

Churchill Makes His Report; Is Grimly Facing Realities

Air War Will Be Extended to High Degree of Intensity

Warns That Germans Are Preparing on French Coast for Attack Upon Britain—Does Not Expect End of European War This Year.

LONDON, Feb. 22 (CP)—Prime Minister Churchill, in a review of the war before Parliament today, promised an expansion of the air offensive "far beyond the dimensions of anything which has yet been employed or indeed imagined" with long range bombing from Britain and Italy reaching every part of Germany.

Churchill warned that the Germans were preparing on the French coast new means of attack on Britain "either by pilotless aircraft or possibly rockets, or both on a considerable scale" but that our forces are vigilantly attacking every evidence of enemy preparations.

The Prime Minister said that the order tightening the censorship in the Mediterranean area was merely a test to check alarmist reports concerning the Italian bridgehead.

Mr. Churchill declined to concur in the prediction of General Eisenhower that the war in Europe would end in 1944. "Hitler is still in full control and the Nazi party is still holding together in Germany," he asserted.

"This is no time for despair or rejoicing but for preparation, effort and resolution," Mr. Churchill said.

Hitler had decided to defend Rome with the same obstinacy that had characterized the battle of Stalingrad.

Speaking of relations with Russia, none of the ground gained at Moscow and Teheran had been lost, declared the Prime Minister who referred to Russia's policy in favor of a "strong and independent Poland."

Great Britain, United States and Russia were equally resolved to carry on the war to a completely victorious conclusion.

Speaking of the projected invasion of western Europe, Mr. Churchill said the British and American forces would be equal in proportions unless it became a long campaign in which case there would be more Americans.

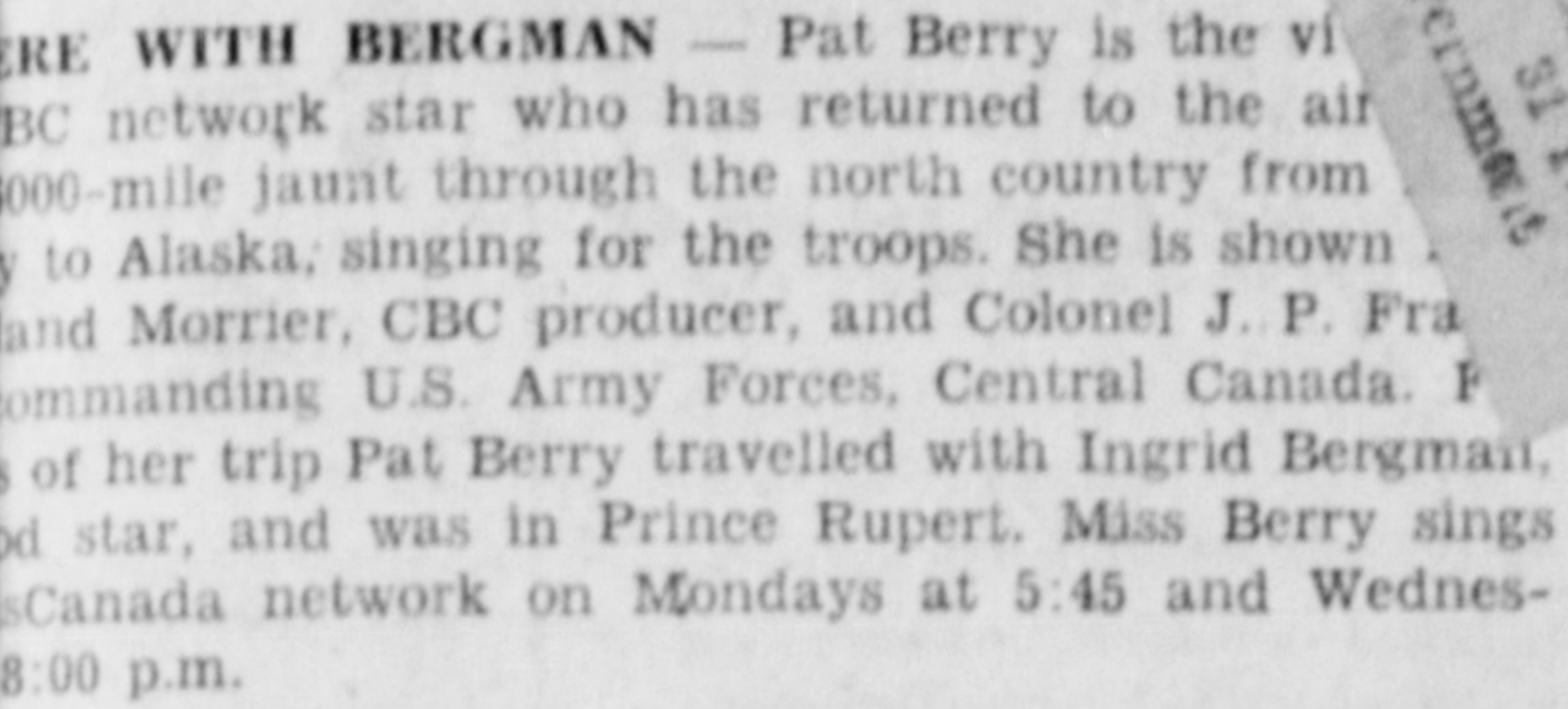
The Prime Minister spoke for seventy-eight minutes and many cheers greeted his utterances.

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NAPLES, Feb. 22 (CP)—Allied planes hammered Leghorn and Imperia in Italy as action slackened on the Anzio beachhead and the main Fifth army front at Cassino.

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Germanic Fault Is Considered

City council last night decided that it should have from the United States military authorities a full report on the damage done to the city of two weeks ago when soldiers violently attacked in a midnight street raid. The city council will know such details as punishment that has been meted out to the offenders.

BOLSTER UP A.R.P. HERE

General Ross Feels That Place Should be Protected in Case of Enemy Attack.

After hearing correspondence from W. C. Mainwaring of Vancouver, chairman of the civil protection (A.R.P.) organization for British Columbia, and General Alexander Ross, federal director, urging the advisability of the local A.R.P. being brought up to full strength and effectiveness against the possibility of this place being made the target for hit and run raids by the Japanese in retaliation for the coming offensive in the Pacific war theatre, the city council last night decided to request the present central A.R.P. to carry on and to accept the offer of the provincial organization to send an expert here for a couple of weeks in connection with the proposed reorganization. The provincial chairman also stated that the province was prepared to pay fifty per cent of the cost of bringing local A.R.P. up to standard.

General Ross, not satisfied with the effectiveness of the A.R.P. here at present, suggested that the support and enrollment of new people who had moved in be enlisted, that auxiliary firemen be organized among the Wartime Housing dwellers and that possibly there be co-operation with the Reserve Army in connection with patrol, fire fighting and first aid.

SOVIET—

Mass Town Adopted

Council Decides to Sponsor Risk on Sea of Azov.

LONDON, Feb. 22 (CP)—Russians stormed the inner defences of Krivoi Rog in the central Ukraine and announced that 187,400 Nazis had been killed in the four weeks of offensives in the south and around Leningrad, Kholm, a Nazi bastion south of Lake Ilmen, was taken by the Red Army and now menacing Pskov and Dno.

Improvements Being Sought

The matter of construction of sidewalks from Sixth Avenue to Conrad Street and on Sixth Avenue from the Dry Dock road to lot 24, block 3, section 7 has been discussed by the board of works of the city council with representatives of Wartime Housing Ltd. and it has been decided to incorporate these propositions in a brief for presentation to that company together with a request that the plank road on Seventh Avenue be replaced with rock fill.

Local city council will proceed with the matter by calling a special public meeting to discuss ways and means of assistance.

Fish girl guides are being trained for voluntary relief work in Europe.

Federal Report on Streets and Utilities Here

A lengthy report on the condition of streets and utilities here has been prepared by the federal government in connection with the city's request for assistance in connection with maintenance has reached the city and came up at last night's council meeting but was not read. Certain recommendations are made to the government following a survey but no announcement has been made as to whether these will be put into effect. However, instructions have been given for the adequate maintenance of streets used by the armed forces.

The report will be dealt with by the city council at a special committee of the whole session next Monday.

MILLIONS ARE SAVED

As Result of Re-negotiation of Shipbuilding Contracts.

OTTAWA, Feb. 22 (CP)—Hughes Cleaver, chairman of the war expenditures committee, told the House of Commons Monday that re-negotiation of shipbuilding contracts had resulted in a saving to the Federal treasury of between \$30,000,000 and \$40,444,000. The shipbuilders, he said, had been able to better their first estimates of costs. Contracts with Vancouver shipyards were re-negotiated in December 1942.

BULLETINS

GANDHI DIES?

NEW YORK.—An unconfirmed radio broadcast today said that Mahanda K. Gandhi, Indian Nationalist leader, had died of a heart attack.

GAS RATION UNCHANGED

OTTAWA.—The minister of munitions and supply announced today that the gas ration for Canadian motorists during the coming year will be unchanged from the last.

IN TWO DIRECTIONS

LONDON.—The Royal Air Force struck at Germany from two directions today—from bases in Britain and in Italy. The United Air Force staged the greatest aerial assault of all time on a German airplane plant today.

KRIVOI ROG

MOSCOW.—The capture of the great steel city of Krivoi Rog in the Ukraine by the Russians was announced today.

PLANNING TO TRAIN VETS

VICTORIA, Feb. 22 (CP)—The Legislature gave final approval on Monday to a bill authorizing the Provincial government to enter into agreement with the Dominion Government for vocational training of veterans and war workers on a basis of equal contributions.

The scheme provides high school and college training, and instruction in mining, prospecting and other vocations designated to utilize British Columbia's resources.



CANADIANS IN ORTONA, ITALY—Private J. Y. Smith, of Victoria, B.C., left, and Private R. M. Sowden, of Vancouver, B.C., stand in the rocky rubble near demolished St. Thomas' cathedral in Ortona, Italy, looking at a dead German paratrooper, shot as he fled from a machine-gun post, he had set up in the upper storey of a nearby building.

SEEK WATER SUPPLY SHOWDOWN

City Council Takes Action After Alderman Elliott Threatens to Resign Chairmanship of Utilities Committee.

In the high, levels were virtually without water, so low had become the level of the reservoir and the pressure in the water lines. It was a dangerous situation and he felt there should be no further delay in having a showdown with the power company. The question of priority on Woodworth Lake water should be for once and all settled. The city's rights had already been established by legal opinion.

In answer to questions, City Engineer G. S. Hanes said he had gone as far as he could in the matter. It was now up to the city council to make a demand.

Ald. Rudderham recalled how, when the original agreement was drawn up, he had fought to protect the city's interests against just such a situation as had now arisen. However, certain proposed provisos had been left out of the agreement when finally drawn up.

In bringing the matter up, Ald. Elliott stated that the power company was operating Shawatians Lake power plant to capacity. Meanwhile homes

Italian Ports Are Pounded



THESE NAZIS WON'T FIGHT AGAIN FOR HITLER—This radiophoto, received from Russia, shows a long column of German soldiers being marched through the streets of Leningrad after their capture in the successful westward drive to relief of the besieged city.

TRUK LOSS WAS LIGHT

Seventeen American Planes Failed to Return From Great Raid.

PEARL HARBOR, Feb. 22 (CP)—It is announced that American losses in the great raid of last week-end on Truk, Japanese key Pacific fortress, amounted to seventeen planes with one ship moderately damaged in the two-day attack. American carrier-based planes sank at least nineteen Japanese ships, probably sinking seven more and destroying 201 enemy planes.

Mosquitoes Drop Mines

LONDON, Feb. 22 (CP)—Royal Air Force Mosquito bombers attacked western Germany last night and laid mines in enemy seas. One plane did not return.

Sneak Attack Bv Japanese Seen by Knox

WASHINGTON, D.C., Feb. 22—Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox stated today that there was nothing to point to an early end to the war in the Pacific. It was possible that the enemy was getting ready for another sneak attack and was endeavouring to spread out the Pacific fleet.

Raids On Kuriles

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH PACIFIC, Feb. 22.—United States bombing planes Saturday attacked two Japanese bases in the Kurile Islands—Paramashiru and Shimushu—dropping five tons of bombs. All American planes returned safely to their base.

Marshalls Are Nearly Cleaned Up By Americans

PEARL HARBOR, Feb. 22 (CP)—Americans who landed on Eniwetok in the Marshall Islands have now captured all the atoll with the exception of the lone Japanese base on Parry Island which is now being shelled and bombed. It is announced by Admiral Chester W. Nimitz. The attack on Parry Island is being carried out by naval and air forces.

Battle Of Beachhead

Principal Action Turns From Land to Air Today.

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Another Jap Convoy Sunk

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Southwest Pacific, Feb. 22 (CP)—Allied aircraft have smashed another Japanese convoy off the Bismarck Islands, Allied Headquarters announced today. Six medium merchant ships, one corvette, and two gunboats were sunk, and three freighters probably destroyed.