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MEMBER A.B.C.

The Power of Churchill . . .

Prime Minister Winston Churchill plainly told the British House of Commons to endorse his policy of intervention in Greece, Italy and Belgium—or else. So the House, without wasting any time about it, gave the Prime Minister's government a thumping endorsation and mandate—notwithstanding the criticism of the most of the British press, with the notable exception of Mrs. Anthony Eden's Yorkshire Post, to say nothing of the attitude of the United States officialdom. So it took Churchill only a few hours to get a vote of confidence and there was no political manoeuvering or pussyfooting about it either. He will carry on as he is doing in connection with intervention in liberated countries.
tries. British foreign policy will remain the same notwithstanding the Greek crisis and similar flare-ups in Belgium, Italy and Holland and their repercussions in London.

Right or wrong, Churchill has the faculty and the power of getting things done. His dynamic force has done much to bring Britain and the Allies so far and so well in the war. Evidently, the British people have no intention of "dismissing" Churchill as long as the war is on. Of course, what will happen after that remains to be seen. But that is another story.

The Political Front . . .

Prime Minister Mackenzie King says that "the war situation is more serious than can be imagined." We suppose that Mr. King is speaking more of the political than the military phase of the war. Certainly, as far as our side is concerned at present, the military aspect is developing favorably.

Some of the political angles are, however, disconcerting enough, particularly those arising in the newly liberated countries which are still seething with uncertainty, intrigue and general confusion.

We may well expect that there will be many problems and situations to be faced. There may be events which we do not understand at the time. Actions may be taken for which we cannot see the point. The more cautious will wish to wait and see before expressing opinions even on actions which may seem at the time to be inexplicable and even unreasonable. For instance, it is safe to assume that, behind the events which are now taking place in such countries as Greece, Italy and Belgium, there is more than meets the eye and ear. We can but accept the word of those who should be in a position to know and one of these is Premier King who says the situation is serious.

Air Arm Takes Over . . .

While the ground advance has slowed its tempo for the moment all along the Western Front, it is worth while watching what the Allies are doing behind the German lines. The offensive is still driving forward by air, striking at German sources of supply and lines of communications.

Increasingly stiff, tenacious German resistance behind defences in depth reinforced by reserves drained from somewhere; rain, sleet, and mud, and the ever-recurring problem of an attacking army to accumulate supplies for a fresh advance — all have combined to hold back the Allied drive on the ground.

This is just the time and situation when the ability to reach over the enemy's lines and strike at his supporting areas can mean the most. And that is what the Allied command is doing. Bombers are so damaging railways and canals serving Germany that transport may be blocked for weeks or even months. Blockbusters are hitting industrial targets. And as a profitable by-product of these operations the Allied air forces are destroying enemy planes .

This ability to weaken the German rear when the frontal advance is slowed down or halted is an asset which the Allies possess and the enemy has lost, except for the aimless destruction by the rocket weapons. It is an advance which may not show immediate effects but contributes enormously to the ultimate decision.

THIS AND THAT

"Hey, Charlie, there's a couple of friends of yourn out here to see you."

LETTERBOX

OPPOSES BUS DEAL

Editor, Daily News:

The $40,000 Bus Bylaw seems to be a controversial issue. I am in favor of the City operating utilities but I think the ratepayers will realize that the present time is not opportune for such a venture.

There are other things that should receive the immediate attention of the city council. Take the sewers for instance. Do the city fathers know there are dry closets and rotten septic tanks within a few blocks of the City Hall?

For the $40,000 proposed to spend on the bus line the City could lay enough sewer to serve two hundred homes and surely it should be a primary objective for the Council to ensure sanitary conditions for the homes of our citizens. As for the bus line, I think the present operators are giving satisfactory service and I don't think the city could do any better.

I say, vote against the bylaw.

C. K. YTREBERG.

CERTIFICATES OF IMPROVEMENTS

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And further take notice that action, under section 85 of the "Mineral Act," must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificates of Improvements.

Dated this 5th day of November, 1944.

FOUR YEARS AGO IN THIS WAR

By the Canadian Press

Dec. 9, 1940—First graduates from Empire Air Training Plan arrived in Britain from Canada. Russia mobilized youth for state labor reserve corps. British struck at Italians along broad front in Eidi Barrani region.

FREE SMOKES

LONDON, (—Cigars captured from the Germans are given away free in three hotels N.A.A.F.I. has taken over in Brussels for other ranks on 48 hours' leave front the front.

LIBERIAN RUBBER

Liberia's rubber industry was first exploited by Europeans in 1898.

CONRAD STREET DANCE - SOCIAL

Conrad Street School was the scene of a Dance Club social last night. The highlights of the evening were contest dances, squat waltz and waltz prize winners were Fred Nordgard and Bernice Mostad, Steve Deadrickson and Lois Mostad.

The basement was pleasingly decorated in Christmas colors with cedar boughs along the beams and mistletoe here and there.

There was a coke bar which The coke bar had been decorated with brown and colored paper by the bartenders, Alex Gomez and Charlie Magnet. The refreshment committee consisted of a number of girls under direction of Yvonne Simondsen who served a very enjoyable lunch to about 100 boys and girls.

The master of ceremonies, David Murray, called the dancing to a halt at about 11:15 after which volunteers—Bobby Currie, Yvonne Simonsen, Lois Thompson, Charlie Currie, Dorothy MacPherson and Sid Youngman remained to clean up.

The door committee was Tom Baker, Joan Croxford, Olga Boychuck and Gerome Boyveit.

SCOUT TROOP WORKING TO OBTAIN BADGES

Members of the East End Boy Scout Troop, most of whom have passed their tenderfoot tests are now working for their Second Class Scout badges. Under Scoutmaster P. Forman and Assistant Scoutmasters J. Jerome and N. Gillespie the boys continued their work at the weekly meeting in Conrad Street School Thursday night. The troop also engaged in tumbling practice during the meeting.

Troop leader is Tom Nichols, and patrol leaders are Neil Forman, Bill Prince and Evert Johanson.

There are about 35 members in the troop.

Announcement

Vance's Home Arts will be closed from

December 15
to
January 6, 1945

Public Meeting . . .

CIVIC LABOR FEDERATION RALLY

Monday, December 11th, 8 p.m.

Oddfellows' Hall — 4th Avenue West (Just off McBride

Speakers:

MAYOR DAGGETT

ALDERMAN WILLIAM H. BRETT
Chairman Civic Finance Committee

GEORGE E. HILLS
Chairman Civic Transportation Committee

ALDERMAN JAMES S. BLACK
Chairman Public Works Committee

ALDERMAN ALEX. SINCLAIR
Member Finance Committee

(AND OTHERS)

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AUGUST WALLIN, Chairman — President of the Prince Rupert Trades & Labor Council, and Chairman Civic Labor Federation Campaign Committee.

Remember the time: 8:00 p.m. — Doors Open at 7:30.

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