few practical men who would not only advise the government but would go out and see that more coal was mined.

Dr. Gillis moved the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne.

1500 Radio Licences In Rupert Paid

Since L. B. Crowe, radio inspector from Vancouver, started his campaign here for the collection of local radio licences, no less than 1500 have been paid, it was announced yesterday. Thirty-one prosecutions for failure to pay licences are now pending.

HITLER IS SAID DEAD

Rumor Refuses To Die But Is Not Regarded Seriously in Official Quarters

LONDON, Feb. 5— Rumors that Adolf Hitler is dead refuse to die but they are believed to be only rumors. Although they gain momentum, the rumors are treated with caution everywhere. One official here described them as "sheer nonsense." Another said that it would not make much difference if Hitler was dead. Another figurehead would be found. What should be assassinated was not a man but an idea.

BACK IN 1917

As early as May, 1917, in the First Great War, there were mutinous outbreaks in the German navy.

SEA FIGHT CONTINUES

United States Department of Navy, However, Has Little To Say

WASHINGTON, D.C., Feb. 5— All the United States Department of the Navy will say about the reported naval battle in the Solomon Islands area is that sea skirmishes reported several days ago are continuing. It may be days or weeks, for reasons of security, before an announcement is made as to the results. There has been air fighting on both sides.

Allied bombers are continuing widespread attacks on enemy bases in the South Pacific, Rabaul, Gasmata and Salamaua being among the objectives hit.

CAMPAIGN CONCLUDED

Final Meeting of Central Committee on Aid to Russia Held Last Night

The central committee of the recent Canadian Aid to Russia campaign in Prince Rupert was in final session last night under the chairmanship of Rev. A. F. MacSween and looked back on a highly successful drive, the financial result of which far exceeded the most hopeful expectations. The treasurer, G. R. S. Blackaby, advised the meeting that, with the possibility of a few subscriptions yet remaining to be turned in, the total money raised was $3,447.89. Outstanding individual efforts had included the tag day, netting $485.35, and the regimental concert which yielded $310.70.

Votes of thanks were tendered to Mr. Blackaby, for his work as treasurer; to the press and radio station, for sustained support in the way of publicity; to D. G. Borland, whose efforts had made the regimental show so successful; to Mrs. J. A. Teng, who had directed the tag day; to W. D. Lambie, whose office was used for meetings; to the banks which had received collections; to the conveners of committees, and all other persons who had given assistance.

It was left to the chairman and treasurer to conclude any business of the committee which might remain outstanding.

HOME COUNTIES

The English "home counties" are those nearest to London—Middlesex, Surrey, Kent, Essex and sometimes Sussex and Hertford.

ONE POINT LANDING SUCCESSFUL

With one wheel of his landing gear down and the other jammed at the half-way position, a navy flier is shown just as the one wheel touched ground in his dangerous landing attempt. On landing the plane he swung about on the one wheel, leaned over on a wingtip and then climbed out with no damage to himself or the plane.

Gigantic Encirclement Of All German Forces Near Rostov Imminent

Red Army Breaks Through Into Ukraine—To the South Enemy is Being Pinned Back Against Red Sea

MOSCOW, Feb. 5 (CP)—Facing a gigantic encirclement of all their forces in the Don basin above Rostov even as their armies in the Caucasus were being pinned back aganst the sea, the Germans were reported today to be desperately rushing squadrons of tanks and divisions of infantry reserves into battles raging west and south of Krasny-Liman. In breaking through to Krasny-Liman, the Red Army pushed deep into the Ukraine to develop a potential flanking movement against the important German strongholds of Kharkov and Voroshilovgrad. Soviet forces are well to the west of the latter city.

The remainder of nine German and Hungarian divisions, surrounded west of Voronezh, appear to be facing fate similar to that of the Nazi force encircled and annihilated at Stalingrad. The newspaper Pravda reports trapped forces fighting in scattered garrisons without communication.

Directly east and north of Rostov the Nazis are reported counter-attacking with abundant tanks and motorized forces as they make a supreme effort to hold that key city and retain the land route of escape for hard-pressed forces in the Caucaus.

Every railway and highway leading to Rostov is now in Russian hands and the Red Army is only 38 miles from the city. Further gains on the approaches to Rostov were made last night.

DENIAL IS SURPRISE

Spanish Denial Is First Official Attention to Any Hitler Peace Rumor

LONDON, Feb. 5 (CP)—The note issued by the Spanish embassy in Rio de Janeiro denying that Chancellor Adolf Hilter of Germany was planning a peace offer through the Spanish government has occasioned some surprise since it was the first official attention given to such rumors by any country.

British Town Bombed Today

LONDON, Feb. 5— Four German bombers raided a south coast town today. Streets were machine-gunned. There was some damage in addition to casualties.

New Modern School Building In Vicinity of McBride St. Plan of Former Inspector

From the school records in the City Hall Mrs. J. A. Rutherford, secretary of the board of school trustees, has just dug up a hitherto unpublished survey of the local school accommodation situation which was made by Alex Turnbull, former school inspector here, who left the city for another inspectorate last summer. It is an interesting document which, among other things, found that all the present elementary school buildings in Prince Rupert had just about come to a state structurally where they would have to be replaced before long by new ones.

Mr. Turnbull recommended that Booth Memorial School be converted from high to elementary school purposes and that a new eighteen-room school for senior and junior high school purposes be built in the vicinity of McBride Street, possibly embodying the features of a civic centre, Mr. Turnbull's report further suggests that King Edward School grounds be made a public playing field and that Borden Street School be rebuilt at a site slightly further west than at present. Even Mr. Turnbull at that time suggested that Wartime Housing might provide a subsidy for school building purposes.

As a temporary expedient, Mr. Turnbull suggested that one or two room schools might be built to provide accommodation for increasing school population.

Meanwhile, the board of school trustees is continuing to give serious consideration to the problem of expanding school population, projects suggested including a six room school at Seal Cove, six rooms at Conrad Street, an eight room school in the vicinity of Corad Street with the abolition of Seal Cove school or a ten room school in the present site of King Edward school with the replacement of the latter after the war. The last-mentioned, which would be a permanent, fireproof structure, would be the most satisfactory solution of the whole question of school congestion in the east end, the board feels.

All, of course, the school board admits, is contingent upon the financial position of the city with the possibility of Wartime Housing giving assistance since the increased school population is due to the wartime industrial expansion here. W. F. Eve, local administrator for Wartime Housing, stated recently that it might be difficult even for Wartime Housing to obtain materials for school building purposes.

Even this year the school board contemplates that it may be necessary to add two teachers to High School staff and six to public school if the rate of school population increases as anticipated due to the arrival of new industrial families here. The increase is all in the east end.

Gov't Control Of Industries

Advocated in Legislature by Harold Winch, C.C.F. Leader

VICTORIA, Feb. 5—Speaking in the Throne Speech debate in the Legislature yesterday, Harold Winch, C.C.F. leader, advocated government control of all war industries.