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British Are Driving Towards Duisburg

German Industrial City Objective of Second Army

Meanwhile Americans Are Only Mile-and-a-Half From Metz—Germans Being Prepared For Its Fall

PARIS, Nov. 16 (CP) — British Second Army forces fighting in Holland are driving toward the German city of Duisberg, a Rhineland industrial city about thirty-seven miles distant. This centre lies on the east bank of the Rhine River and is connected with Berlin by a super-highway.

British units have swept up three more towns in a push toward the Meuse River in southeastern Holland. The push has carried the Tommies to within three miles of the river.

To the south, Third Army forces are closing in on the French city of Metz from the west, the south and the north. The main escape route to the east is now dominated by American artillery moving in from the south and southeast. At the moment, the Americans are only one-and-a-half miles from Metz on the south, and the Nazis are preparing the German people for bad news. One enemy commentator has suggested quite clearly that the Nazi Home Front is being prepared for the fall of the city.

Yesterday, a French drive toward Belfort was preceded by a heavy artillery barrage and within a few hours the French had captured ten villages and had taken several hundred prisoners.



GENERAL MacARTHUR RETURNS TO THE PHILIPPINES AS HE PROMISED—It has been announced by the U.S. navy that troops of the 81st Division made an unopposed landing on Ulithi atoll, in the Carolinas, Sept. 20 and 21, recent stepping stone on the way to the Philippines, now invaded. The photo shows U.S. army amphibious tractors landing on the beach at Mogmog. Native huts shown at right. Ulithi lies 900 miles east of Mindanao. It has one of the best harbors in the Pacific.

Co-operative Session

Assistance Of Veterans

B.C. Fishermen's Federation Is Meeting Here

Preparation for the election of a permanent slate of officers and consideration of the government's policy of assisting returned men in establishing themselves in the fishing industry were dealt with at the opening session of the first annual convention of the B.C. Fishermen's Co-operative Federation here Wednesday afternoon.

Attending the conference are representatives of co-operatives at Kyuquot, Vancouver, Massett and Prince Rupert. About 60 attended the meeting in the Oddfellows' Hall although only five delegates from each group are allowed to vote.

Purpose of the convention is to establish a co-ordinated policy among co-operatives along the coast. The delegates represent 3,000 members.

At Wednesday's session it was urged that the government consider carefully the experience and other qualifications of returned men before helping them purchase boats, thus eliminating the danger of "misfits."

Chairman is Jack Deane of Prince Rupert and secretary-treasurer is D. G. MacDonald of Kyuquot.

The meeting also discussed reports of the previous meeting in Vancouver and heard talks by Breen Melvin of the U.B.C. extension department and C. D. Clarke of the B. C. Co-operative Union.

TOGETHER AT FALAISE

The Second and Third Infantry Divisions and the Fourth Armored Division were in action together for the first time during the drive through Normandy to Falaise in August.

LONG SHOT TOOK NAZI

Re-arrested Prisoner of War Was Well Armed with Documents

VANCOUVER, Nov. 16 (CP)—The Royal Canadian Mounted Police found a roll of $20 bills, bank account and identification papers, including registration card and selective service papers in the name of William Hodgins, in the possession of Helmut F. Hack, 25-year old Nazi seaman, who was captured here following his escape from Gravenhurst, Ontario, prisoner-of-war camp last July.

The police said that pictures published in Vancouver papers from which Hack was recognized a few hours after publication were a "long shot" and they were not in possession of any information at the time to indicate that any of the prisoners had reached the coast.

Interest Rate Cut Away Down

VICTORIA, Nov. 16 (CP)— Victoria's $11,500,000 debt refunding plan, completed two weeks ago, will get under way in January, A. E. Ames Co., syndicate managers, say. The new issues will bear interest ranging from 2½ percent to 3¾ percent as against the present average of 4½ percent.

PYRENEES WAR ENDS

Spanish Republicans Had Little Chance Against Trained Franco Forces

LONDON, Nov. 16 (CP) — The Battle of the Pyrenees is ended. Some 1500 Spanish Republicans are reported to have been killed by battle or execution while General Franco lost 300 soldiers. Spanish Republicans, crossing the French frontier without orders, had little chance against Franco's trained armies.

Local Temperature

Maximum	52
Minimum	48

CANDIDATES FOR MAYOR

Both Mayor Cornett and Ald. Worthington Stay in Fold

VANCOUVER, Nov. 16 (CP)—Ald. George Worthington has been named by the Non-Partisan Association to contest the Vancouver mayoralty in the forthcoming civic election. J. W. Cornett, the present mayor, is running on an independent ticket. A. T. Alsbury is the C.C.F. candidate.

Weather

(Period up to 6 p.m. tomorrow)

North Coast and Queen Charlottes—Overcast and mild today with light rain showers. Overcast with light rain showers Friday morning, becoming cloudy and mild in afternoon. Winds light to moderate.

Prince Rupert Arid Compared With California

While Los Angeles has been doused with a record rainfall of 3.34 inches so far this month, figures for Prince Rupert show that up to 10 a.m. Wednesday only 2.4 inches of rain had fallen here since the beginning of the month.

Two Vancouver Boys Are Lost

VANCOUVER, Nov. 16 (CP)— The police are searching for two Vancouver boys who have been missing since Monday when they left their homes to hike up Cypress Canyon on Hollyburn Ridge. Bobby Stene, aged 15, and Tom Howard, 20, left Monday, planning on returning the same night.

UNION STILL DENIES REDS

VANCOUVER, Nov. 16 (CP) — Members of the International Woodworkers of America stand firm in opposition to Communists, fascists and Nazis in their organization, E. E. Benedict, of Portland, financial secretary of the union said in an interview Monday.

A petition has been sent to the I.W.A. head office calling for a referendum vote to decide if the membership will remove from the constitution a clause barring communists from the organization.

HITLER TO JAPAN

LONDON—The latest report is that Chancellor Adolf Hitler has left Germany for Japan for a conference with his major ally but there is no confirmation of this.

WAR NEWS

Great Winter Offensive

LONDON—With six great Allied armies lined up flank to flank, the new Allied winter offensive today smashed forward everywhere on the western front except in the Aachen area. From within sight of the Swiss Alps to the sodden marshes of Holland Allied armies hammered the Germans toward the pre-war frontier. The American First Army, whose whereabouts has been a major secret for months, attacked German homeland defences near the Netherlands border. The French First Army ploughed forward on a 25-mile front on both sides of the Doubs River to a point within eleven miles of Belfort in the historic gap to the Rhine. The six armies are the British Second, the United States First, Third, Ninth and Seventh and the French First.

Mosquitos Bomb Berlin

LONDON—Berlin was given a going over by British Mosquitos last night. The little planes flashed in over the capital, dropping four-thousand-pound bombs. The assault followed a daylight attack by British bombers on the city of Dortmund in the Rhur Valley.

Nazi Defences Stiffen

ROME—German defences have stiffened northwest of the Italian city of Forli and the Germans have brought new self-propelled guns and tanks into the area. The enemy is believed to now be preparing to stand their ground not far beyond the Montone River which has already been crossed by some British Eighth Army troops. There is little activity reported south of Ravenna on the Adriatic coast.

Reds Close On Budapest

MOSCOW—Russian troops are steadily hammering closer to the Hungarian capital of Budapest. The German flank of the city has been cracked and Soviet forces are now only twelve miles from the capital. The terrific force of the Russian blows has forced the enemy to retreat from more than fifty towns and villages, including the large railway junction of Jaszbereny. This enemy withdrawal has been carried out along a one-hundred-mile front. Other Russian columns are heading northward in an attempt to secure control of highway and rail communications leading to Vienna. These Soviet forces comprise tank, cavalry and infantry columns—all supported by swarms of attack planes.

Commando Raid in Aegean

ROME—A landing has been made by Allied commandos on Milos at the southwest corner of the Cyclades Archipelago in the Aegean. The landing, made Tuesday, was supported by British naval craft. A communique issued today says the Allies inflicted casualties on the enemy garrison and withdrew taking with them some prisoners.

Another Island Invaded

PEARL HARBOR—A small force of Allied troops has invaded the Mapia Islands, also known as the Saint David Islands. These islands lie less than one hundred and fifty miles north of the western part of New Guinea. The landing was made yesterday purely as a protective move to eliminate Japanese warning stations.

Yanks Advance On Leyte

MacARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines—The Allied invasion forces on Leyte Island in the central Philippines are advancing slowly this morning on the west coast port of Ormoc. No major gains have been made within the last few days but the Allies are now within ten miles of the port from the south.

158 Jap Ships Sunk

LONDON—British submarines have sent twenty-four Japanese ships to the bottom, binging to 158 the total number of Japanese vessels destroyed by the Royal Navy since the beginning of the war. The latest sinkings include twenty-three supply ships of various sizes and an anti-submarine vessel.

Co-operative—

Flourishing Right Here

Gyro Club Hears Address On Growth and Progress of Movement

Prince Rupert does not have to go away from its own back yard to find an illustration of a highly successful co-operative effort, one that was doing a million dollar a year business, Breen Melvin of the University of British Columbia extension staff, specializing in co-operative education, told the Prince Rupert Gyro Club at luncheon yesterday. Co-operative business was expanding at a rapid rate, Mr. Melvin declared, and, after the war, the growth would be even greater, he predicted.

Detailing on co-operative growth throughout the world, the speaker disclosed that co-operatives were today doing 22 percent of the retail business in Great Britain. In the United States co-operative was particularly strong in the agricultural field. There were 25 co-opera-

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JOHN WESTON PASSES AWAY

Early Pioneer of Prince Rupert Dies in Vancouver

VANCOUVER, Nov. 16 (CP) — John G. Weston, Prince Rupert pioneer, died here recently. He came to British Columbia forty years ago. He engaged in the transfer business at Prince Rupert in the early days and was later a customs inspector for a number of years. He had spent the past twenty years in Burnaby. He had two sons, Sam and Chris Weston.

Tides

Friday, November 17, 1944

High	2:06	19.5 feet
	13:50	21.9 feet
Low	7:55	7.2 feet
	20:30	2.9 feet

EARLY ON THE JOB

By the second week of invasion a Canadian Spitfire wing was operating a full-fledged airfield in Normandy.

Premier Has Cabinet Backing

King Says McNaughton Has Not Changed Mind On Reinforcements Issue

OTTAWA, Nov. 16 (CP)—Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King, through his secretary, today denied press reports that Minister of National Defence, General A. G. L. McNaughton, has reversed his views on the voluntary enlistment system and has so advised the Prime Minister. The statement from the secretary said "It is the Prime Minister's well known belief that Parliament is the proper place to deliberate upon matters of national concern. In the light of existing controversies, the decision to reconvene the House is obviously in the public interest."

The Toronto Globe and Mail today carried a special dispatch from its Ottawa staff writer, Kenneth Cragg, which stated that General McNaughton has changed his views on the manpower situation since he entered the cabinet two weeks ago. General McNaughton succeeded Colonel Ralston with the publicly declared view that he believed the voluntary system was adequate. But the Globe—which has been the chief agitator among Canadian newspapers for conscription—said: McNaughton has been forced by the hard facts of the Army reinforcement position to reverse his policy and has advised Prime Minister King the draftees are needed overseas."

Canadian Press staff writer R. K. Carnegie reported last night that the federal cabinet will back up Prime Minister Mackenzie King on the man power issue to the extent of giving Defence Minister McNaughton every opportunity to show Parliament how he can provide adequate reinforcements for the Army overseas by the voluntary system. Carnegie also refutes recent rumors that several cabinet ministers—notably Finance Minister Ilsley, Navy Minister MacDonald, and Resources Minister Crerar—would follow former Defence Minister Ralston into retirement. Carnegie says Mr. King has no resignations on hand.

Howe Declares Political Issue

Munitions and Reconstruction Minister C. D. Howe says that the conscription issue is — to quote his words — "Rather a political question than a question of meeting an urgent need." He said he was not expressing any personal opinion but was speaking on the basis of full information.

Still another report concerning the reinforcement and manpower crisis came from Royal Canadian Mounted Police Headquarters in Ottawa. R.C.M.P. officials announce that only a small percentage of 51,000 men investigated by the police for alleged failing to comply with call-up regulations were actually draft dodgers. Only 6,100 prosecutions resulted from the investigations. Of the 51,000 investigated, 36,000 were in Quebec, 9,800 in Ontario and 4,200 in New Brunswick.

URGES AID FOR MINING

Should be Permitted to Reorganize for Post-war, Declares Minister

VANCOUVER, Nov. 16 (CP)—Present taxes and controls on the mining industry prevent post-war planning, Hon. E. C. Carson, British Columbia minister of mines, told the opening session of the Western Division of the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy.

Mr. Carson urged that the mining industry be allowed to reorganize for the post-war period and asserted that tax relief measures were so far inadequate.

WAR PLANT LAY-OFFS

Touchy Issue Flares Up Arvida Drops 2500 Men

MONTREAL, Nov. 16 (CP)—The touchy issue of war-plant lay-offs has flared up in Quebec province. First of all, Union Nationale premier Maurice Duplessis issued a statement claiming that 2500 workers at Arvida war plants had been "fired in an extraordinary way."

Mr. Duplessis did not elaborate, but it was evident he was referring to the Aluminum company of Canada plants at Arvida which is some two hundred miles north of Quebec city in the Chicoutimi area.

Aluminum Company officials later admitted the lay-off but they said it was not extraordinary and was due to the reduction of orders from Great Britain and the United States.

Meanwhile, at Ottawa, Selective Service chief, Arthur MacNamara said that possibly 250 men would be laid off in five plants in the Arvida district and would be absorbed into the army or essential work.

CHIEF SKUGAID SAFE IN PORT

Concern which had been expressed in regard to the safety of the well known halibut boat Chief Skugaid was allayed early this afternoon when the vessel arrived in port safe after a stormy voyage which left marks upon her. Capt. Einer Dahl reported all well.

LEND HANDS AT 101

BOSTON, Eng., (CP)—Mrs. Emma Chapman of nearby Algarkirk still helps her grandson with work on his farm although she has just celebrated her 101st birthday.

Bulletins

EMIER IN HOSPITAL
TAWA — Premier T. C. as of Saskatchewan was to hospital today when rrived by train from Re- for conference with fed- authorities. He took sick g the trip from Regina his condition is not be- serious.

RCHILL ON POST-WAR
NDON — Prime Minister ston Churchill, in the e of Commons discus- of post-war economic petition among the Allies, today that, after the de- of Germany, "we must e exertions to restore our rt trade."

ISONERS RECAPTURED
ORONTO — Two German ners-of-war, who escaped Gravenhurst camp last mer, were arrested today house on the fringe of nto's downtown section.

THER HAMPERS SEARCH
ANCOUVER—Bad weather hampered the search for big R.C.A.F. planes miss- from west coast bases— four-motored Liberator and Canso flying boat with a of 21 men on board.

CRERAR IS INVITED
ALBERT BAY—An invitation been sent to Hon. T. A. rar, minister of mines and ural resources, which in- es Indian Affairs, has invited to come to the ive Brotherhood of Brit- Columbia convention here.



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