

Thursday, May 18	
High	10:19 18.8 feet
	22:49 20.9 feet
Low	4:09 5.9 feet
	16:20 5.1 feet

Temperature	
Maximum	54
Minimum	42

## Halibut Tie-Up Is Near End

### Decision Made To Leave For Banks; Men Meet Tonight

#### Tentative Agreement Are Made Known—Prices in All Ports Demanded

Month-old west coast halibut fishermen's apparently came to an end yesterday afternoon Seattle and Vancouver fishermen and owners agreed to a proposal presented by authorities last week that fishing resume next Friday pending an office of Price Administration survey to investigate price ceilings. The announcement of the agreement was made last night by W. T. Burgess, secretary of the United Fishermen's Federal Union in Vancouver. The southern fishermen have requested the concurrence of Prince Rupert halibut men in the decision to resume fishing. The decision of the local men has not yet been made.

In Seattle, Harold Lokken, manager of the Seattle Boat Owners' Association, announced that Vancouver fishermen had decided to go to sea in two lots, the first lot leaving on May 19, and the second on May 24. He said that Seattle fishermen had voted to go to sea if they can get a guarantee to receive the O.P.A. price ceiling for all the fish they catch.

Word of the decision of the southern fishermen reached local fishermen this morning in a telegram from the Vancouver Deep Sea Fishermen's Union. It affirmed the Vancouver dispatch that the Vancouver men had agreed to go to sea in two lots, but did not reveal the sailing date agreed upon.

It said that the decision to go to sea was conditional on a guarantee by fish buyers that they will pay ceiling prices in all ports at all times and that preference be given to halibut boats in unloading their catches.

Until fish buyers agree to this, the halibut fleet will stay in port, the telegram said. Local fishermen and boat owners are meeting tonight to decide their course of action. Following is the wording of the telegram received by the boat owners and fishermen this morning from Vancouver:

"A large joint meeting here voted to resume fishing, when and if buyers guarantee to pay ceiling prices on halibut in all ports at all times, that preference be given to halibut in unloading catches, and that the fleet stay in until the buyers agree to this. Also that boats be split into two groups, with the second group leaving six days after the first. Request your concurrence in this action."

### LOOKS LIKE GRIM PAUSE

Allied Aerial Activity Over Europe Continues to be on Comparatively Light Scale.

LONDON, May 17 (CP)—Allied aerial activity for the last three-and-a-half days from British bases having been on a greatly decreased scale appears to be but a grim pause for more and new crushing blows.

The principal activity was the unloading by Royal Air Force mosquitoes of four thousand pound blockbusters on Ludwigshafen Monday night. At the same time the Royal Canadian Air Force laid mines but the only Canadian losses were two fighters in operations on Monday.

Last night British mosquitoes blasted at Berlin in spite of bad weather.

The Paris radio went off the air Tuesday afternoon signifying possible fresh attacks against occupied territories.

## NELSON HAS LARGE FIRE

### Million Feet of Lumber Consumed When Kootenay City Yard Goes up in Flames

NELSON, May 17 (CP)—The W. W. Powell Lumber Co. yards here went up in flames with loss of more than a million feet of lumber in a conflagration which started about 6 o'clock last evening. The extent of damage is not yet estimated. The company's factory and retail office were saved.

Prisoners at a nearby jail were called out to help Nelson and Salmo firemen in fighting the fire.

## Ask Houses For Soldiers

The city council Monday night endorsed a resolution submitted by the city of Welland, Ontario, that housing and rentals for soldiers' families was a federal responsibility. The resolution was embodied in a letter which stated that the city of Welland had already asked Munitions Minister Howe for the use of Wartime Housing houses for the use of service men and that the Minister had replied that he could approve such a move only if the municipality would guarantee the payment of rent.

The letter condemned the minister's attitude, saying that the guarantee should come from the government in the way of deductions from the soldier's pay. A copy of the resolution is being sent to Labor Minister Humphrey Mitchell and to Members of Parliament and to the Federation of Mayors and Municipalities.

## Husband of W.D. Located Here Is Reported Missing

A late Royal Canadian Air Force casualty list contains the name of Flying Officer Charles Thomas Hartley as being missing on active service after air operations. His wife is Airwoman B. M. Hartley of Prince Rupert.

## Program For Gyro Grounds Is Arranged

Arrangements Between Parks Board and Gyro Club Reported Upon to City Council

The city council Monday night received a report from the Parks Board on arrangements which had been made between the board and the Gyro Club for maintenance and operation of playgrounds during the coming season.

The Gyro Club is to defray the cost of maintaining a man at McClymont Park for three summer months to keep up playground equipment; to arrange and pay for supervision of the balance of the Gyro Playgrounds for the months of July and August and to organize a Soft Ball League at the Gyro Ball Park at which voluntary collections will be taken and divided equally between the League, the City and the Gyro Club, the League to be held responsible for all damage to adjacent property caused by its activity at the Ball Park. Provision has been made for the use of the grounds by children and civilians for at least two afternoons and one full evening in each week.

The City Engineer has been authorized to construct drains and a back-stop at the Gyro Ball Park and to proceed with improvements to McClymont Park and all Gyro playgrounds in accordance with detailed estimates.

## Norwegian Independence Observance

Today is the 130th anniversary of Norwegian Independence and the local colony of that national origin, the numbers of which are considerable, have made arrangements for suitable observance of the occasion. Tonight there will be a special broadcast of Norwegian music over the local radio station.

The special feature of Norwegian Independence observance here will be the visit of Miss Elsie Margrete Roed, newspaper-woman, who escaped from her native land after the Nazi occupation. She is arriving tomorrow evening from Ketchikan after a tour of Alaska and will address local meetings Thursday and Friday evenings—speaking Thursday evening in Norwegian and Friday in English.

## Local Soldier Returns Home

VANCOUVER, May 17 (CP)—Among invalided ex-service men who arrived here yesterday from overseas enroute home was Private L. Ablett of Prince Rupert.

## TWO SAVED—FOUR DEAD

Two to Five Royal Canadian Air Force Men Still Missing From Three Lost Planes

HALIFAX, May 17 (CP)—Finding of four dead airmen on a life raft off the Newfoundland coast raised to seven today the known toll from three training aircraft missing from Charlotte-town since Saturday. Two airmen are known to be safe. An unannounced number, believed to be between two and five, are still missing.

Two survivors, who stumbled out of Gaspe Peninsula bushland, reported three of their crew mates dead.

## League Soccer Game Postponed

Last night's Prince Rupert Area League football game between Yanks and Navy was postponed. So far two games in this, the league competition for the Gilhuly Cup, have been played. Navy defeated Signals three to one in the first and Reserves blanked Air Force seven to nothing in the second. The next game is scheduled for Friday night between Signals and Reserves.

## WAR NEWS

### IN SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NEW GUINEA—The Allied air force hit Wakde-Haarmi area of Dutch-New Guinea, northwest of American holdings at Hollandia, dropping two thousand pound bombs. Five of 200 Japanese interceptor planes were shot down over Schouten Islands.

### SITUATION IMPROVED

WASHINGTON—President Roosevelt says that the situation in Italy is much improved. He had not been very optimistic about the new offensive at the outset, he admitted. Now, however, the outlook is much more encouraging.

### INDIA-BURMA SITUATION

KANDY, Ceylon—Chinese, advancing down the Mogaung Valley in North Burma, have cut the main road to Kamaing, Japanese base, headquarters announced today. Meanwhile Imphal in Northern India appears to be again threatened with a new Japanese invasion thrust to the south, the enemy at last reports being eleven miles from the border.

### INVASION EXPECTATION

LONDON—Marshal Rommel is reported from Berlin to be making a final inspection of anti-invasion defences. The main thrust of the Allies, Germany appears to expect, will be along Cherbourg Peninsula or the Normandie Coast with the chief embarkation port Portsmouth which the Nazis have been making the principal target of their bombing attacks. A new Russian offensive is expected in Berlin to synchronize with the western invasion.

### MOSQUITOES STING BERLIN

LONDON—Royal Air Force mosquito bombers blasted Berlin last night, the Air Ministry announced today, as British heavy bombers rested for a renewal of the pre-invasion offensive. The raid on Berlin, in which no planes were lost, was carried out in spite of bad weather. Allied operations Tuesday were restricted to offensive sweeps by fighters. Canadian mosquitoes bagged seven planes over northern Germany. One Canadian plane was lost.

### JAP ARMORED ADVANCE

CHUNGKING—Chinese forces in central China have suffered a setback with the advance by Japanese armored columns in Honan Province. The fall of besieged Loyang appears imminent. Along the Peiping-Hankow railway the Chinese have taken back a length of the line and a town along it.

## Smithers Was Oversubscribed

SMITHERS, May 17—With the canvass for the Victory Loan completed and the amounts tabulated Smithers finds that it contributed 128.5% of its quota, having subscribed \$51,400 on a quota of \$40,000.

At the beginning of the campaign subscriptions were rather slow in coming in but as the campaign progressed subscribers began to loosen up with the very satisfactory result of exceeding the amount set for the town.

## Hotel Employee Passes Away

The death occurred in the Prince Rupert General Hospital this morning of Albert Still, an employee of the Commercial Hotel. As far as is known he was unmarried. He entered hospital several days ago.

## Farm House Is Destroyed

Martin Muntwiler Loses His Home Near Smithers

SMITHERS, May 17—Another fire struck the Bulkley Valley on Sunday morning at 9 o'clock when the home of Martin Muntwiler was burned to the ground with all its contents.

Mr. Muntwiler, a bachelor, came to Smithers from Switzerland six years ago and bought some farm land adjoining the Experimental Farm. He was rendering some lard and had a pot of fat on the stove while he worked in his garage near the house. He had looked at it several times to keep a watch on it but, when he heard the noise of the fire and went to see, the whole house was in flames and he lost all his personal effects!

The loss is partly covered by insurance.

## Agreements for Administration Of Norway, Holland and Belgium Following Liberating Invasion

LONDON, May 17 (CP)—In pre-invasion announcements signifying the direction of Allied thrusts into Europe, London and Washington disclosed agreements with the governments of the Netherlands, Belgium and Norway for the administration of liberated homelands. First there will be Allied military administration prior to the restoration of normal civilian government as soon as possible.

## Mob Objects to Soldiers' Arrest

Threat of a street riot loomed Monday night when an aroused crowd surrounded members of the Canadian Provost Corps after they had taken two soldiers into custody at the Grand Cafe on Second Avenue.

The crowd, estimated at between 250 and 300 servicemen and civilians, began forming when friends of the arrested men raised objections to their arrest shortly after 10 o'clock. Two city constables were called to assist the provost men.

The crowd reached its full peak of size and sentiment after the men had been taken to the guard room on Fifth Street. Threats and catcalls gave such a threat of mass action that the provost man called Fire Chief Lock by telephone asking that he use fire hoses to disperse the mob.

Chief Lock refused and gradually the crowd dwindled.

## New Official For Railway

MONTREAL, May 17—U. J. Mangan, assistant superintendent, sleeping and dining car department, Canadian National Railways at Montreal, has been appointed superintendent of that department at Edmonton, according to a circular issued by W. A. Swinden, general superintendent, and approved by N. B. Walton, C.B.E., executive vice-president. Mr. Mangan will have jurisdiction Edmonton and west while C. H. Worby, superintendent at Winnipeg, will continue to have jurisdiction extending from Edmonton east to Nakina, Ont.

Mr. Mangan, accompanied by D. C. Gilmore, general superintendent of services, Montreal, will arrive in Edmonton on Wednesday morning to assume his new duties.

Further changes in the department include the appointment of S. Coley, Winnipeg, to be assistant superintendent at Edmonton. A. C. Bristow, formerly agent, is appointed assistant superintendent at Winnipeg. F. C. Artz replaces Mr. Bristow as agent at Winnipeg.

## Canadians Take Part In Battle

Veteran Dominion Units In Thick of Fight As Germans Fall Back

NAPLES, May 17 (Canadian Press)—The whole southern end of the Germans' Gustav Line in Southern Italy has been destroyed by the Allied offensive and today the British Eighth and the Allied Fifth Armies advanced toward the Hitler line, strong Nazi bastion, separating them from the Anzio beachhead and Rome. The fall of Cassino is believed near.

The British took Pigliano, important strong point four miles southwest of Cassino. The Americans captured Sastellonoro and Scauri. Nearly all original positions in the Lira Valley are now in Allied hands.

A London dispatch says that veteran Canadian units were believed to have been in the forefront of the advance south of Cassino.

Fearing outflanking of Cassino, the Germans threw all the strength they could muster into an effort to save the town.

## Soviet Airmen Pounding Nazis

LONDON, May 17 (CP)—Soviet airmen blasted Polotsk near the Latvian-Polish border and continued their offensive against German communications similar to Allied pre-invasion assaults from the west. There are no changes in the Russian land front.

## Senator Pope Of Quebec Is Dead

COOKSHIRE, Quebec, May 17 (CP)—Senator Rufus Pope, aged 86, member of the Upper House for thirty-three years, died yesterday.

## Baseball Scores

- American League  
Chicago 10, New York 4.  
Detroit 3, Philadelphia 4.  
St. Louis 7, Boston 3.  
Cleveland 2, Washington 3.
- National League  
Boston 1, Cincinnati 0.  
Brooklyn 6, Chicago 7.  
New York at Pittsburgh postponed.  
Philadelphia 6, St. Louis 4.
- International League  
Jersey City at Rochester postponed.  
Newark at Toronto postponed.  
Syracuse at Buffalo postponed.  
Baltimore 7, Montreal 10.
- American Association  
Louisville 7, Milwaukee 6.  
Columbus 5, Minneapolis 3.  
Toledo 6, St. Paul 1.  
Indianapolis 6, Kansas City 4.
- Coast League  
Portland 1, San Diego 7.  
Seattle 3, Sacramento 4.  
Hollywood 2, San Francisco 4.  
Oakland at Los Angeles postponed.

### ALLOWANCES INCREASED

OTTAWA—Pensions Minister Ian Mackenzie announces that, effective June 1, allowances paid discharged service men and women are increased from \$16 to \$18 monthly.

### VICTORY LOAN RECORD

OTTAWA—The Sixth Victory Loan total stood today at \$1,356,125,500—within \$27,000,000 of the aggregate of the Fifth. Loan officials are optimistic that the final figures will be the highest on record.

### ADMIRAL JONES PROMOTED

OTTAWA—Rear Admiral George C. Jones, chief of naval staff, has been promoted to vice-admiral, it was announced today.



YORKSHIRE PUDDING WAITING FOR NAZI FORCES—Inspecting an armored formation in Yorkshire, Prime Minister Winston Churchill drives in a half-track past an imposing row of Sherman tanks with bereted crews standing at attention before their vehicles. Sightings like this are now the rule along the English countryside as the greatest striking force the world has been seen is poised for the attack on the continent.