Local Temperature

Maximum 39
Minimum 34

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Local Tides

Thursday, March 23

High	0:32	21.2 feet
	12:40	22.7 feet
Low	6:36	4.9 feet
	19:01	1.9 feet

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Germans Trapped At Odessa



PADRE AT BURIAL RITE IN ITALY—Canadian fighting who have given their lives in battle are honored abroad comrades who survived them and today there are sev- cemeteries laid out by the Canadians for their buddies who died in action. Here is shown Major the Rev. C. H. Durn- of Prince Rupert, padre of the Seaforth Highlanders, con- a service in the regiment's cemetery on the brink of looking the sea.

HALIBUT FISHING REGULATIONS—

...on to Open on April 15; ...a for Area 2 Increased; ... Gear Completely Banned

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Setting April 15, the same as in 1943, as the date for the opening of the Pacific halibut fishing season and announcing five important changes in regulations to govern the fishing this year, Pacific halibut fishery regulations for 1944 have just been made public. They are contained and elaborated upon in a statement issued yesterday afternoon from the office of G. W. Nickerson of Prince Rupert, chairman of the commission.

The five important changes in the regulations are as follows:

The catch limit for Area No. 2 is increased from 23,000,000 to 23,500,000 pounds, that for Area No. 3 remaining at 27,500,000 pounds.

The provision as to the minimum size of halibut that may be landed is changed so that, if the fish have their heads on, the measure will be 26 inches instead of five pounds, 13 ounces.

The departure of vessels to the halibut fishing grounds at the beginning of the fishing season is limited in Areas 1 and 2 to three days and in Areas 3 and 4 to five days before the opening date.

The use of dory gear, which was previously prohibited only in Areas 1 and 2, is prohibited in all cases.

The prohibition of the retention of halibut caught by set nets is extended to include halibut caught by any type of net.

The Commission states that the increase in the Area 2 catch limit was granted in accordance with its wartime policy of taking from each area as much halibut as possible without impairing the supply and the yield therefrom in the immediate future, even though this will delay the rebuilding of the stocks to the levels at which the maximum permanent yield will be obtained. As a result of the increase, landings of halibut from all areas in 1944 are expected to exceed 53,000,000 pounds, at least 10,000,000 pounds more than the unrestricted halibut fishery was able to catch the year before regulation began and about 20,000,000 pounds more than the fishery would now be able to produce if it had been allowed to continue its unregulated course.

The change in the manner of stating the minimum legal size limit, from that of weight to that of length, was made at the request of the fishermen who found it difficult to determine the weights of halibut accurately at sea. As lengths can be determined easily and quickly, the change should help the fishermen to avoid the unintentional possession of undersized fish and should assist them to return borderline sizes to the water alive.

TO REDUCE PRE-SEASON FISHING

Limiting the number of days during which vessels will be permitted to depart for the fishing grounds, prior to the opening of the fishing season will reduce pre-season fishing that occassionally occurred in spite of the efforts of patrol vessels. The departure periods allowed for the different areas are ample to enable the vessels to reach the fishing grounds before the opening of the season and will not interfere with legitimate fishing operations.

The use of dory fishing gear has been prohibited in Areas 1 and 2 since 1935, as a protection to small immature halibut. The extension of this prohibition to all areas gives the same protection to the small halibut in Areas 3 and 4.

Extension of the prohibition of the retention of halibut caught in set nets to nets of all types was made necessary by the rapid growth of the trawl fishery for flounder and sole which the Commission has been watching with concern for some time. The increasing interest in halibut displayed by some of the trawlers and their avowed intention to fish for halibut made the trawl fishery a serious threat to the maintenance of the halibut fishery.

The peculiar suitability of trawls for fishing on the relatively shallow, smooth-bottomed banks and bays where small, immature halibut are usually found has been demonstrated throughout the world. Trawl gear is capable of catching halibut far below the sizes that can be caught with the long-line gear used in the Pacific halibut fishery. In the Iceland trawl fishery, 31 per cent by weight of the 1936 German trawlers' halibut catch consisted of fish less than two pounds in weight.

The development of a trawl fishery for halibut is considered to be undesirable from the standpoint of conservation. The grounds on which small halibut occur are too scattered to permit effective closure of them. Trawling for halibut is unnecessary from the standpoint of production because the present halibut fleet is more than able to take care of the halibut catch limits. Thus, a trawl fishery for halibut would increase the destruction of small, unmarketable halibut without increasing the marketable catch. It would undoubtedly retard, and possibly prevent, the rebuilding of the supply of halibut to the point where the maximum permanent annual yield would be obtained. It would also reduce the length of the Area 2 season which may already be too short for the most effective utilization of that stock. Furthermore, the needless entry of trawl gear into the halibut fishery would seriously interfere with the Commission's biological and administrative control of the fishery

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Maple Leafs-Hawks Winners

MONTREAL, March 22, (CP) — Toronto Maple Leafs defeated Montreal three to one, and Chicago Black Hawks won over Detroit two to one in the first games last night of the semi-finals in the National Hockey League play-offs. In both cases, the results were upsets from general expectation.

NAZIS COME OVER—

...NDON IS HIT AGAIN

Incendiaries and High Explosives Dropped — Six Enemy Planes Downed.

LONDON, March 22—An estimated 100 Nazi raiders were over London last night. They dropped incendiaries and high explosives. Casualties were quite numerous and damage considerable. Anti-aircraft fire was intense and at least six enemy planes were shot down.

INDIAN REMANDED—

PRINCE GEORGE MURDER TRIAL

Inquest Into Finlay Forks Double Killing Concluded With Open Verdict.

PRINCE GEORGE, March 22 (Special to Daily News)—Alex Prince, aged 23, Fort St. James Indian, was remanded for eight days by Stipendiary Magistrate George Milburn in provincial police court upon separate charges that he "on or about February 23 unlawfully did murder" Hans Pfeuffer, 43, and Eugene Messmer, 33, Finlay Forks trappers, 15 days before their bodies were found frozen on river ice near their supply cabin. The preliminary hearing was adjourned until March 28.

The formal charges against Prince were read two hours before an inquest was concluded by Coroner W. M. Skinner. Open verdicts of murder by person or persons unknown were returned by the coroner's jury investigating the deaths of the two trappers who were shot to death two weeks ago near the looted cabin from which $4,000 of furs were missing.

DOUKHOBORS IN CUSTODY

Also One White Man Charged With Arson as a Result of Recent Disorders.

BRILLIANT, March 22 (CP)—A. J. Cleeton of Brilliant was arrested on an arson charge and James Pozdnikoff and William Koochin on unlawful assembly charges by the provincial police.

Cleeton, station agent at Brilliant, who is not a Doukhobor, was charged in connection with a school fire last Friday.

Pozdnikoff and Koochin, leading members of the radical Sons of Freedom Doukhobors, were charged in connection with a disturbance Thursday when fanatics attempted, without success, to get into the home of John Verigin, leader of the orthodox Doukhobors.

Marching Sons of Freedom are reported to have returned to Krestova.

Assistant Commissioner of Police Shiran has arrived here.

R. Bussanich returned to the city this morning from a trip to Vancouver.

Russians Sweeping On Into Bessarabia; Only Thirty Miles To Prut

LONDON, March 22 (CP)—The Russians, sweeping into Bessarabia on a 50-mile front, cut the Cernau...-Baltzy railway on Tuesday and captured 40 villages, advancing to within 30 miles of the Prut Rive... from which the Nazis launched their 1941 invasion. The Russians also captured Drokiya, 20 miles from one German escape railway from southern Russia, thereby developing a threat to pocket scores of thousands of Germans in the Odessa bottleneck.

NAZI MOVE—

Make Rome Open City

Would Place Responsibility For Bombing Entirely on Allies.

LONDON, March 22 (CP)—The German-controlled Rome radio announced today that the Germans would withdraw all military installations from Rome and divert all military traffic from the city in an effort to place responsibility for bombing entirely on the Allies.

ENEMY OFFENSIVE—

JAPS CROSS INTO INDIA

Small Raiding Parties Make Move—Nip Attack on South Burma Repulsed.

NEW DELHI, March 22 (CP)—Japanese troops which started an offensive in northern Burma several days ago have crossed the border of India and penetrated into Manipur State in several places along a 100 mile front. The enemy forces are said to consist only of small raiding parties and will be promptly dealt with.

The Allies repulsed a comparatively heavy Japanese attack in the Mungdawthedaung area to the southern end of the Burma front.

No More Beer For Province

VANCOUVER, March 21, (CP)—A shortage of malt prevents the increasing of the beer quota, W. F. Kennedy, commissioner of the Liquor Control Board of British Columbia, reported last night following a conference with British Columbia brewery representatives. Mr. Kennedy said the present quotas would be continued in spite of the lifting of federal restrictions.

AT CASSINO—

GRIM AND CRITICAL

LONDON, March 21 (CP)—The situation at Cassino, where the campaign in Italy is now centred is "grim and critical," it was announced today. There is still fierce battling for possession of the battered Continental Hotel. New Zealand troops are making slow but steady progress in hand to hand fighting.

Berlin Attack Resumed Today

LONDON, March 22 (CP)—American bombers returned today to the attack on Berlin, striking at the German capital for the first time since March 9. They dropped 100 tons of bombs. Mosquito bombers attacked Germany for the twelfth straight night.

...A FLOW ...NGES

...LES, March 22—The di... of the lava flow from ... Mount Vesuvius, chan... the northwest, is now ...own the western slope ...ountain and is threat- ...engulf three towns ... a population of 86,... is fear that the vol... explode and bury the ... countryside.

...hill Says ...ltation Is ...ng Up Again

...ON, March 22 (CP)—Prime ... Winston Churchill says ...ill be "renewed consul... between the principal ... the application of ...antic charter under ... phases of war.

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...ese Prime Minister ... According to Berlin

...N, March 22—The Ber... said today that Premier ... told the Japanese Diet ... military position of ... become grave in the ...months. Tojo was mak... ...port to Parliament on ... situation.

...s Take ...g Jap ...ions

... DELHI, March 22 (CP)— ... troops in northern Burma ... captured a Japanese ...hold at Suprebum, key ... in the Hertz Valley.

...ONSTRUCT ...IGHTERS

...NCOUVER, March 22 (CP) — ...ancouver News-Herald, ...erday that, "because ...ctural weaknesses, at ... large freighters built in ... yards for delivery to ... nation, will have to ...go additional work here."

...MANAPUR PROVINCE ... reported today that ...panese raiding parties ...ed the border from ...to Manapur Province

Bulletins

CARL JOHNSON DIES

Carl Johnson, former well known business man and hotel owner of Prince Rupert, passed away suddenly in Vancouver at the age of 56 years. He is mourned by his widow and son, Carl, and daughter, Mrs. Thelma Cameron. He also has a sister and niece in Norway and a small granddaughter, Patricia Cameron, in Prince Rupert. Many old friends will also regret to learn of his passing. The funeral will take place in Vancouver Saturday.

MOSQUITOES OUT AGAIN

Mosquito bombers were out over Germany for the twelfth straight night, also laying mines in enemy waters. All returned safely. Daylight bombers were out over Germany again today and struck at Berlin for the first time since March 9.

JAPS IN INDIA

Japanese troops have driven across the Burma border into India, and are advancing at several points along a 100 mile front. A dispatch from the southeast Asia Command says that action has begun to drive back the invaders.

SECOND FRONT STARTED

General Bernard Montgomery declared today that the Allies had already started the second front by the intensive bombing campaign to soften up German defences in western Europe.

FINLAND RESPONSIBLE

Finland on Tuesday having announced rejection of Russian armistice terms, Moscow said today that the refusal places full responsibility for the consequences on the Finnish government.

NEW ZEALANDERS ADVANCE

In the Italian fighting New Zealand troops of the Fifth Army in hand-to-hand fighting are making slow but steady progress in the southern section of Cassino. Bloody fighting ranges into the hills to the west of the town from which 30 pieces of German artillery and many mortars rained shells into the town.

RUMANIA-HUNGARY FIGHT

A miniature war is raging on the Hungarian-Rumanian border between German-Rumanian and Hungarian troops. Three divisions of German troops have penetrated into Hungary on the southeast border, and according to a German news dispatch, the Hungarian government has resigned following the arrival of the German divisions.

CUT OFF SOFIA—

Balkans In Spotlight

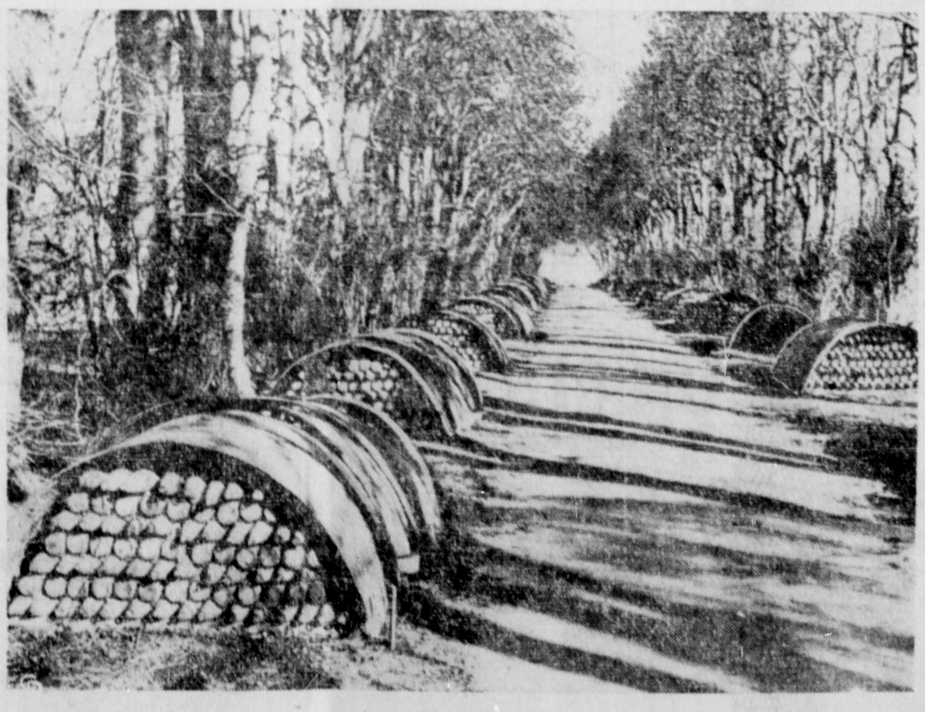
Hitler Putting Pressure on Hungary, Bulgaria and Rumania.

LONDON, March 21 —The Germans were reported Tuesday night to have taken over communication centres in Sofia, Bulgarian capital, while other Nazis developed the occupation of Hungary where Adolf Hitler was said to be manoeuvering to set up a quisling regime. The reported move, perhaps, pressages a full scale drive into Bulgaria.

Occupation of Rumania may also head off a move of Premier Antonescu to seek peace with Russia.

G. A. McMillan, superintendent of Canadian National Steamships, Vancouver, arrived in the city this morning on business.

Yanks In Another Landing



BRITISH ISLES STORING UP FOR INVASION OF EUROPE—All sections of the British Isles are being utilized as storage points as the task of preparing for the ultimate invasion of Nazi Europe goes on with methodical precision and accuracy. This photograph shows a quiet country lane in Britain, along which are thousands of tons of shells stored in bays awaiting the day when they will be used with deadly effectiveness against the enemy.

Capture Of Island Puts Them Within Land Bomb Range Of Key Truk Base

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, March 22 (CP) — The Americans, with landing forces, captured Emirau Island of the St. Matthias group, northwest of New Ireland, on Sunday and American battleships dropped one thousand tons of shells on Kavieng, headquarters announced Wednesday. Occupation of Emirau places the Allies within bombing range of Truk, key Japanese Pacific base.

Allied headquarters in the Southwest Pacific announced Tuesday that many hundreds of Japanese troops and ship crew members were lost and the Allies lost three planes when the Allied planes sank five ships of a Japanese convoy, including two vessels loaded with troops, off Wewak, Japanese base in New Guinea.

COMMANDS IN ITALY

WITH CANADIANS IN ITALY, March 22 (CP)—Lieutenant General Tommy Burns has been appointed commander of the Canadian Corps in Italy, succeeding Lieut. General H. D. G. Crerar, who has taken over command of the First Canadian Army in Britain.