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**Plugging the Leaks . . .**

Diplomatic privilege has been too easy a screen for spying. Diplomatic travel and diplomatic pouches, immune from border searches, have been for years well-worn channels of secret information. The British Government, placing an embargo on travel or uncensored correspondence from London, is taking only a common-sense step to guard the lives and military plans of Allied forces crouched now on the invasion springboard.

Nothing like this has been done since the Congress of Vienna set up the convention of diplomatic immunity in 1815. Such action was not attempted in the last war. This move, denying traditional privileges to envoys of forty-three Allied and neutral governments—only those of Russia, America and the Dominions are exempted—will bring protests. But now from anyone whose primary concern is the safety and success of the men now preparing to free the Nazi-enslaved peoples of Europe.

This unprecedented effort to black-out spy reports from the great invasion base is not necessarily a signal for immediate invasion. But it is a measure no government would wish to prolong and is definitely a tension-tightener for friend and foe alike.

**Against Wildcat Strikes . . .**

Hasty headline readers can easily gather a false impression of the new British regulation to curb strikes. It is not a blow at unions, but a measure to help union leaders keep control of recalcitrant members. It carries a five-year jail term for inciting strikes—but only if the inciting is done outside regular union meetings.

It is designed to stop "unofficial" strikes, such as that which kept 80,000 Yorkshire miners out of the coal pits for weeks and caused Labor Minister Bevin to say "the situation is worse than if Hitler had bombed Sheffield and cut our communications." This plan recognizes the honest efforts of labor leaders to prevent strikes. But one effect, which may not be unintended, will be to make the failure of unions to control members hard to excuse.

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**Thanks From Local Boys For Cigarettes --- Letters Are Sent**

The Women's Auxiliary of the Coast Regiment receives monthly letters of thanks from boys now serving overseas, formerly members of the local regiment, for cigarettes and parcels. It is the endeavor of the Auxiliary to continue this service with the assistance of friends and the general public supporting various activities to raise funds.

Below are a few of the letters received from writers well-known in Prince Rupert, which prove how much the gifts are appreciated:

"Received cigarettes and thanks very much.

"Smokes are something we are always glad to get and at times are just like gold.

"Give thanks to all who make it possible for them to be sent us.

CPL. J. McCARTNEY,  
Can. Army Overseas."

"Please thank the ladies of the Auxiliaries for me for sending the Christmas parcel which I received a couple of days ago. It took a long time in getting this far but did manage to eventually reach me.

"It is really swell of everybody concerned to think of us fellows, especially the ones who are in the front lines. Parcels and cig-

arettes are surely greatly appreciated and never a day goes by without most of the fellows asking "Any mail today?"

"I have changed my address, though, all the cigarettes you have sent were re-addressed. Am now back with my original Regiment, as you will notice by the address on the other side. Have been with them for about a year but thanks to the Postal Corps, they never failed me.

"Am at present in Italy, have been here quite some time. No need of me giving details.

One thing though, this country does not live up to its name of "Sunny Italy" during this part of the year. Lots of rain, then snow, which combines with a sea of mud. I think the heat and bugs would be more welcome but time will tell.

"Have run into a few of the boys who were with me in the 102nd Heavy Battery in this

country. Sure was glad to meet some of the fellows from home and revive old memories.

"Life in the field with not much space between the Germans and us is a lot different from Coast Defence. At this moment can hear shells bursting and they are none too far away.

"Would like to go on but I am such a poor letter writer and sure don't want to bore you all but, before I close, again I say—thanks a million to each and everyone and hope to be able to thank you personally some day."

F. COMADINA,  
Central Medical Forces.

Dear Ladies:

"Thank you again for the fags I sure needed them as I was completely out this time. Not much news over here but still waiting for something to happen. Keep cigarettes coming if you can."

MARTIN VAN COOTEN,  
Can. Army Overseas.

"I'm writing this to thank you and the rest of the W.A. of the Coast Regt. for the cigarettes and parcel which I have received from you in the last two weeks. This is the first chance I've had as we have been pretty busy for the last month. I have received 900 cigarettes and parcel practically all together as I have moved around an awful lot since Xmas. I hope I'm now here for the duration of the war as when you go to hospital

it seems you never get your mail straight again for the next six months.

"I went nearly two months without a letter or parcel but when they did catch up I was flooded with them. They are nearly all caught up now I think and hope.

"I met Frank Comadina a month ago and we spent the evening together and had quite a talk about the old home town. I don't imagine that there are many of the old bunch left there. Harry Atree, Pascal and Tommy Flewin came down to Italy on the same boat as I did. Ernie Peters and Wilson and myself were all together in the First Medical then I met two of the brothers at the Canadian Replacement Centre and also some man from the Searchlights stopped me and asked me if I weren't from the 102nd. Most of the old bunch are here. It is too bad we couldn't have come over as a Battery.

"Well I must close and write a few more letters. Thanks again for the cigarettes and parcel."

BERT CROSS,  
Central Medical Forces

BONE ARMLETS

Chiefs and other influential men on the Palau islands in the Pacific wear armlets shaped from bones of the manatee or sea cow.

**Soldiers Fined For Having Arms While Off Duty**

Charged with carrying firearms without a license while not on duty, two soldiers appeared before Magistrate Andrew Thompson in County Court yesterday morning and received fines of \$10, or seven days each.

The men were Sappers P. Poldinski and E. Yablonski of an engineer unit.

They appeared as a result of patrol by Provincial Game Warden Edward Martin who learned that there had been carrying of arms in the woods near Prudhomme Lake.

KNARESWORTH, Eng. — Twenty-two year old Margaret Scott rates "tops" in Britain's Women's Land Army. In a contest she was adjudged 97 percent in tests on all-round farm work and her employer will back her against any male farmhand.

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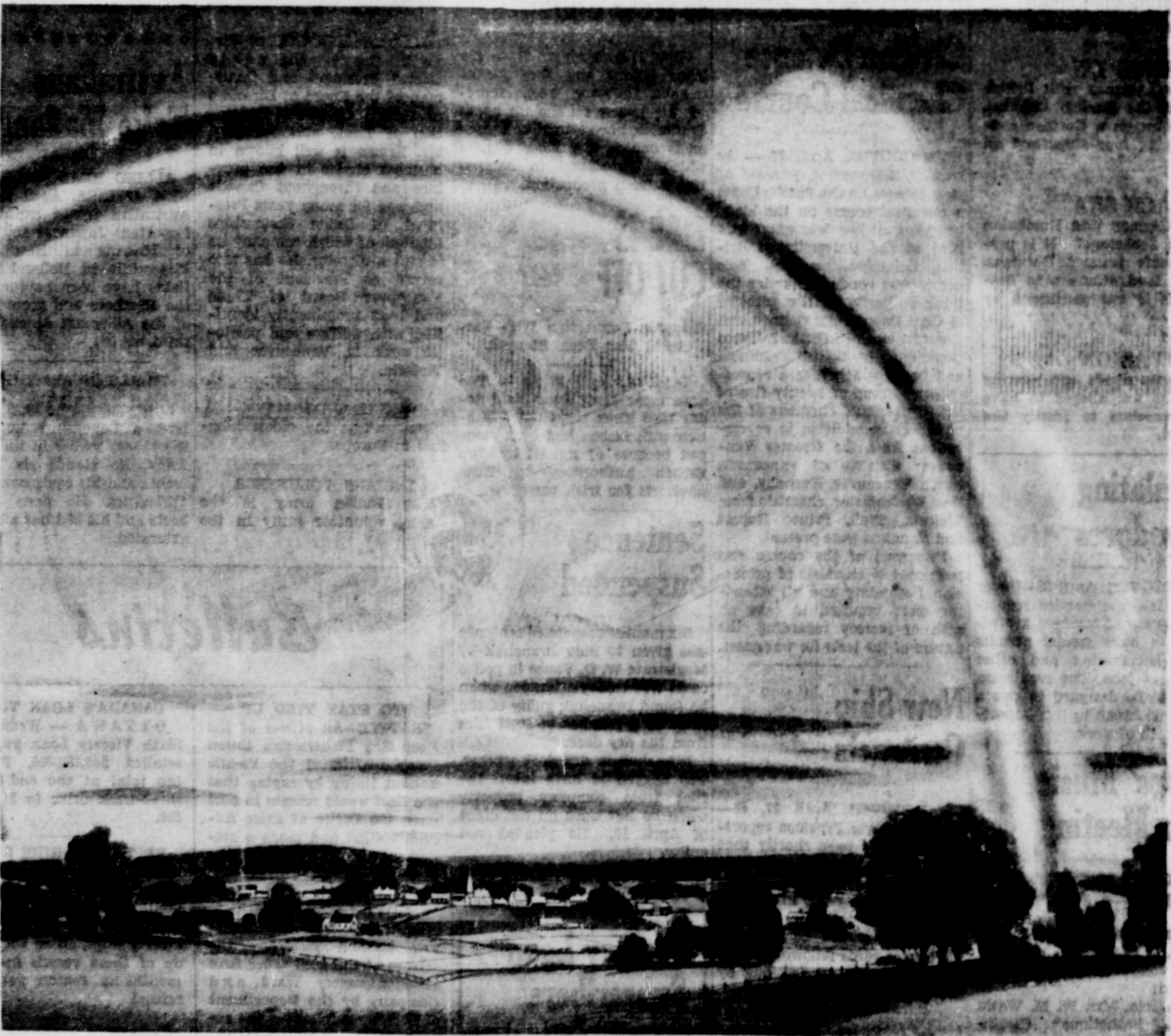
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