NAZIS SUFFER GREATEST DEFEAT IN HISTORY — PREMIER STALIN

Local Temperature

Maximum 61
Minimum 50

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Local Tides

Saturday, July 1
High ..... 9:59 15.6 feet
22:00 18.8 feet
Low ..... 3:39 7.1 feet
15:20 8.2 feet

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Enemy Defences Collapse White Russia Under Huge Soviet Offensive

LONDON, June 30 (CP) — German defences in White Russia are collapsing under Russian blows in Moscow dispatches described today as the greatest defeat in history with scores of thousands of Nazis killed or captured and approximately 7,000 populated places liberated in the first week of the Russian summer offensive. The Russians, at record speed, advanced more than 20 miles yesterday to within 30 miles of Minsk. Bobruisk, German stronghold, was captured and five German divisions there were liquidated. Premier Joseph Stalin announced 50,000 enemy dead and 18,000 made prisoner at Bobruisk. Further gains by the Russians in Finland are also announced.

Bulletins

SINKS THREE TRAWLERS

LONDON — The Canadian destroyer Huron in a night encounter off St. Malo, France, sank two heavily armed German trawlers and severely damaged another which was later believed to have been blown up and sank. The Huron escaped unscathed.

U.S. BREAKS WITH FINNS

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Cordell Hull revealed today that the United States had broken off diplomatic relations with Finland. He gave the Baltic country's government's new close relations with that of Nazi Germany as the reason.

MORE GIN

VICTORIA — Liquor purchasers in British Columbia may have 40 ounces of Canadian gin under the July ration which is just announced. Otherwise rations are unchanged — 26 ounces of imported gin, whisky and other spirits, three dozen bottles of beer, one gallon of Canadian wine, two bottles of imported wine.

PROF. HILL-TOUT DIES

VANCOUVER, Prof. Charles Hill-Tout, a noted anthropologist and the author of several books, passed away here this morning at the age of 85. Allan Hill-Tout of Prince Rupert is a son.

RENEW STRANGLE HOLD

LONDON—Germany is negotiating a new agreement with the Vichy government, the German news agency D.N.B. asserted today. A Berlin spokesman said he could not say whether or not the negotiations involved an increased French contribution to the common war effort.

STALIN'S CONGRATULATIONS

LONDON — Premier Joseph Stalin of Russia has sent a message of congratulation to Prime Minister Winston Churchill on the "brilliant military success" in the capture of Cherbourg.

C.C.E.R. NEGOTIATIONS

VANCOUVER — Mayor Jack Corbett, back from a conference at Victoria with Premier Hart, says negotiations for the taking over of the British Columbia Electric Railway are proceeding satisfactorily.

AID FOR WEST COAST

VANCOUVER — The Fishing Vessel Owners' Association is asking Tom Reid, M.P., New Westminster, to press for aid to building of fishing vessels on this coast similar to that on the Atlantic coast.

12,000 JAP PLANES

WASHINGTON — The Japanese have lost 12,000 planes since Pearl Harbor, it was stated today in an estimate released by the U.S Navy. United States losses for the same period were given as 2,726 planes.

Keep Up Rocket Bombs

LONDON, June 30 (AP)—Berlin said that a large force of American bombers today attacked the Vienna area following the hammering of the same area overnight by the Royal Air Force.

German rocket bomb attacks on southern England continued last night and today, carrying the robot offensive into the third week. Several dozen persons were killed. Among the buildings hit was a children's hotel.

ALLIES ON MOVE NOW

General Advance is Made on All Sections of Front Across Italy

ROME, June 30 (AP) — Allied troops have scored a general advance west of Lake Trasimeno and have driven to within seven miles of Siena, 31 miles south of Florence, Allied headquarters announced today.

The British Eighth Army has captured Castlionedellago, large town on the west side of the Trasiumeno.

Carnival Queen Standings

Eve Huculak	41,000
Eleanor Storseth	35,000
Betty Greig	35,000

RECAPTURE PRISONERS

LETHBRIDGE, Alta.—Three German prisoners of war who escaped from a hostel at Iron Springs on Sunday were recaptured north of Lethbridge on Thursday night.

Sum of $1200 Is Collected

Up to the latest compilation this week the sum of $1200 had been accounted for in the drive for $10,000 for the proposed new Pioneers' Home. Canvassers continue busy and report a good response. The campaign, which has civic blessing, continues until July 8.

NEW STRATOSPHERE WEAPON—Above a gun crew mans the U.S. army's new "stratosphere" gun, one of the most powerful new American weapons, the 120 mm. (4.7 inch) anti-aircraft gun developed by the war department. The gun is capable of firing a projectile into the stratosphere 20,000 feet higher than any other known anti-aircraft weapon's range.

Uncertain Trend Seen In British Political Scene

Freely Predicted That Election Will Come Soon Regardless of Whether the War Ends

By FRANK FLAHERTY

(Frank Flaherty, just returned from London where he covered the conference of Commonwealth prime ministers, tells here about the British political situation.)

OTTAWA, June 30 (CP)—Behind the imposing front of the National government British politics revolve in a whirlpool of uncertainty. It is not merely uncertainty as to which party will hold office after an election, but uncertainty as to which parties will contend for office and who will be the leading figures in them. Britain has not had an election for seven years but it is freely predicted one will come regardless of whether the war ends. One member of parliament put it this way:

"If the Second Front succeeds and the war ends the government will be on top of the world and will hold an election and probably win. If the Second Front fails the government is finished and there will have to be an election."

The government is composed of Conservatives, Laborites and Liberals. Conservatives constitute the largest party in the House of Commons, Laborites the next and Liberals a small group.

There are different opinions as to whether the coalition should split up before an election. The more common view is that the Labor ministers will withdraw but there is a strong group in the Labor party, particularly in the trade union element, which believes the national government should continue into the peace period and should face the electors as it stands.

WANT COALITION RATIONED

The people argue that the tasks of the postwar period, demobilization, peace-making, social and economic reform will call for a government of all parties, no less than the task of winning the war—that they cannot be carried out by a party government faced with opposition.

Another element in the Labor party represented by the independents who do not support the government believes Labor should sever its connection with the government at the earliest moment. They look to the Labor party opposing the Conservatives at the next election.

The longer such men as Labor Minister Ernest Bevin and Home Secretary Herbert Morrison, both key men in the trade union organization and the party as well, remain ministers the weaker will be their position when they attempt to criticize the government and bid for power on Labor's own account.

Recent Labor party internal troubles have revealed a sharp cleavage between the element supporting the government and Labor party ministers and those opposed. Mr. Bevin and Arthur Greenwood, parliamentary party leader, have taken a firm stand against the most vociferous of

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New Zealand Premier House Speaker Today

OTTAWA, June 30 (CP) — Prime Minister Peter Frazer of New Zealand, whose arrival in Canada by plane from Britain was announced last night by Prime Minister Mackenzie King, addressed both houses of parliament this afternoon (12 noon Pacific Daylight Saving Time).

Entirely Satisfactory Is Allied Position In France

Caen is Being Completely Encircled—No Confirmation of German Report that New Landings Have Been Made

SHAEF, June 30 (CP) — Advance elements of two British columns, driving around Caen in opposite directions, were within 11 miles of encircling the city today as the Germans threw large armored forces against the Odon river bridgehead in unsuccessful flank attacks. From captured Marcelet, the British struck eastward toward Caen and reached within half a mile of one of Caen's main air fields.

A German communique announced a British breakthrough near beleagured Caen and American gains in the Saintlo area at the base of Cherbourg peninsula.

The Germans claimed that the most of Allied gains were liquidated in counter-attacks.

The Allied communique made reference to a report broadcast last night by the German-controlled Paris radio that said British and Canadians landed at the Orne estuary and seized the port of Cabourg, 13 miles northeast of Caen.

As far as was indicated by official reports, the present offensive is an all-British effort for support from Canadian artillery units.

The Canadian-held sector of the front remains quiet.

A German counter-attack against the British corridor across the Odon river southwest of Caen was termed a complete failure by an advance headquarters officer on the British front. Infantry, supported by more than 30 tanks, attacked the British between Vendes and Gaurus. Deadly fire from British guns knocked out a dozen Nazi tanks and the Nazis retreated.

The situation on the invasion front was described by a British spokesman today as being "altogether satisfactory."

Col.-General Dollman, commander of the German army fighting on the French invasion front, has been killed in action, the Berlin radio reported.

No Blame In Death Of Child

A coroner's jury which met last night to inquire into the death of 19-month-old Earl Burman on Wednesday morning found that the accident was "unavoidable under the circumstances" and attached no blame to Gunner Robert Royce Mather, R.C.A., driver of the jeep which struck the child.

The boy died in the Prince Rupert General Hospital a few minutes after being struck by the jeep near his home in the 500-block on Eleventh Avenue.

A rider to the verdict suggested that on streets where children play, and where there are no sidewalks or playgrounds at the side, military drivers slow their vehicles down to 10 miles an hour, the speed to which they are limited while driving in military areas.

Mrs. Paulette Burman, the child's mother, was a witness at the hearing. She told the jury that she had put her son out to play on the verandah of their home at 549 Eleventh Avenue East at 9:30 in the morning.

"The next time I saw him he was unconscious," the young woman said.

She asserted that she had had difficulty in getting a car to take her son to hospital after the accident. She was unable to get a taxi, she said, and it was several minutes before a jeep had come from a nearby army camp. In the meantime the driver of the jeep which had struck the boy had laid him on the grass at the roadside and then taken him into the house and put him on a sofa.

Mrs. Fred Roberts of 513 Eleventh Avenue, who with her young son Gerald, were eyewitnesses to the tragedy, said that she and Gerald were standing in their front yard at a distance estimated at 40 feet from where the child ran out into the road. She did not see the boy before he ran out onto the road, she said.

When asked how far the jeep was from the boy when he started to cross the road, Mrs. Roberts indicated a distance of about 20 feet.

DRIVER GIVES HIS TESTIMONY

Mather in his testimony said that his jeep was about 25 feet from the boy when he started to cross the road. He had seen the youngster first from a distance of about 50 feet. The jeep was travelling at 20 miles an hour, he said.

Constable Sam Ferguson of the city police and Lance Corporal Merwin MacLaurin of the Army Provost Corps said that measurements they had taken showed that Mather had stopped his jeep in slightly more than its own length.

Lieutenant George Bartlett Bowden told how he had taken the injured boy to hospital in another jeep.

According to the testimony of Gerald Roberts, Mather had picked the boy up from between the front wheels and held him in his arms, then laid him on the grass. Mather had then told Gerald to run up to the army camp and tell them to send a jeep because there had been an accident.

Dr. J. J. Gibson revealed that death had been caused by either a fracture at the base of the skull or a fracture of the neck. There were also numerous contusions and a fractured left arm.

Yanks Bomb Kurile Ils.

PEARL HARBOR, June 30 (AP)—Pacific fleet warships shelled Kuradu Zaki, main town on the southern tip of Paramushire in the Kuriles, more than 3,000 miles north of the great Marianas action. A Japanese plane attack on a carrier force hit no ships.

WOULD BE YOUNGEST PRESIDENT

CHICAGO, June 30 (AP)—Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York, accepting the Republican presidential nomination, called upon his party to "face up boldly" to the twin tasks of winning the war and making a lasting peace.

Dewey, who said he hoped to become the youngest president in the history of the United States, reaffirmed support of the Mackinac Island declaration of the party for responsible participation by the United States in an international security organization.

SATURDAY HOLIDAY

Saturday, July 1, will be observed officially as Dominion Day, in spite of an earlier government announcement that the observance of the day would be put back to July 3.

All stores, banks and other business places in the city will be closed on Saturday. The Daily News will not publish on that day.

YANKS HIT HANGYANG

Newly Captured Chinese City Now Regarded as Enemy Stronghold

CHUNGKING, June 30 (AP) — Encircled Hengyang as a "vital rail city and enemy stronghold." The Chinese report capture of Yiying, 120 miles to the northwest.

HALIBUT SALES

Ceiling prices, 18¼c and 16½c
Bayview, 8,500, Storage.
Lois N., 30,000, Booth, Pacific.
Dovre B., 45,000, Storage.
Covenant, 34,000, Royal.
Domino II, 13,000, Whiz.
Joe Baker, 15,000, Pacific.
Robert B., 32,000, Atlin.
Northern Breeze, 34,000, Storage.

PLANES ON HAND

The British Commonwealth Air Training Plan has almost 12,000 planes, more than 5,000 single-engined aircraft and almost 6,000 twin-engined.

BASEBALL SCORES

American League
St. Louis 0, New York 1.
Cleveland 6, Philadelphia 0.
Chicago 4, Boston 5.
Detroit 4, Washington 0

National League
Philadelphia 1, St. Louis 0.
New York 1, Pittsburgh 1. (Called end of 5th.)

International League
Syracuse 1-3, Montreal 4-4.
Baltimore 1, Toronto 6.
Newark 5, Rochester 6.
Jersey City 1, Buffalo 4.

American Association
Kansas City 4, Columbus 9.
St. Paul at Louisville, postponed.
Milwaukee 6, Toledo 7.
Minneapolis 5, Indianapolis 3.

Coast League
Portland 6, Oakland 5.
Seattle 7, Los Angeles 8.
Hollywood 1, Sacramento 4.
San Francisco 4, San Diego 5.

C.C.F. Defends Jap Franchise

VANCOUVER, June 30—The secretary of the British Columbia Section of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation has wired a protest to Prime Minister Mackenzie King at Ottawa at a bill introduced in Parliament which would disfranchise persons of Japanese origin born in Canada. The bill, says F. J. McKenzie, provincial secretary of the C.C.F. is "discriminatory and unfair," resembling racial persecution against which the war was being waged by United Nations. It was insulting to Canadian citizens and members of the armed forces of enemy origin, resembling racial persecution.

BUDGET IS CRITICIZED

Earl Rowe and M. J. Coldwell Speak in Parliament—C.C.F. Amendment Defeated.

OTTAWA, June 30 (AP)—Opening debate on the budget, W. E. Rowe, Progressive - Conservative member for Dufferin-Simcoe, said that government "pay as you go" policy had been reversed and the lid lifted from inflation.

M. J. Coldwell, C.C.F. leader, said the budget made concessions to big business while failing to provide tax relief for low incomes.

A C.C.F. amendment to the budget regretting that the government had failed to set up a $5,000,000 fund for reconstruction was defeated 66 to 13, Social Credit voting with C.C.F. while Progressive - Conservative lined up with the government.

United States Ground Troops Still Advance

PEARL HARBOR, June 30 (AP)—United States troops advanced nearly two miles north from the Sapian east coast while Rota and Guam Islands were blasted by carrier bombers and Tinian by naval shelling.

Carnival Attraction

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Children's Pet Show and Pet Parade