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with continuous rain, but intermittent overcast in the afternoon and evening. Cloudy with intermittent showers, cool with change in temp.

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Tides

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Thursday, March 22, 1945		
High	8:34	17.7 feet
	22:00	16.3 feet
Low	1:59	10.4 feet
	15:15	6.1 feet

PLANES FIND JAP NAVY

RUPERT BOY OUTWITS THE JAP ESCAPING FROM CHINA

Did Capt Albert Mah of the China National Corporation outwit the Japs in the air but he did not last spring when for nine months his mother in Jap-occupied China, then his young sister out of China under the very noses of the very men from Tokyo.

When Prince Rupert revealed some of his daring rescue mission he visited Edmonton on his way home. He was on this week-end trip with his old friend, the American ship captain, who hasn't seen since last summer headed for Chennault and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. He now has 200-round trips over the "Hump" to his credit—1,800 flying hours over the most dangerous air route in the world.

Armed With Ample Money

Then one day last spring he took time out for that long-awaited visit. With \$40,000 in Chinese currency jammed into every pocket, only a fur flying jacket disguising his American-style khaki uniform, and unable to speak a word of Central Chinese, he started for China.

He Flew from Kuming to Chungking and then to Kweilin. From there he went by rail to a coastal river, floated down the river for six days in a junk, then by sampan for a day until he got close to the Japanese lines.

"I couldn't speak the dialect, and no interpreter was willing to make the trip with me, so I had to do it alone most of the way," the soft-spoken Chinese related. "Finally, with some of the \$40,000 I had with me, I managed with sign language to get some coolies to carry me in a sedan chair through the Jap lines. Then I walked through rice fields and over rocky trails for several days. In one village I got hold of a bicycle and rode the rest of the way to the village where my mother and sister were.

Were Caught In China

Capt. Mah, his mother and sister, had gone to China from Prince Rupert 10 years before when Mr. Mah died. Capt. Mah returned to go to school in the U.S. but the war trapped his mother and sister in China. Then came the Japs and years of hardship. Famine had killed off 40 percent of the villagers in which Capt. Mah's mother lived. Most of the people there depended on remittances from overseas and, when these stopped with the war, things got really tough.

"An example of this," Capt. Mah tells, "is the fact that my little mother, who wouldn't harm a soul, and never knew what a gun was before, now has a long-barrelled .44 under her pillow for protection. She told me the people are so desperate they will do anything for money and food. Murder (Continued on page 2)

COALITION IN FINLAND

That is Expected to be Outcome of General Election in Finland

LONDON, March 21. — Prospects for a coalition of Communists and Social Democrats appear bright as a result of the general election for the Finnish Parliament in which the Communist Democratic People's Union Party appeared to have won approximately 50 seats, cutting deeply into the ranks of the Social Democrats and Conservatives. The Social Democrats who formerly held 85 seats, also had 50 seats. There are about 200 seats in the assembly. Counting of ballots is continuing.



ALLIED BRAIN "TRUST TRUST" MEETS ON WESTERN FRONT—These six men make up one large headache for the Nazi. They are the brain trust of the Allied forces now fighting their way into Germany on the road to Berlin. This picture was taken recently when these British, Canadian, and American commanders met in Holland to confer decorations on senior officers. They are, front row, left to right: Field Marshal Montgomery; General Eisenhower; Lieutenant General Omar Bradley, who read the citations, and back row, left to right: General H. D. G. Crerar; Lieutenant General William H. Simpson and Lieutenant General Sir Miles C. Dempsey. At this meeting, General Crerar was decorated with the American Legion of Merit by General Eisenhower. (Canadian Army Photo).

War News Highlights

Germany Pummelled Again

LONDON—German war industry underwent another pummeling at the hands of the R.A.F. during the night. A powerful force of heavy R.A.F. bombers struck at oil plants and other targets in western Germany. While the Lancasters and Halifaxes concentrated in the west, fleets of speedy Mosquito bombers ripped into Berlin for the twenty-ninth consecutive night attack. The two major targets of the night bombers were the oil plants at Bothem and Hemmingstadt. Hemmingstadt was a target for more than five thousand Allied planes which were out during the day in widespread attacks all over German-held territory. Canadian Typhoon fighter bombers made six cuts in rail lines north of Coesfeld yesterday, and another four west of Fulmen.

More Russian Gains

MOSCOW—Russian troops have scored gains of up to five miles to compress the German pocket in East Prussia to less than sixty square miles. They have seized the stronghold of Braunsberg, and are within two miles of the Nazi fortress of Heiligenbeil. More than nine thousand German troops have been knocked out of action in one day's fighting in this sector. Other Soviet forces have smashed the German bridgehead on the east bank of the Oder opposite Stettin. Altdamm, the last outpost before Stettin, now is in Russian hands. The Nazis tell of a Russian drive into Czechoslovakia, but Moscow has remained silent on that area. The bitter street-by-street fight for Breslau goes on.

On Philippine Islands

MANILA—American troops in the Philippines have crashed into the capital city of Panay Island—Hilo. The Japanese have set fires in the city which has a population of 90,000 in an obvious effort to burn it out the way they destroyed Manila.



BULL DOG OF THE EMPIRE—Prime Minister Churchill, as he looked when he visited a Scottish armoured unit fighting with the First Canadian Army.

CANUCK PLANE LOST IN SOUTH

R.C.A.F. Machine Missing Between El Paso and Sacramento
EL PASO, Texas, March 21. — An R.C.A.F. air transport command C-47 plane has been missing on a flight from El Paso to Sacramento, California, since March 13. The lost plane's home base is Montreal. It took off from the El Paso municipal airport on the morning of the thirteenth and last reported its position as being over Riverside, California. Aboard the plane were four members of the R.C.A.F. and one passenger, a United States Army Air Force cadet.

Canada Must Participate

Opposition Leaders Agree With Prime Minister Regarding International Relations

OTTAWA, March 21. — Prime Minister King opened debate in the House of Commons yesterday. The Prime Minister told the House that, next to winning the war, the supreme end to be achieved is the winning of the peace. Mr. King urged full participation by Canada in the San Francisco Security Conference. He said, if another Great War should break out in twenty or thirty years, it is certain that Canada would not escape its fury. He pointed to the robot bomb as an example of a weapon that makes it impossible for any country to claim immunity from sudden aggression.

Two Opposition sources in the House of Commons supported the plan to have Canada participate in the establishment of a World Security Organization. The support came from C.C.F. Leader M. J. Coldwell and the Progressive Conservative member for York-Sudbury, R. B. Hanson.

The Independent member for Laval-Two Mountains, Liguori Lacombe, voiced the first opposition to the government's plan to send a delegation to the forthcoming San Francisco conference.

Local Temperature

Maximum	44
Minimum	37
Rainfall	.44 inches

GOES TO HIGH COURT
DUBLIN, — Cahir Davitt, circuit judge in Dublin since 1927, has been appointed a high court judge of Eire.

Nazis Have Major Loss

American Armies Take Saarbruecken and Zweibruecken Huge Bag of Prisoners

ANOTHER OFFENSIVE—ENTER LUDWIGSHAFEN
LONDON, March 21 (CP)— Allied forces started a new offensive from the Remagen bridgehead today, advancing 3 1/2 miles into open tank country to within six miles of the Ruhr Basin. United States troops entered Ludwigshafen today and are five miles from Mannheim. Other Allied forces are standing opposite Duisberg and Duesseldorf. The Saar debacle appears likely to cause Hitler 100,000 casualties.

PARIS, March 21. — The Saarland has been wrested from the Germans by the fast-moving drive of two American armies. The Third and the Seventh have formed a great arc around the Saar by a junction twelve miles west of Kaiserslautern. The Seventh occupied the Saar's two principal cities — Saarbruecken and Zweibruecken.

The Third Army dashed to the Rhine at another point, and captured the city of Worms between Mains and Mannheim.

The eight-day drive has all but crushed remnants of two German armies which managed to escape a trap set at the Falaise Gap in France.

American Army troops had driven two-and-one-half miles east of the Cologne-Frankfurt highway and captured a German airfield southeast of Eudenberg, front line dispatches said yesterday.

The American Third Army had completely flanked both the Siegfried Line and the secondary Hunsbrueck switch line in the Saar and Palatinate, moving swiftly to effect juncture with the Seventh Army somewhere near the Rhine. In seven days the Third Army has inflicted at least 45,000 casualties on the original 80,000 Germans in the Rhine-Moselle-Saar pocket. Prisoners alone have totalled 20,000.

The Third Army crashed to within four miles of the major road centre of Kaiserslautern and captured Alzey, 23 miles from Mannheim and Ludwigshafen.

The Third Army captured 8355 prisoners Monday for a record day's take by any Allied Army in the west. One division alone took over 6700.

Allied planes were so thick over the front yesterday that they had to queue up for attacks on the Germans streaming along the super-highway from Kaiserslautern to the Rhine.

PLANNING FOR VICTORY LOAN

WINNIPEG, Man., March 21.— Plans for the Eighth Victory Loan campaign of the western region of the Canadian National Railways were laid at a meeting of the regional war loan committee in Winnipeg yesterday with representatives from British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Subjects discussed included internal sales organization, an agenda for district meetings, prospectus and application forms and literature.

BREADNER MADE CHIEF MARSHAL

OTTAWA, March 21. — When Air Marshal L. S. Breadner retires from his overseas command April 1, he will be given the rank of Air Chief Marshal. He is believed to be the first Canadian to hold this high rank. In making the announcement, Air Minister Gibson declared that, contrary to some reports, there has been no friction between himself and Marshal Breadner or between members of the Air Staff and the Marshal.

Enemy Battleships Crippled in Home Ports by Bombing

Nipponese Lose Almost Five Hundred Planes in Frantic Effort to Save Fleet

WASHINGTON, March 21 (CP)—The news from the Pacific matches the achievements of Allied arms in Europe. American carrier planes have found the Japanese Navy and have left fifteen to seventeen enemy warships crippled in their own seaports. Swarms of planes of task force 58 soared over the waters between the enemy's main islands of Honshu and Kyushu and let their bombs fly on Japanese vessels which have been hiding since their last brush with the United States Navy last October in the Philippines seas.

The damaged warships included a 45,000-ton dreadnaught, three carriers, four small carriers, two cruisers, four destroyers, a destroyer escort, and a submarine. Six small craft were sent to the bottom. The Japanese lost 475 planes in their frantic attempts to protect their fleet.

Bulletins

GESTAPO BOMBED STOCKHOLM—Gestapo headquarters in Copenhagen, Danish capital, was reported destroyed at noon today by thirty British bombers which scored at least two direct hits.

FAMINE IN EUROPE LONDON—Prime Minister Churchill told Commons today that large parts of Europe would face partial or total famine next winter. He denied that Britain had large food stocks.

IMPORTING BEEF VANCOUVER—Vancouver packers say there is no fat grass beef available in British Columbia and all stocks will have to be imported from Alberta.

JAP BATTLEGROUND TOKYO—The Japanese government declared today that it was evident the Japanese homeland was to become a battleground. The military will take over all civilian property and installations.

WOUNDED CANADIANS HOME HALIFAX—The hospital ship Letitia arrived today with 700 wounded Canadians from overseas. The Lady Nelson arrived two days ago with 500 patients.

LABORITES NON-POLITICAL VANCOUVER—The Vancouver Districts Trades and Labor Council went on record against political activity as an organization although members are free to support whatever party they wish.

MANY FAMILIES BENEFIT OTTAWA—Of 1,500,000 families in Canada some 1,300,000 will benefit through family allowance payments scheduled to begin July 20. Health Minister Claxton announced today.

NO STAND ON JAPS VANCOUVER—The city council last night decided to take no stand on the Japanese question. Mayor Cornett had asked the council their opinion on his stand that all Japanese be repatriated to Japan after the war.

AIR WAR IS UNDIMINISHED

No Let-up in Allied Pounding Of Important Objectives in Reich

HEAVY ATTACKS TODAY LONDON, March 21 (CP)—A force of two thousand American bombers and fighters attacked nine air fields in northwestern Germany and a tank factory at Plauen, ten miles from the Czechoslovakian border while another large fleet of British planes blasted a large oil refinery at Bremen today. Berlin said that American bombers from Italy were over Austria continuing blows which yesterday knocked out all through railway lines between Vienna and Munich. One Canadian bomber was missing from overnight raids which struck enemy oil refineries and Berlin.

NEW UNION TO RECRUIT HERE

VANCOUVER, March 21. — The United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union, at its annual meeting here, decided to open a new district office at Prince Rupert in an effort to bring an additional 1,000 men into the organization.

An organizer for the Prince Rupert area will be appointed shortly by Union headquarters here after which the northern office will be opened. Membership of the union is now approximately 5,000.

The new office will concentrate on unorganized gill netters, trollers, and cannery workers on the northern coast.

A revision of the system used to deduct income tax from the earnings of fishermen was asked in a resolution endorsed by the convention.

YANKS CAPTURE SEVENTH ISLAND

Still Another Landing By MacArthur's Forces on Philippines

MANILA, March 21. — General MacArthur's forces in the Philippines have landed on the seventh major island in the sprawling archipelago, achieving complete surprise, the Americans swarmed ashore on Panay Island Sunday and quickly closed in on the island's port capital and its big airfield.

Smithers Over Top For Red Cross

SMITHERS, March 21. — The Red Cross drive at Smithers has been meeting with a good response and already the quota of \$1800 has been oversubscribed. Contributions to the amount of around \$2500 have already been received and it is hoped to obtain double the quota before the drive has been completed.