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of PLAN CHANGED

Outlet to Peace River Instead of Connection with Alaska Road is Now Government Policy.

As neither the United States or Dominion governments have taken action in connection with the matter, the provincial government has changed its policy in regard to a tie-up road between the central interior and the Alaska Highway for which the sum of \$6,000,000 had been pledged as the province's contribution, according to word received by Walter Wilson, promoter of the Hazelton - Telegraph Creek - Whitehorse route, from Premier John

The intention now, according to Premier Hart, is to give an outlet to the Peace River district and consideration is being given to three routes which recently were surveyed by Provincial government engineers. Funds which were available as a one-third contribution towards the construction of the connection with Alaska Highway will now be used to provide an outlet for the Peace River district. This outlet will connect with the Alaska Highway at Dawson

Premier Hart's letter to Mr. Wilson adds that the provincial government will be glad to consider any proposal that the United States or Dominion governments may have to make with regard to the establishment of an Alaska Highway connection at a more westerly point.

United States Government under took a further program of extension and pavement to meet the increasing volume of air traffic. Included in the program was construction of the satellite field at Namao, about seven miles north of Edmonton, contract for which was let to a Canadian company.

In September, 1942, control of the aerodiomes was transferred from the Department of Trans- ago. port to the Royal Canadian Air Force, which now operates the chain from the Northwest Staging Route Headquarters in Edmonton. The Department o Transport provides meteorological services, operates and maintain the radio range stations, and temporarily services comunications facilities. Department engineers for co-ordinating any as largely to meet United new work with that already done by Canada are also retained at each aerodrome along the route. Alaska Military Highway. Control towers are staffed by the police agencies are investigating ALASKA BY R.C.A.F. which is responsible for the possibility that enemy maintenance and repair work at agents might have been respon- NORTH WAY all aerodromes, including snow removal. The R.C.A.F. is solely responsible for security.

COSTING CANADA ONLY \$25,000,000

In brief, the Northwest Staging 'oute is Canadian property, unnanagement. It was built and forced into his car. eveloped by Canada in co-oper-Canadian funds has been \$25,- frontier at Adak, was "person- (At Vancouver the police said

WAR NEWS

PORT OF ATHENS BOMBED Allied bombers have delivered another attack on Piraeus, the port of Athens, as well as striking at enemy strongholds in

JAPANESE IN FLIGHT

Australians are clearing the Japanese out of the jungle 40 miles from Madang on New Guinea. The panic-stricken Nipponese are in full flight.

GREAT OFFENSIVE COMING

Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox said last night that the Allies are about to start the greatest offensive in history both in Europe and the Pacific.

PREPARE FOR INVASION

Two thousand special trains are in readiness in Great Britain to handle forces for the opening of the western Europe fronts. Canals and shipping also are getting in readiness.

EVACUATE FRENCH COAST

Some parts of the Mediterranean coast of France have been ordered evacuated by Pierre Laval against the possibility of an Allied invasion.

BULGARIA IS WARNED

The Russian newspaper Pravda warned Bulgaria to overthrow the pro-Nazi government and get out of the war if the nation was not to share Germany's fate. A new Nazi police force is being organized in bomb-stricken Sofia, it is reported, and a six o'clock curfew has been imposed.

ARE GAINING IN BURMA

The Allies are gaining on both ends of the Burma front although their forces are comparatively light. There is hand to hand fighting in the advance on Akyab. Japanese patrols have been wiped out by Chinese in the north and strong positions

MORE JAP SHIPS SUNK

Another 7,000 Japanese tanker and a 3,000 ton freighter have been sunk in the south Pacific.

EXTENDING NEW INVASION

Allied forces, following their new landing on the west coast of Italy 28 miles south of Rome, have become strongly entrenched on their bridgeheads which have been both widened and deepened. Finding the landing beaches deserted and practically no enemy resistance, the going has been easy so far and they have been able to drive inland four miles toward the Appian Way and the road to Rome which is now under shellfire. The next 48 hours, it is thought, may decide the whole course of the campaign-whether it will be a swift march on Rome or a repetition of bloody Salerno. General Mark Clark is leading the campaign.

REDS ADVANCE IN NORTH

The Russian armies are continuing their rapid advance against the faltering Nazis west and southwest of Leningrad. Ninety more towns have been liberated.

PARAMUSHIRO RAIDED AGAIN

Two raids on Saturday by American bombers in the Kuriles following two on Thursday may be the forerunner of new war developments in the Pacific theatre. One speculative theory is that these raids may be designed to divert the Japanese attention from the south to north Pacific. Another is that the raids may mark the opening of an offensive against Japan proper from the north. There was no aerial opposition at Paramushiro and all the Americans returned safely to bases.

TITO VICTORY

Marshal Tito YugoSlav partizan forces have recaptured their provisional capital which they lost to the Nazis more than a week

CANADIANS MAKE ATTACK

Canadian planes of the coastal command attacked two German destroyers in the English Channel and badly damaged one.

SEE ENEMY HAND IN PAPER THEFT

Probe Possibility That Foreign Agents Copped Congressmans' NEW AIR ROUTE -Pouch in Vancouver.

men from British Columbia of confidential government communication reports of hearings and personal papers from has learned that a start has Representative Warren G. Mag- been made on the development nusson in Vancouver, B.C., the of a new air route to Alaska

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SEATTLE, Jan., 25 (P-Picked PLANES TO

OTTAWA, Jan. 24 (P)-Ottawa State of Washington congress- north and east of the present man revealed last night. The northwest staging route from theft took place Saturday monton to Whitehorse. The er Canadian ownership and morning when entrance was new route will follow a Canadian air trail down the MacKen-

al and confidential but not of that no official report of the



New Invasion Moves Inland

painted on the bow of the first cargo vessel built in Canada for the sister Dominion under the Mutual Aid Act. Picture was made at the launching in St. John recently of the SS Taronga coast for several miles to the Park.

STEEL ORDERS FILLED

Production Board has order-

ed suspension of steel pro-

duction at seven plants in the

United States as their output

TRAIN COLLISION

ST. LOUIS-Eight persons

were killed when a Wabash

NEW RUSS. OFFENSIVE

BERLIN .- The Bertin radio

says the Russians have opened

a new offensive on the Finnish

front north of the Artic Circle

and have made new landings

near Kiersch in the Crimea.

Indian Ocean.

is now not needed.

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WASHINGTON - The War

CONFERENCE

Black Tells Carpenters' Meeting of Session With Government.

A capacity meeting of carpenters heard the report of the business agent, Ald. J. S. Black, who returned recently from Victoria where, along with other members of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, executive labor's brief was presented to the British Columbia cabinet.

Among the amendments to the Compensation Act that are beng asked for were the following: That hernia be included in the

That eyeglasses be replaced by the Board when required as a Jap Cruiser And workmen. In the event of a fatal accident to a single man with-Cargo Ship Are out dependents, industry to be assessed the average cost of Submarine's Bag These assessments to fund for the further education of dependent children.

Many Amendments to the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitation Act were also presented asking for a speed-up in collecive bargening, also that fines against employees for infraction f the Act be doubled.

Other amendments asked for were that no double or doubledecker bunks be allowed in construction or other camps, that all camps have not less that eightoot ceilings with 48 square feet f floor per person and seperate y-rooms be provided each ounkhouse.

It was also asked that all persons paying Poll Tax be auto natically recorded on the voters' list and be entitled to vote in all municipal elections.

The meeting voiced strong indignation at the government's atest Order-in-Council P.C. 9384 and appointed a special committee to study and bring in a report on same.

Unfaithful Wives Worry Soldiers

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24. - Unfaithful wives and sweethearts are one of the biggest causes of worry among fighting men overseas, according to Maj. John S. Garrenton, a chaplain with the China-India-Burma wing of the Army Air Transport Command.

"My own personal opinion." ald Maj. Garrenton. "is that any weman with a husband over and blood who is playing around over here with another man is about the lowest thing I know. And about the next lowest thing I know is the man who plays

Offensive All Along Interior Italy Line

Germans Have laken

Nine Enemy Divisions Fighting Hard to Prevent Being Trapped—Capture of Nettuno Officially Announced.

ALGIERS, Jan. 24 (CP)—Allied forces have captured the town of Nettuno, 30 miles due south of Rome, and have advanced four miles inland against only slight opposition, it was announced tonight. A special communique said the Germans still have not been able to mass any effective opposition in the

troops won in virtually unopposed landings at dawn Saturday. The Allies now hold the north and south of Nettuno, it was said.

Sixty miles to the southeast, however, the Germans have taken the offensive all along the Allied Fifth Army at some points. The Nazis are fighting against having some nine divisions cut off in central Italy.

General Sir Harold Alexander, in a statement today, said that the bulk of the assault forces in the new landing were ashore and were preparing for new blows against the enemy. of resistance had greatly facilitated the establishment of bridgeheads. train collided with a truck at

The Allied forces have fanned out north and south of Nettuno and are said to have covered half the distance to Rome, being within gunfire range of the Italian capital.

German and Italian Fascist Birch Veneer officials are reported clearing out of Rome and heading for Florence with military headquarters also being moved.

Sivert Groden Passes Away

Sivert Groden, aged 38, passe away in the Prince Rupert Gen-LONDON, Jan. 24 (9-In ad- eral Hospital on Sunday after an dition to a Japanese cruiser, illness of about ten days. The Lieut. Commander L. W. A. Ben- late Mr. Groden was a fishernigton's British submarine has man by occupation. He is sursunk three cargo ships in the vived by a brother Jonas Groden, of this city.

Vastly Increased Operations Against Paramushiro from Kurile Islands Under Way.

WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan. 24.(9) -Vastly increased aerial operations against ParamushiroIsland, Japanese air and naval base at the northern end of the Japanese home islands, is indicated in a Department of the Navy, announcement Sunday of another bomber raid on Paramushiro.

Anti-aircraft fire was encountered but no enemy planes were met by the Aleutian-based American planes.

All American planes returned vithout damage.

New Use For

Which Air Force Does Not Now Require.

VANCOUVER, Jan. 24 (P) (P)-Birch veneer timber from the Prince George district which had been used in construction of trainer planes, cancellation of contracts for which has been made at Otawa, may now bet used in naval construction, it is

Rapid cessation of birch veneer logging operations is already taking place in British Columbia and Alberta, involving thirtyfive operations in Fort George forest district, curtailment being also expected at Blue River, North Bend and Forty-five other British Columbia centres.

RAIDS MADE

LONDON, Jan. 24. (P) Large formations of Allied aircraft swept over the British Channel to hammer European targets by daylight today after Royal Airforce mosquitoes stabbed at western Germany last night and slipped back through Nazi defences without loss. British planes also laid mines in enemy waters.

Further Remand In LaBelle Case

The preliminary hearing of William Samuel Cooper, charged with wounding Martin Le Belle, was adjourned on Saturday until January 29, pending the a vearance of other witnesses. Witnesses heard at the first sitting of the hearing on January 17 were



ARABIAN PRINCE VISITS CANADIAN SOLDIERS Lieut. Gen. Martin La Belle and Sgt. Albert E. W. Sansomais is shown with His Royal Highness the Amir Earle McBrien, R.C.A.F. No Felsal of Arabla during the recent visit of Hih Highness to | witnesses were heard on Satur-Consider units in Britain.