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PRINCE RUPERT, B.C. MONDAY, MAY 8, 1944

PRICE FIVE CENTS

Local Temperature
Maximum 57
Minimum 41

Local Tides
Tuesday, May 9
High 1:36 21.4 feet
14:20 19.1 feet
Low 8:12 2.9 feet
20:13 6.3 feet

Smithers Has Worst Fire In History

Berlin and Brunswick

Heavily Hit As Allied Precision Bombing Intensifies

Prinze, May 8 — Nearly 10,000 American bombers blasted Berlin and Brunswick today with 100,000 tons of bombs. The second straight day of heavy bombing.

The Royal Air Force and the Royal Canadian Air Force bombed France, Germany and the Netherlands.

Canadian planes returned to the daylight operations of the pre-invasion air offensive into the twenty-fourth day and climaxed a four hour period in which probably six thousand bombs rained something in excess of 100,000 tons of explosives and manufacturing plants with which Adolf Hitler hoped to combat the western invasion and the Russian drive into Berlin.

Over 4,500 Allied aircraft bombed Berlin and Bucharest in perhaps the heaviest pre-invasion assault yet.

JAPS TAKE OFFENSIVE

But Are Suffering Heavy Losses In Attempt to Regain Lost Ground in Manipur

KANDY, Ceylon, May 8 — An Allied communique said today that the Japanese are on the offensive in all sectors of the Manipur hill front in northeastern India and are seeking to regain recently lost forward positions. They are, however, suffering disproportionately heavy losses.

British troops have evacuated Butheung in western Burma on Sunday as the Allies were repulsing Japanese attacks at Kohima near the Indian border.

Passing Of Wells Gray

VICTORIA, May 8 — Hon. Arthur Wellesley Gray, aged 57, minister of lands and municipal affairs since 1933, died yesterday. He was a prominent resident of New Westminster for many years and a long career in public life started with the aldermanship there. He was mayor of the Royal City for a long time and was an expert in municipal affairs. He had been ailing with a heart condition for many months.

WAR NEWS

BERLIN HEAVILY BOMBED

LONDON — Seven hundred and fifty United States heavy bombers and fighters dropped two thousand tons of bombs on Berlin Sunday. Eight bombers and five fighters were lost. Planes from Italy bombed Bucharest railway yards and a strategic bridge on the Belgrade-Sofia railway line near Belgrade.

ITALIAN FIGHTING RENEWED

NAPLES—The situation on the Anzio beachhead and elsewhere along the fronts in Italy has lived up with renewed artillery and patrol activity.

KURILES BOMBED AGAIN

WASHINGTON — American bombing planes, based on the Aleutians, again struck at Paramashiro and elsewhere on the Kurile Islands. They met with heavy ground fire although no losses are reported. Elsewhere in the Pacific there were continued heavy bombings of Rabaul, New Britain, and Japanese bases along the north coast of New Guinea from Wewak to Hansa Bay.

JAPANESE ARE HELD

CHUNGKING — The reinforced Japanese invaders have been held from further advances in Honan Province.

IN BURMA AND INDIA

KANDY—The Allied forces in both Burma and northeastern India have made continued progress against the Japanese. A British setback at Arakan was regarded as unimportant.

EASTERN FRONT QUIET

MOSCOW—The long lull in the fighting between Soviet and Nazi forces on the entire eastern front continues.

PRISONERS IN U.S.

WASHINGTON—It is announced that there are now 183,618 Axis prisoners of war in the United States—133,135 Germans, 50,136 Italians and 347 Japanese. Many of these prisoners are being used in various ways to relieve the manpower shortage.

STRIKE AT SEVASTAPOL

Great Aerial Blow May Be Pre-face to Final Drive On City

LONDON, May 8 — Russian planes destroyed twenty-two Nazi aircraft, blew up four ammunition dumps, damaged several ships, silenced artillery batteries and inflicted heavy losses on enemy troops in the Sevastopol area in a possible prelude to a final Red drive into that city.

Observe May 21 As Empire Youth Sunday

British Board of Education Organizes Empire Poster Contest

TORONTO, May 8 — May 21 has been set aside this year as Empire Youth Sunday, the day designed to more closely unite young people of the Empire. The King has again accorded his patronage to the occasion.

Services will be held across the Empire while the central Youth Service in Westminster Abbey will be broadcast from 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Greenwich time.

Empire Youth Sunday is an offshoot of the Empire Youth Movement founded in 1938 by Major F. J. Ney, K.C., of the National Council of Education of Canada, at present working on the movement in South Africa.

In Canada, alone, 40,000 Empire Youth Sunday of circulars are being sent out by Provincial Departments of Education and religious bodies. Of these, 20,000 are being distributed in Ontario by Dr. J. G. Althouse, Director of Education, at the instance of Premier Drew.

A prize of \$50 (\$225) is being offered in a poster competition organized by the British Board of Education. The contest is open to school pupils, art students and members of youth organizations.

Mickleburgh Nominated



L.L.P. CHOICE

To the accompaniment of cheers and singing, Bruce Mickleburgh, prominent local school teacher, was unanimously chosen last night as the Labor-Progressive Party's federal candidate for the Skeena riding at a well-attended public nominating convention in the Deep-Sea Fishermen's Union Hall. The nomination was moved by Harold Ponder and seconded by Harley Lewis. Mr. Mickleburgh made a fighting acceptance speech in which he condemned old line parties and C.C.F. alike. Guest speaker was Tom McEwen, provincial organizer of the L.L.P. A resolution was passed condemning release of "Fascists" from internment. Mrs. Martin Loveng came all the way from Grass Plains to attend the convention.

Four Buildings on Main Street of Interior Town Destroyed by Flames

Loss is Estimated at \$75,000—Anger, Noel, Newbery and Gray Buildings Wiped Out Saturday Night—Many Other Buildings Ignited But Were Saved.

SMITHERS, May 8—The town of Smithers was visited with the most disastrous fire in its history on Saturday evening when flames broke out in the Blue Goose restaurant located in the Anger building and spread in both directions, destroying the H. F. Noel department store; the Anger block, which was a double building, occupied in part by I. Anger as a tailor shop with living apartments above, and by the Blue Goose restaurant; the A. E. Day Bakery, in the building known as the Newbery Block and the large building which until recently was occupied by the J. S. Gray Jewellery Store but which has been vacant for some months.

All the buildings were two storey frame structures and all, with the exception of the Newbery Block, were among the first large buildings built in Smithers. The Newbery Block was built by Frank Newbery as a bakery with living quarters above about thirteen years ago.

The local theatre, several blocks away, was packed with patrons enjoying the picture "Coney Island" when the operator, L. T. Buchanan, quietly announced that there was a large fire burning in the Blue Goose restaurant and asked for fire fighters. The audience dispersed quietly and in order, but by that time, the fire had a long start on the available fire fighting equipment and it could be easily seen that nearly a whole block on Main Street was doomed.

Park Gets Strip Act

SIXTEEN YOUNG DUKHOBORS LAND IN JAIL AFTER DISROBING BEFORE 1,500 PEOPLE.

VANCOUVER, May 8 (CP)—Sixteen members of a Dukhobor delegation in Vancouver stripped off their clothing on the picnic grounds in Stanley Park in front of 1,500 Sunday strollers and landed in jail charged with failing to show national registration cards. The stripping occurred in the course of a frenzied religious demonstration. They were young members of the Sons of Freedom Sect. Nine men and seven women, aged from 20 to 48, were arrested.

When the trial started this morning, six others disrobed in police court and were arrested.

DESTROYER DESTROYED

Royal Navy Finishes Off Craft Which H.M.C.S. Athabastin Drove Ashore

LONDON, May 8 — Light Royal Navy coastal forces have destroyed a German destroyer which was driven ashore April 29 by Royal Canadian Navy destroyers in the engagement in which H.M.C.S. Athabastin was sunk.

Bulletins

HIS BODY FOUND

The body of Arthur L. Hill, who drifted away from his home village of Kitkatla in a disabled fishing boat last December 28 and was never heard of since, was found on Zayas Island, almost 100 miles away and has been brought to the city. He had cheated death at sea to die of exposure on the uninhabited island, it is believed.

FLOOD IN DAWSON

DAWSON CITY—A number of families have been driven from their homes and extensive damage has been done by a flood of the Yukon River caused by an ice jam following spring break-up in the Yukon and Klondike. Three streets were under water one time. The waters were receding last night but civic officials said that all previous flood records had been broken.

ROOSEVELT'S HOLIDAY

WASHINGTON — Appearing rested and buoyant, President Franklin D. Roosevelt returned Sunday from a four weeks' vacation spent on the plantation of Bernard M. Baruch near Georgetown, South Carolina. He had complete relaxation and his personal physician expressed complete satisfaction with his condition.

PLOESTI BADLY HIT

NAPLES—Lieut. Gen. Akesti says that the output of Ploesti oil fields has been reduced to less than 25 per cent as a result of Allied bombings.

RUSSIAN LOAN OVER-SUBSCRIBED

MOSCOW — The Russian war loan of \$12,500,000,000 was oversubscribed in the first two days.

WELCOME TO NEW PASTOR

Reception at Week-end for Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Silverthorne

A reception for Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Silverthorne was held last Friday evening at the Baptist Church in the church parlor with Mayor H. M. Daggett presiding. The chairman welcomed the guests and expressed his hope that the ministry of the new pastor would be pleasant and productive of much good. Rev. J. A. Donnell brought greetings from First United Church, Rev. A. F. McSweeney from First Presbyterian Church and Dean Gibson from St. Andrew's Anglican Cathedral. The keynote of all the greetings bore testimony to the fine spirit of unity and co-operation existing among the various churches of the city.

On behalf of First Baptist Church P. H. Linzey welcomed the pastor and his wife. He was sure that under Mr. Silverthorne's leadership and with the full co-operation of the church and congregation, the Kingdom of God would be extended in Prince Rupert.

Mrs. P. H. Linzey, on behalf of the ladies' aid, welcomed Mrs. Silverthorne and presented her with a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

The program included the following items: Piano duet, Mrs. J. C. Gilker and Miss K. Watson. Male quartette. Vocal solo, Miss J. Lyseng. Humorous reading by Private Morris.

Duet by Mr. and Mrs. Martin. Mr. Silverthorne in replying to the addresses of welcome expressed his pleasure at being in Prince Rupert and was gratified to find that the adverse reports he had received concerning the weather and other things were grossly exaggerated. The pastor called upon all present to consecrate life and labor in the great work of spreading the Gospel. At the close of the meet-

VICTORY CONCERT

Excellent Entertainment Staged Last Night As Feature of Loan Campaign

Featuring the Royal Canadian Navy Band of H.M.C.S. Chatham, under direction of Petty Officer Noakes, and the Acropolis Hill Glee Club, directed by Sergeant Harold Normann, a delightful concert program was presented at the Capitol Theatre last evening by the local National War Finance Committee as one of the events in support of the current Sixth Victory Loan campaign. A large audience was in attendance and was fully appreciative of a smooth and well arranged program which was very attractively presented. The band and the male choir, always popular, showed their usual skill and versatility in widely varied themes. Miss Yvonne Riffou, winsome little local soloist, also graced the program. Lloyd Morris was master of ceremonies and Bruce Stevens took part in an effective recitation. The stage was attractively decorated in patriotic colors.

The theme song of the evening (Continued on page 4)

Subscribers Victory Loan

With the subscribing of \$16,250 in Victory Bonds on Saturday, the cumulative total for the loan so far in Prince Rupert is \$506,400. The total for the Fifth Loan last fall at the corresponding date was \$592,150. The correspondings day's total was \$18,000.

John Franks	\$ 100
Mrs. Evalena Andrew	100
C. Raymond McIntyre	100
George Yuth	50
Mrs. Hattie Lindsay	300
Miss Kate MacKay	100
Francis X. Riffou	100
Harry Astoria	300
Alexander Duffus	300
D. Goady	200
George Cress	100
K. Dehli	100
John Frantika	50
S. Knysh	50
Jonas Mickunas	50
Wm. D. Macky	50
O. K. Olsen	50
W. St. Clair	200
Gunnar Torgerson	50
Fred Vickery	50
C. E. Wagar	100
Benjamin Weber	100
J. D. Bland	100
Frank Bruce	50
E. F. Eugstrom	50
C. D. Antonsen	300
Mah Wing Sheck, Smithers	100
Wing Young, Smithers	100
Mah Yoke Tong, Smithers	100
John Kemp, Fort Fraser	50
Mrs. Lily Mary Wellington,	50
Fort Fraser	50
Charles Franklin Mitzimberg,	150
Copper River	150
Fred Rosberg, Evelyn	50
Zungi Utsonomyia, Smithers	100
Lambert Hanson Kenney,	500
Smithers	500
Bulkley Valley Branch No. 63,	500
Canadian Legion, Smithers	500
Rayner Construction Co.	4,100
Employees, Tye	4,100
Tomlinson Construction Co.	650
Employees, Kwinitsa	650
General Construction Co.	600
Employees, Amsbury	600
Standard Paving Co.	1,000
Employees, Salvas	1,000

Baseball Scores

SATURDAY National
New York 1, Boston 4; Cincinnati 8, St. Louis 0; Philadelphia 10, Brooklyn 10.

American
Cleveland 2, Cleveland 3; Boston 5, Boston 4; Washington 1, Philadelphia 0; Chicago 4, Chicago 2.

SUNDAY National
Cincinnati 6-3, Chicago 5-2; New York 5-0, Boston 4-2; St. Louis 4-1, Cincinnati 1-0; Philadelphia 1-0, Brooklyn postponed.

International
Montreal 1, Montreal 2; New York 1, Buffalo 9.

5th Loan Record \$906,150

QUOTA \$750,000

Total to Date \$906,150

Put Victory First!
BUY VICTORY BONDS