

Temperature  
... for the Prince  
... for today read:  
51  
41  
... 18 inches

Tomorrow's Tides  
(Pacific Standard Time)  
Wednesday, May 2, 1945  
High ..... 3:41 19.6 feet  
16:56 16.3 feet  
Low ..... 10:39 4.4 feet  
22:38 9.0 feet

# PEACE IN EUROPE BY WEEK-END

## "Hell" Camps 32,000 Living Skeletons Are Horrid Sight

Princedale, B.C., May 1 (CP)—The worst of all the Nazi concentration camps—Dachau in Bavaria—is in Allied hands. American troops found 32,000 living skeletons in the camp. Dachau had everything—gas chambers, crematoriums, gas execution chambers and crematoriums. Bodies were stacked like cordwood. Gestapo guards machine-gunned prisoners even as the Americans rolled into the camp. The Nazi guards were riddled with bullets while still holding smoking guns in their hands. The Americans found thirty-nine open freight cars on a rail siding at the camp. They were loaded with bodies—hundreds of bodies of prisoners from other camps sent to Dachau for execution and cremation. The prisoners were mostly Poles. Apparently the train had been allowed to stand on the siding for days, while they starved. The Americans found one man living in one of the cars, but the rest were dead.

## CANADIANS ARE FREED

Most of Dieppe Officers Released From Prison Camps Now  
PARIS, May 1 (CP)—Most of the Canadian officers of the Second Division who were captured in the 1942 Dieppe raid may have been freed. American Third Army forces liberated a prisoner of war camp containing 110,000 prisoners at Moosburg, twenty-five miles from Munich. It is believed that the Canadian Dieppe officers had been marched south to Moosburg from their former camp-Oflag.

## Digby Wins In Monthly Weather Competition

The Seal Cove district fared badly in the monthly round-up of weather records for April. Digby Island definitely had the edge.

## ZEALANDERS IN ITALY

May 1 (CP)—New Zealanders in Italy are more than 100 miles beyond the front in their drive to the Adriatic coast. They are rapidly cleaning up remaining Nazis in Italy.

## Weather Forecast

Strong winds with heavy rains in exposed areas during the evening. Light to moderate rain becoming heavy during evening. Moderate to fresh breezy cloudy and mild with light rain.

## Alex Young Head Cariboo Tories

PRINCE GEORGE, May 1 (CP)—Alex Young, K.C., of Prince George, has been named president of the Cariboo Federal Progressive-Conservative Association at a meeting held in Prince George. Other officers are John A. Fraser, Quesnel, first vice-president; Stephen Holmes, Vanderhoof, second vice-president; and Mel Dafoe, secretary-treasurer. Delegates to the B.C. Progressive-Conservative Association executive are Mrs. Belle Miller, Lillooet, and Alex Young.

## SERVICE MEN IN ELECTIONS

OTTAWA, May 1 (CP)—The only servicemen who can take part in the approaching federal or Ontario elections are service candidates and officers appointed to take service votes. Servicemen other than candidates cannot address meetings even if they dress in civilian clothes. They may not deal with party funds or participate in an election as agents or scrutineers or engage in partisan work. Defence Headquarters in Ottawa says it is not sure whether or not heckling comes under partisan work.

## Prince Rupert Area Has 68 Percent

Still in fifth place in Victory Loan sales in Pacific Command, Prince Rupert area now has 68 percent of its quota. It is led by Vancouver, Victoria, Prince George and Vernon.

Vancouver	104
Victoria	98
Prince George	72
Vernon	69
Prince Rupert	68
Chilliwack	65
Polar Bear	27

## Bulletins

**FASCIST SURRENDER**  
ROME — Marshal Graziani and the German Chief of Staff of the Ligurian Army announced tonight the surrender of the Fascist Ligurian Army and urged all enemy troops to lay down their arms. Graziani ordered the surrender after his capture by the Allies. Meanwhile New Zealand troops, striking through northeast Italy, linked up today with Yugoslav partisans at the head of the Adriatic Sea.

**BERLIN TO FALL TONIGHT**  
LONDON—The fall of Berlin to the Allies may be announced tonight. The Hamburg radio said today that efforts of the German Ninth Army to relieve Berlin had been abandoned because of strong Russian attacks. The German Fourth Army west of Berlin has also had to endure strong Soviet flank attacks.

**MOLOTOV MAY RETURN**  
SAN FRANCISCO — The possibility of Foreign Commissar Molotov being obliged to return to Moscow in the near future in view of the European military and political developments was widely discussed here Monday night.

**MERRITT GETS V.C.**  
LONDON—Lieut.-Col Cecil Merritt of Vancouver, hero of Dieppe, was presented with the Victoria Cross by the King today. "I was so excited and jittery I can't remember a word that was said," Merritt told reporters.

**SMUTS INVITED**  
VANCOUVER — The Canadian Legion has invited Field Marshal Smuts of South Africa, now at San Francisco, to visit Vancouver.

A new Navy knapsack-type life jacket enables men to swim

## ALLIED LANDING ON BORNEO IS REPORTED BY TOKYO BROADCAST

SAN FRANCISCO, May 1 (CP)—An unconfirmed Tokyo broadcast tells of an Allied landing in the Tarakan area of Borneo in the Dutch East Indies. The Japanese account does not make clear whether the supposed landing was made on Tarakan Island just off the northeast coast of Borneo or on the mainland. The Tokyo radio broadcast the pattern of Japanese announcements of previous Allied landings by claiming that the first attempt had been repulsed. According to the Japanese, the landing operations began yesterday at noon. Although there has been no word from any Allied source of any landing operations in the Dutch East Indies, troops of General MacArthur's command hold the island of Tawitawi in the Sulu Archipelago. It would be an easy jump for the Allies on Tawitawi to Tarakan Island which is close to the northeast coast of Borneo. Tawitawi is 30 miles east of Borneo and 200 miles from Tarakan. Canberra reported today that a division of Australian troops was participating in action in Borneo.

## Remnants of Germany Being Quickly Destroyed

Forces of Russia and Western Allies Moving Relentlessly Ahead—Last Ditch Defence of Berlin

LONDON, May 1 (CP)—The forces of Russia and the western Allies moved ahead today for the swift destruction of what remains of Germany. The Soviet flag is flying over the Reichstag as Red Army storm troops beat back the fanatical last ditch defenders of Berlin. The Hamburg radio today admits that the German Ninth Army has given up its attempt to relieve Berlin. The enemy broadcast blames the German Ninth Army's failure on the strength of Russian attacks. The Hamburg radio further discloses that the German Fourth Army west of Berlin has been subjected to strong Russian flank attacks.

## Leave For Vanderhoof Convention

Associated Boards of Trade Meeting for First Time in Years  
Delegates of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce, the party consisting of 10 in number, are off on tonight's train for Vanderhoof to join representatives of all communities from here to the Cariboo country at the first convention of the Associated Boards of Trade of Central British Columbia to be held in several years. The Prince Rupert delegation will be armed with some 10 resolutions and Secretary Arthur Brooksbank said today that he expected there might be some 40 resolutions in all covering a multiplicity of subjects having to do with the development of the district and its people. Peace River railway outlet and highway connections, agricultural development, radio, marketing, publicity, are among the matters to be brought forward in these various resolutions. The convention will get under way Thursday morning and will continue Friday with Acting President Verne Taylor of Burns Lake presiding in the absence overseas of the president, Major J. T. Harvey of Prince Rupert. In addition to the business sessions, it is reported that the Vanderhoof community plans appropriate hospitality and entertainment.

## AIR WAR KEPT UP

Canadians Lead in Renewal of Assault Upon Remaining Objectives in Germany  
LONDON, May 1 (CP)—Spitfires of the Royal Canadian Air Force City of Winnipeg Squadron destroyed eight enemy aircraft and damaged five in a sudden burst of Luftwaffe activity in western Germany yesterday. Five of the enemy fighters were destroyed and two damaged in air combats when tactical air force planes attacked a German air strip due south of Schwerin. Three enemy planes were destroyed and two damaged on the ground elsewhere.

Also in the Canadian aerial picture yesterday were fighter bombers manned by Dominion flyers. At least 57 Nazi road vehicles were shattered in the Schwerin area in the day's attacks.

The Canadian bombing leader, Johnny Fauquier, who reverted to the rank of group captain from that of acting air commodore to get back in the air, has relinquished command of the dam-busting squadron. His new duties are not specified in the announcement which comes from R.C.A.F. headquarters in London. Fauquier was the first Canadian to pack the new 11-ton bomb over Germany.

**30 YEARS OLD**  
The initial use of incendiaries by aircraft occurred during the German zeppelin raid on London in 1915, when one airship dropped 90 fire bombs.

## HITLER IS DEAD

LONDON, May 1 (CP)—The German radio announced tonight that Adolf Hitler is dead. This came after Hamburg, the last remaining Nazi station, said "the German radio will shortly broadcast a grave and important announcement for the German people." The announcer was Lord Haw Haw. It was later announced that Hitler was killed at his defence post at the Reichschancellery. Admiral Doenitz succeeds Hitler as Chancellor.

## ARGENTINA IS INVITED

SAN FRANCISCO, May 1 (CP)—The United Nations conference has voted to invite Argentina to take part in the conference. The vote was 31 to 4 with 11 abstaining. Russia opposed the move. Soviet Foreign Commissar Molotov declared that if Argentina with its past record were to be invited, Poland with its record should also be invited. The conference Steering Committee also voted invitations for White Russia and the Ukraine to attend.

## NO SURRENDER MADE AS YET

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 1—President H. S. Truman has nothing to say officially today in regard to recurring reports that Germany has surrendered unconditionally to the Big Three Allied powers. There has been nothing further, as far as the White House will indicate, since Heinrich Himmler was informed that Germany must surrender unconditionally to all three Big Powers or face complete destruction which is being steadily carried on.

## How "V-E Day" Will Be Known

OTTAWA, May 1 (CP)—Acting Prime Minister Isley says the people of Canada will be told officially when the war in Europe is over. The official announcement of the end of hostilities in Europe will be followed by two proclamations. The first will declare the following Sunday a day of Thanksgiving and Remembrance, and the second will make the day following the announcement a public holiday.

## NEW CHIEF ENGINEER

J. L. Charles Receives Important Appointment  
WINNIPEG, May 1 — J. L. Charles, principal assistant engineer, has been appointed chief engineer, western region, Canadian National Railways, according to an official announcement by Walter C. Owens, general manager of the company. Mr. Charles succeeds J. W. Porter, who retired April 30 after more than 50 years of railway life.

OTTAWA—In order to provide more for the needs of liberated Europe, there may be a further cutting down of the sugar ration in Canada. Vitamins were discovered about 25 years ago.

## Guarded Statement By Churchill in Commons

War Position More Satisfactory Than Five Years Ago—Rumors of Armistice

LONDON, May 1 (CP)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill hinted today that announcement of peace in Europe might come before Saturday. The Prime Minister, in reply to a member's question, said: "I have no special statement to make on the war position in Europe except that it is definitely more satisfactory than it was at this time five years ago."

## Local Dry Dock Leads

Tops Canadian National System for Victory Loan Subscriptions  
MONTREAL, May 1—In the first week of the Eighth Victory Loan campaign Canadian National Railways employees passed the \$6,000,000 mark. Including 2,426 TransCanada Air Lines employees subscribing \$318,400 and 649 National Railways Munitions Limited workers accounting for \$112,000, the total number of employees of the system buying bonds was given as 51,129 and the total amount \$6,985,850. With 48 percent of its objective attained, the western region is in the lead. In first place in the territory is Prince Rupert Dry Dock with 83.3 percent of its objective.

## TWO-AND-HALF MILLION NAZIS ARE PRISONERS

WASHINGTON, May 1 (CP)—The United States War Department announces that the western Allies have captured more than one-half million German prisoners from invasion day in Normandy through last Wednesday. More than 1,500,000 Germans have been taken prisoner in the last seven weeks alone.

## ONCE PROUD LION OF ITALY BECAME LAMB AS RULE FADED

"Better to live a day as a lion than 100 years as a sheep." That was the motto of Benito Mussolini, which he ordered inscribed on Italy's twenty lire coin. And for nearly twenty years he emulated a lion. He was supreme then, truly "Il Duce," the leader. The ancient royal House of Savoy was a figurehead; the son of a blacksmith was Italy. As creator of the Fascist state he ruled with a grip of iron after the depressing, turbulent days of the first world war. Then came a fateful day when he cast his lot with Adolf Hitler. The German Nazi leader, just coming to power, borrowed some of Mussolini's fascist "Black Shirts" ideas. Mussolini, in turn, appropriated some of Hitler's ideas, such as persecuting the Jews. The Rome-Berlin political axis eventually was born. Japan later became a full partner. Jumps on France But a still more fateful day was to come. It was when Mussolini, after months of hesitation, plunged Italy into the abyss of the second war by jumping on bleeding, prostrate France and thereby brought about his amingnominous doom. There is ample cumulative evidence, despite a rigorous war-time censorship, that the Italian people did not want the war; that the Italians had no real love for the Germans—notwithstanding Mussolini's boisterous utterances to the contrary. As the war dragged on, grandiose dreams of a new Roman empire gradually melted in the mist. Newly won territory was

**VICTORY LOAN PROGRESS**  
QUOTA \$750,000  
RESULTS \$478,750