

Nazis Retreat To Rumania

Allies Taking Over Cassino

New Zealanders Are In Thick of Battle Along Rome Highway

NAPLES, March 17 (CP)—The Fifth Army forces have now fought their way into Cassino to the southeastern outskirts and captured several prominent heights overlooking the ruined town. New Zealand troops finally drove the Germans from all but one corner of the town. From that point the Via Casinina leads into the Liri Valley and on to Rome. The Germans are still said to be occupying the ruins of Monte Cassino Abbey.

ELIMINATE VENEREAL DISEASES

Never Were Conditions Better to Combat Syphilis and Gonorrhoea.

"Events and conditions are favorable for the final eradication of venereal diseases in Canada," declared Major B. B. Moscovich of the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps in speaking before the Prince Rupert Rotary Club yesterday. Dr. Moscovich spoke in connection with the current Social Hygiene Campaign Week. "There is a full tide of wholesome public interest, concern and support," he said, "for measures directed against these master saboteurs of our war effort. Never before has there been such an imposing show of force representing all available human resources arrayed against the serious threat of syphilis and gonorrhoea. If every citizen in Canada takes his station on the health, welfare, legal or moral sector of Canada's four sector front against venereal disease the favorable outcome of the battle is assured."

There was evidence even before the onset of war that a growing social consciousness was uncovering this long-neglected national tragedy. The acceleration of this pre-war trend had in a dramatic fashion simultaneously throughout Canada aroused the people and their governing agencies. The result was a united desire to overcome venereal disease.

As a result of the recognition of the need for immediate action to reduce the threat of venereal infection to Canada's war effort and home life, a comprehensive central program had been launched last July integrating the control measures of the forces, the Department of National Health and the Provincial Department of Health followed by a national disease control conference in Ottawa in December with 105 delegates and visitors assembled. Here principles and policy which would guide the anti-venereal disease program were laid down. The purpose was to take the offensive on each sector as follows:

Health sector—waging unrelenting war with weapons of modern medical science and public health procedure by physicians, nurses and health departments.

Welfare sector—Social workers and welfare agencies aiming to battle squalor, overcrowding, lack of food, neglect and security.

Legal sector—courts, legal profession and police agencies seeking out and bringing to justice those whom for personal gain pursue to man's weaknesses.

Moral sector—Churches and homes leading the battle to strengthen the moral fibre of (Continued on Page 3)

Hockey Scores

Detroit 10, Boston 9.
Montreal 3, Chicago 2.

NIGHT OF BOMBING

Factories in France Principal Targets for Allied Attacks By Air.

LONDON, March 17 (CP)—The rubber tire factory at Clermont-Ferrand, 30 miles southwest of Vichy, and railway targets at Amiens were attacked last night by Royal Air Force and Royal Canadian Air Force bombers, while Mosquitoes struck at western Germany. All the planes returned safely. Canadian bombers were about 40 per cent of the force sent out during the night to Amiens. The principal targets of yesterday's raids. Two thousand American and other planes went over. Fifty-six German planes were shot down during the day.

Finland Asked To Reconsider

STOCKHOLM, March 17 (CP)—King Gustav and the Swedish government have appealed to the Finns to reconsider their decision rejecting Russia's peace terms.

Carpenters' Union Meets

No special considerations were brought to the attention of members of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, at the regular meeting of the union, held in the Carpenter's Hall last night. Routine business dominating the meeting. There was a good turnout of members.

DOUKHOBOR VIOLENCE

Trouble Between Orthodox Members and Sons of Freedom Sect at Brilliant.

BRILLIANT, March 17 (CP)—Violence between orthodox Doukhobors and the radical Sons of Freedom flared up yesterday and last night, but no one was seriously injured despite fist fights, clothes tearing and club swinging. The disturbances centred around the home of John Veregin, spiritual leader of the orthodox Doukhobors.



WHERE TO GO ON A 48? — The question of where to go and what to do on a precious 48 hours' leave is not troubling these three hard-working service women shown at a station wicket in Montreal. Unanimous choice was Ste. Adele, Laurentian mountain resort, and skiing, for which they brought along plenty of smart ski togs. Girls in the services save up for such trips, and benefit by getting reduced rates on railways. They can secure permission to wear "clivies" on such leaves. From left to right: Wren Helen Brophye, Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service, Pte. Marydel Robertson, Canadian Women's Army Corps, and Cpl. Barbara Brophy, R.C.A.F., Women's division.

Bulletins

DROP AIRBORNE TROOPS NEW DELHI—In a surprise move Lord Louis Mountbatten's East Asia command dropped a heavy force of airborne troops behind the Japanese front lines on the north Burma front.

DENIES FAVORITISM OTTAWA—Dr. Frigon, chairman of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, has denied that he has been guilty of autocratic conduct in connection with allotting time for political talks on the network.

BACK TO FARM VANCOUVER — More than 2,000 prairie farm workers employed during the winter months in B.C. war industries, must be released to return to the farm by April 15, Selective Service announced today.

REUTERS SUSPENDED BUENOS AIRES—The British news agency, Reuters, has been ordered to suspend operations in the Argentine.

MINISTER TAKING REST OTTAWA—Hon. J. L. Isley, minister of finance, is taking a much-needed rest. Hon. J. L. Ralston, minister of national defence, is acting minister of finance during Isley's absence.

TURGEON AMBASSADOR OTTAWA—Hon. W. F. Turgeon of Regina has been appointed Canada's first ambassador to Mexico.

Irish Leader Is On Hunger Strike

BELFAST, March 17 (CP)—Hugh McTeer, leader of the outlawed Irish Republican Army, today entered the thirty-fourth day of his hunger strike to death.

New Westminster Goes Ahead In Play-off

CALGARY, March 17 — New Westminster went two up without a loss by defeating Edmonton 10 to 4 last night in the second game of the Allan Cup play-offs.

Russians at Dniester River; Enemy Is Now Backing Into Bessarabia

LONDON, March 17 (CP)—The Second Ukrainian Army has reached the Dniester River at several points and German forces already have begun a retreat into Bessarabia at Mogilev-Podolski. This means that the Russians have reached the old Rumanian frontier and now stand within 50 miles of the Prut River which Moscow considers the present Rumanian border.

Premier Joseph Stalin today announced the capture of a powerful German bastion from the Germans in Poland.

COMMANDER WALLACE—

TAKES OVER DESTROYER

Former Naval Officer in Charge, Prince Rupert, in Command H.M.C.S. Qu'Appelle.

Commander D. C. Wallace, former naval officer in charge in Prince Rupert has just been announced commanding officer of H.M.C.S. Qu'Appelle. This ship is the former H.M.S. Foxhound of the Royal Navy, one of the ships which escorted the first contingent of Canadian troops to Great Britain.

Commander Wallace has served on the North Atlantic for more than three years and is highly experienced in anti-submarine duty. With him as first lieutenant will be Lieut. (T) W. S. T. McCully, R.C.N., also well known to many in the naval service in Prince Rupert.

One of the hardest worked destroyers in the Royal Navy, H.M.S. Foxhound, built at John Brown's, has steamed 240,000 miles since the war began and claims this as a record unequalled by any other ship of the Allied navies or merchant fleet now afloat. For almost four years of war the "Foxhound" has steamed an average of 7,000 miles a month in seas from Iceland to the Bay of Bengal.

In battle and in escort work, patrols and rescue missions, "Foxhound" has put to sea in every kind of weather. Her story is one of weeks and months of sea going, interspersed with short periods of harbor and once a year, a much needed refit. Fourteen hundred and twenty-six days of non-stop vigilance with action-stations just round the corner every moment, of careful tending of high powered machinery which in one month alone must perform tens of thousands of revolutions, are part of her achievement.

His many friends in Prince Rupert congratulate Commander Wallace on his new appointment and, while the ship has changed her name and crew, he will undoubtedly be inspired by her past records and lead her to more and glorious achievements.

Mr. Macdonald was replying to Howard Green who had suggested that the Canadian Navy should be giving more consideration to the war in the Pacific.

AMERICANS SHOT DOWN

Official Statement Throws Light on Confusion During Invasion of Sicily.

WASHINGTON, March 17 (CP)—The American army announced yesterday that 23 American transport planes and 410 airborne infantry soldiers were lost when they ran into anti-aircraft fire from Allied naval and ground forces as well as from enemy gunfire in the Sicily invasion on July 10 and 11, 1943.

MANUS ID. INVADED

American Landing Made on Biggest of Admiralty Islands

ALLIED SOUTHWEST PACIFIC HEADQUARTERS, March 17 (CP)—American troops landed Wednesday on Manus, biggest of the invaded Admiralty Island group, and within four and a half hours had pushed within half a mile of the Japanese airfield at Urengau, headquarters reported today.

The Americans suffered only minor casualties. The latest reports said they were still advancing, although meeting with stronger opposition.

BASKETBALL EXHIBITION

Tomorrow Night's Exhibition Game Has the Odor of a Real Feast.

All portents indicate a real sports feast when the Area All-Stars meet the Port Edward team at the big exhibition game Saturday night in the Naval Drill Hall. Lined up against the competent Port Edward hoopers are the cream of six Canadian service aggregations. Chosen for their special ability to handle their assigned positions, the All-Stars players look like a pretty formidable gang, although how well they will work as a unit pitted against Port Edward is something for the public to find out by attending the game. The smooth-functioning boys from the eastern suburb, incidentally hold second place in the league standing.

First item on tomorrow night's bill-of-fare features a game between Bo-Me-Hi girls and Last Resort.

Offering additional entertainment will be the band of H.M.C.S. Chatham, playing through kind permission of Commander C. M. Cree. Proceeds of the game are to be turned over to the Navy League of Canada.

Referees are Gerry Hatfield of Port Edward and Johnny Comadina.

Lineups for the featured game follow. The numbers are those which will identify the players on the floor:

All Stars — Don Fitch (2) guard, Reserves; Sev Dominate (3), guard, Reserves; Bob Houston (4), guard, Coast Battery; Angus Macphee (5), centre, Reserves; Bob Taylor (6), centre, Fortress; Oliver Santerbane (7), forward, Reserves; Hal Hetherington (8), forward, R.C.A.F.; Nat Kutner (9), forward, Ontario; Gord Hunter (10), forward, Navy.
Port Edward—Mollie (5), forward; Hensen (6), forward; Southworth (4), forward; Ketchmark (12), centre; Thompson (9), guard; Manson (8), guard; Webb (11), guard; Dirscherl (10), guard.

IRELAND SUBDUED

BELFAST—In view of the move to cut off the island from Britain, Ireland had a subdued observance of St. Patrick's Day. Premier Eamonn de Valera wished Irishmen in United States "happiness and many years of joy."



PARATROOP MOTOR SCOOTER — Sgt. Gordon Davies, N.S., takes a ride on the new paratroop motor-scooter as a child's toy it will travel more than 30 miles per hour and can easily be dropped from a plane by parachute. It is now being used by Canadian paratroopers training in England.

U.S. NOT ADVISED

WASHINGTON, March 17 — Secretary of State Cordell Hull said today that the United States government had not been informed of Russia's intentions previous to Russian recognition of the Badoglio government of Italy. He said the while he knew unofficially that it might happen he was officially ignorant of the thing until it occurred. The move was contrary to United States diplomatic policy, and his country would not recognize the Badoglio government, he continued.

Convoy Job Is Still Big

OTTAWA, March 17 (CP)—Navy Minister Angus Macdonald said yesterday in the House of Commons that Canada was doing successfully a big naval convoy job on the Atlantic and that too much time should not be spent in thinking of sending ships to the Pacific until the convoy job is done.

BIG BLAZE AT MASSETT

A fire on Monday destroyed several buildings at Massett on the Queen Charlotte Islands. The blaze destroyed the construction company's camp, Martin's store, a pool hall and two houses. Frank Wright, the company cook was injured in a jump from a burning building and was brought to hospital at Prince Rupert.

acknowledging the courtesy of Commander Charles M. Cree R.C.N. in making it possible for the naval band to turn out and play for the occasion.

The service was prayer by Capt. A. Rapson, acting senior padre for the area. The new hostel of course centres around the six airy dormitories which have accommodation for a total of 150 men. Here at moderate cost clean and comfortable accommodation is made available for service men on leave and otherwise out of barracks. Highlight adjunct features include the large main lounge, a particularly delightfully appointed writing room, a compact little sewing and pressing room, the canteen and lunchroom. Substantiality, neatness and cleanliness are to be noted in all the features of the place.

Adjutant Brundson spoke of the large turn-out and