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PRINCE RUPERT, B.C., SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 1944

Big Alliad Blow May Be From East

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rince Rupert Still In Danger f Enemy Attack; General Ross Stresses Need of Strong A.R.P.

The federal government, advised by the military therities, has stated its belief that there is still a her. letinite risk of enemy attack on this coast, Brigadier Jeneral Alex Ross, Dominion director of Civil Pro-General Alex Ross, Dominion director of Civil Pro-ection (A.R.P.) told a public meeting in the provin-BUILDING FOR cial courtroom last night, urging the advisability of

PRINCE RUPERT

IS UNPREPARED

"Your organization I have

found today," declared Gen-

eral Ross is not in a position

to meet an emergency even

though it might have an able

and enthusiastic nucleus."

Necessarily, the mobilization

of the necessary manpower to

take advantage of the offer of

equipment and financing of-

fered by the government was

a matter for the community

itself to organize. There was

no intention to create alarm

but it would appear advisable

to build up an organization

along lines of sound common-

"I would ask you to examine

eral Ross "and see if something

the situation," concluded Gen

by aircraft was considered

JOAN DIVORCING DICK

married life. They had been

considered the ideally happy

married couple of filmdom.

HOLLYWOOD- Joan Blon-

definite possibility.

sense and realism.

ment where it would be in the war was over might well emergency. bring about a laxity which would said General render the people even more open to attack. Rupert should assume it to accept their reseponsi-

R.P. The federal govern a ready and willing to all the necessary equip-However, it was felt tha cal organization of A.R.P. be left to the communincerned.

geral Ross explained that on an extensive tour of on which would include Pacific and Atlantic coasts m Great Britain, civilian was just as important s the defence by the armed about it. The civilian defence force

ved Britain from a great

government assist- duty. As for fire fighting, the fecting civilian protection. the way of supplies and weapons which were provided attack, had said that there cruiting program for the A.R.P. definite risk of attack This should be successful

government was in on to provide the necessary would be all unavailing if stated that practice blackouts were unwilling to co-op- or alerts had been ruled out. and families.

o meet any emergency.

the possibilities of an be success in this regard now it by the enemy were lim- had been given as the consider- were received. dered as targets of considmilitary importance. "The insurance against an declared General Ross owledge by the enemy of act that a potential target dy and prepared to defend fidence in victory before

"ife of Former ident Dies

EW YORK, Jan. 8. - Mrs. bert Hoover, 69, wife of the APPOINTED ormer President of the United States, died last evening of

YEAR IS LESS

The aggregate value of building permits issued by the City Engineer's department during 1943 totalled \$477,090. This was slightly more than \$18,000 less than the 1942 total which was

December's share of the 1943 announces that production

ing and repair activity, coupled some distribution for sporting terment took place in the Fairpriorities for materials which be supplied first are essential would meet the city's building users such as trappers, farmers the small December total.

In the final month of 1942 the forces. Rationing will continue. permits issued totalled only

conterence At Officers' Mess

more might be done in the way Brigadier General Alex Ross, of providing more adequate pro- Dominion organizer of the tection for the community." It A.R.P.; Inspector S. F. M. Moodie was a public duty to face the and the local civilian protection situation and do something executive held a meeting yesterday afternoon at the garrison In a question period that fol- officers' mess following a lunchlowed General Ross agreed that eon as the guests of Col. D. B. frequent practices were advis Martyn, local commandant able. Joining the A.R.P. might There was a full and frank diswell be considered a personal cussion of various matters af-

Also in attendance were Olof ig, an enthusiastic and ef- | might be put to good use even | Hanson, M.P., and Mayor H. M.

This morning General Ross day night. at visited the dry dock and this More than 120 towns and with lesser risks in the of some sort of attack such as tee of the city council.

Accident Victims Inspector S. F. M. Moodie, diand help in the training ganization in British Columbia, Are Buried Here

in protection of their There were other ways in which Olsen and Eric Gerdin, who to within three miles of the Az- fort. Mr. Hanson was told that BRINGS FREIGHTER AROUND practices might be held, how- were killed accidentally early in one place in the Dnieper + ores was announced by the + the city, as yet, had not even the week on highway construc- Bend country. Forces which cap- + Admiralty. Both fell victim + received a definite answer in Bruce Stevens declared there tion nearby took place on Fri- tured Klesow, at the northern + to depth charges. One was + response to its representations. had been flagrant violations of day afternoon from the Gren- tip of the great drive, were + a large supply or patrol subimportance of a strong blackout regulations with com- ville Court Chapel of the B.C. plunging deeper into Rovno + marine. protection system of A.R.P. plaints turned in regarding cer- Undertakers. Rev. Magnus An- Province of eastern Poland and arged by General Ross who tain citizens and no action be- derson, pastor of St. Paul's Lu- were within twelve miles of

conflagration which might that it was incorrect to say that In tribute to the deceased, a if bombers should fly in no action had been taken. Two number of friends and fellowdrop 1000 incendiary bombs such offenders had been told workers from the camps and the one of which would be a that if they did not comply with city attended the service. The tial fire. There should also the regulations they would be hymns "O God Our Help In Ages Past" and "Safe In The J. S. Wilson remarked that Arms Of Jesus," were sung. Mrs. there was still need of civilian Magnus Anderson was organ-

Interment took place in Fair-

sponse of the people. He was view Cemetery. Floral tributes from a great number of sympathetic friends

Word has been received by Mrs. Edgar of this city that Cpl. Marvin Sagmoen, formerly stationed here with the Edmondell screen actress, is suing ton Fusiliers and more recently her husband, Dick Powell, for | with the Seaforth Highlanders. divorce after eight years of was killed in action in Italy on December 11. His wife and two daughtres are now living in Edmonton.

NEW CHIEF JUSTICE IS

OTTAWA, Jan. 8 (9) - Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King announces the apappointment of Mr. Justice Thibodieau Rinfret as chief justice of Canada. He succeeds Sir Lyeightieth birthday.

More Ammunition James Reid For Shot Guns

time Prices and Trade Board Sween officiating. value was small, being only shotgun shells in 1944 will show tended final rites of the The seasonal decline in build- creased production will allow resident of the community. Inwith the difficulty in getting purposes later in the year. To view Cemetery. standards, is responsible for and those who shoot for food, war plant guards and police

SAN VITTORE IS CAPTURED

ALGIERS Jan. 8 P-American troops captured San Vittore, strong German bastion six miles from Cassino on the road to Rome. The British forged up the Gariglian River and eached Cassino plain where their tanks can be thrown into action for the first time.

Funeral Of

The funeral of the late James Reid, who passed away at his home last week, took place at the Grenville Court chapel OTTAWA, Jan. 8 -The War- Thursday the Rev. A. F. Mac-

of A group of close friends at-

LONDON - Another contingent of Canadians, consisting mostly of airmen, has arrived in Britain.

Another Russian Breakthrough-

RED ARMY SMASHES FORWARD IN UKRAINE WITHOUT ANY LET-UP

"IRRESISTIBLE VICTORY"

MOSCOW, Jan. 8 — A jubilant proclamation in newspaper Isvestia today said that singing Soviet troops, imbued with a sense of irresistible vic- turn. tory, are advancing with great rapidity against virtually no Nazi resistance, the enemy suffering CITY COUNCIL unprecedented slaughter. Kirovograd in the Dnieper Bend was captured today.

LONDON, Jan. 8 (CP)-The new Russian offencivilian defence program. If there was no enemy action. Daggett, members of the execu- sive in the central Ukraine has broken through five er, in view of the im- It was a matter of straight live present being J. J. Little, German divisions on a sixty-two mile front, has surbrove of the military situation public duty to be enrolled with the Pacific, it had been found the A.R.P. and be prepared to the Market any situation that might inspector Ernest Gammon, Fire rounded the Dnieper Bend stronghold of Kirovograd and is nearing a link with the northern Ukraine Norman A. Watt, Samuel Massey, doi: atton. The government, asked arise. Fire Chief H. T. Lock felt W. L. Armstrong, S. E. Parker, drive, part of which is twenty-two miles inside Poreassessment of the risk that there might be another re- Arnold Flaten and A. M. Davies, land, Moscow announced Fri-

Pacific and Atlantic this time when the possibility afternoon is meeting a commit- hamlets were captured in the central Ukraine breakthrough + Two Subs In that advanced twenty-five miles in the first three days and netted large numbers of Nazi prisoners. Today first and second Ukrainian-Russian armies pour- + LONDON, Jan. 8 (9-De- + streets and services which have has been sunk by United ed through gaps in German & struction of two German & been under heavy use and pres- States and Brazilian naval lines. The units, which had sur- + U-boats within eight hours + sure directly in connection with A double funeral for Knute rounded Kirovograd, smashed + of each other by the Royal + national defence and war ef-

LETTING YOU IN ON AN ALLIED MILITARY SECRET

How Allies provide our shore roadways for landings in Italy and elsewhere.

Second Front Talk May Be Merely Blind; Millions of Yanks Headed for Russia

DEATH BLOW DEALT CITY

Ludwigshafen and Mannheim Principal Targets of Royal Air Force Last Night.

LONDON, Jan. 8 (9)-Britain mosquito bombers, raiding Germany for the sixth consecutive night, hit targets in the western Reich Friday without loss in the wake of a strong American daylight attack which Swedish reports said gave Ludwigshafen. the chemical city, a death blow, Mannheim also coming in for a pounding.

The Swedish reports said that hundreds of heavy bombers which drove deep into southwest Germany Friday bombed the I. G. Farben poison gas works at Ludwigshafen and "the city now looks completely flattened out.' Block-busters "turned the city nto a sea of fire." Stockholm also reported that Mannheim was struck.

During the operations fortytwo German fighters were shot down and twelve Allied bombers and seven fighters failed to re-

MET MEMBER

Session Held With Olof Hanson With View to Furthering Case | JAPANESE PRISONERS FEW For Federal Aid.

In session Thursday afternoon with Olof Hanson, M. P. ++++++++++ for Skeena, the city council renewed pressure for action from the federal government in response to repeated requests that have been made for financial aid in the restoration and

Mr. Hanson promised that he · would do all he could to fur-. ther the city's representations more of which will be transmitted to Ottawa through him.

MADRID, Jan. 8 (CP)—A Berlin correspondent of the newspaper Madrid reports that many Germans believe Second Front talk is a blind and that two or three million American soldiers will suddenly appear on the Russian front. The correspondent writes that this report has grown since the British sank the Ger-

man battleship Scharnhorst and that the convoy attacked by the Scharnhorst was the largest

JAP NAVY WAITING WASHINGTON - Secretary

of the Navy Frank Knox says Japanese navy is afraid to OF TEACHERS Japanese navy is afraid to come out and fight. It is only watining for a moment to use the fleet to the best advan-

KING MICHAEL LEAVES LONDON - Reports from Europe say that King Michael has left the Rumanian capital of Bucharest for London in the hope of negotiating peace.

CRERAR VISITS FRONT ALGIERS - Lieut. General Crerar, new commander of Canadian forces in the Mediterranean area, is visiting the Italian front.

HITLER'S STAFF KILLED STOCKHOLM It is now reported here that fifty members of Chancellor Adolf Hitler's staff were killed when Allied bombers made a direct hit on the Reich chancellory in Berlin.

WASHINGTON-Under Secretary of War Robert Patterson said yesterday that only 377 Japanese have so far been taken prisoner by the Americans in southwestern Pacific fighting.

BLOCKADE RUNNER SUNK WASHINGTON - A German blockade runner, carrying eargo from Japan to Germany, forces in the south Atlantic.

Findlay, veteran coast mariner and former commodore of the Union Steamship Co. fleet, has arrived from the East coast with a 4,000 ton freighter which will go into service on this coast. Capt. Findlay had been retired but was pressed back into service.

W. K. VANDERBILT DIES NEW YORK - William K. Vanderbilt, famous millionaire and director of the New York Central Railway, died of Health Services a heart attack last night at the age of 68.

MINIMUM POLICE SALARY MONTREAL - Policemen of minimum salary of \$2400 per year.

Airmen Have Good Hunting

NEW GUINEA, Jan. 8 (9-Allied and children will be a major airmen hunting Japanese troop aspect of the inquiry. The comand supply barges in the south mittee, in the words of Sir Joday.

BULLETINS Scharnhorst was the largest convoy of troops and material yet sent to Russia.

IS PRESIDENT

W. W. C. O'Neill Succeeds Bruce Mickleburgh as Head of Association.

The Prince Rupert branch of the British Columbia Teachers Federation held its annual meeting at Borden Street School on Wednesday night when a group of thirty teachers was present. The principal business of the evening was the election of officers. W. W C. O'Neill was elected president in succession to Bruce Mickleburgh and Miss E. A. Mercer Vice-President. Mrs. Moses accepted the office of secretary and A. Hardwick became treasurer with Douglas Bishop as press correspondent. Additional members of the executive who were elected were Miss Dorothy O'Neill, Miss Peggy Dodimead, and Miss Lillian Jones. Staff Representatives of the various school staffs will be chosen later by the respective staffs.

The newly elected president, Mr. O'Neill, outlined the past work of the Association and extended a cordial invitation to all new teachers to join. This organization had done much to better the conditions of the teachers of the province and to foster congenial relations between the school and the community. These efforts had resulted in helping produce the progressive education of which the province was proud.

Several items of business were discussed. The various members entered seriously and whole heartedly into the discussion a promising sign that the organization should have an interesting and fruitful year.

Meetings are to be held on the first Wednesday of each month at Borden Street and Booth Memorial Schools altern-

To Survey Indian

LONDON, Jan. 7 (P)-The government has appointed a committee, headed by Sir Joseph Montreal are demanding a Bhore, to investigate public health in India, both curative and preventive. The committee, part of a plan for post-war reconstruction in India, will survey the whole field, including health and medical relief services, health education and propaganda, industrial conditions in relation to health and nursing services.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN Problems relating to women

and southeast Pacific have sunk seph, "has not been called upon or damaged 30 such vessels, to produce a short term plan killing or wounding 100 Japan- to meet an emergency, but to ese, headquarters announced to- suggest lines of development for the next 50 years."

PROTECTION IMPORTANT

the audience to picture ing taken. A. M. Davies stated theron Church, officiated. arden, police, first and and prosecuted to the limit, services organized among ns well in advance with defence and success of organi-list. hole A.R.P. structure built an efficient organization zation depended upon the rerather hopeful that there would

here was still a very def- ed opinion of the authorities possibility, particularly if that attack was still possible Former Soldier med that the risks would here. be assured, results which was presided over by J. J. Lit- Here Is Killed be all the more assured tle. local civilian protection organization functioning, of the ARR executive and disorganization functioning. of the A.R.P. executive and dis-Rupert, Vancouver, Vic- trict wardens met to lay plans and Seattle might all be for local reorganization.