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Jap Air Power Failing . . .

The eclipse of the Luftwaffe was one of the most striking features in the decline and defeat of Nazi Germany. The failure of the Japanese air force is no less significant. Just as the threat or use of air power was an essential feature in the diplomatic and military subjugation of Europe to the Nazis, so it was the principal weapon in making possible the vast conquests achieved by the Japanese between the winter of 1941 and the spring of 1942. The Japanese air force is still large and still founded - on a considerable industrial machine but it is proving inadequate to defend the homeland against the devastating raids of superfortresses.

Nor is it only over industrial cities that the Japanese air force is failing in its task. The campaign in Burma, now moving to its end, owed much of its success to the Allied domination of the skies, and the failure fully to appreciate this led to

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disaster for the Japanese. The Japanese invasion of India through Manipur was halted, and the enemy forces destroyed, largely by movement of several divisions by air from India and elsewhere, while during the advance to Mandalay and to Rangoon which followed this great enemy defeat, the speed of the British advances was maintained very largely by airborne supplies, just as their direction was often determined by almost exclusively Allied use of aerial reconnaissance. In China, the Japanese preponderance in ground forces enabled the enemy, during 1944 and the early months of this year, to drive against the American airfields with success, but their attempt to complete the process by the capture of the American bases in western Hunan has had no success.

In the Pacific and East Indianareas, the loss of airpower is proving equally serious for the enemy, for it is leading, and in some areas has already led, to so complete a loss of seapower as amounts to the loss of effective communications. The maintenance of great American and British fleets with their air units, by a complicated system of air fields for land - based aircraft in reconquered territory, has already gone far to isolate from one another the main Japanese conquests, and make their piecemeal reduction possible.

# H.M.C.S. SKEENA SURVIVOR

-Pelity Officer Writer George Dibb of Prince Rupert. Saw seven men die in his life raft after sinking of destroyer off Iceland.

#### APPLEWHAITE'S ANTI-JAP STAND MEETS APPROVAL

PORT ESSINGTON, May 25-E. T. Applewhaite, Liberal can- as medically unfit. didate for Skanna, won open approval for his positive anti-Japanese stand. Practically the entire population of the companied by Oscar Haveroy, spent land. three hours at Osland, calling upon the people there.

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A remarkable man, this John Bracken. A political portentwith his dogged insistence on progress - progress for the people in every department of national life. "How can any Government be progressive," asks John Bracken,

"unless ALL the people participate in it, for the good of all?" Published by the Progressive Conservative Association, Ottawa.

#### NO SLACKER CANDIDATES

Four Federal Election Candidates May Lay Equal Claim to Soldiers' Vote

All four candidates for Skeena in the federal election may lay fair claim is the soldiers' vote. Two of the candidates are on

actual service. One is a veteran of the First Great War. The fourth has been several times rejected as being physically unfiv. Major J. T. Harvey, the Pro-

gressive-Conservative candida has been in the Army since the first of the war, having been one of the members of the old 102nd. Battery to immediately go active, now being home on overcas leave for the election cam-

Leading Aircraftsman Harry Archibald, the C.C.F. candidate, is with the water transport division of the Royal Canadian Air Force and has been stationed at Prince Rupent for some time.

E. T. Applewhatte, the Intral candidate, enlisted in the 107th. Kootenay Rifles on becoming 18 years of age in the First Great War and, transferring to the Forestry Corps, spent two years and three months in Britain.

Bruce Mickloburgh, the Labor-Progressive candidate, has volunteered to the local Army recruiting offive on several occa-Speaking here on Tuesday night, sions, being rejected each time

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chunity atthunded the meeting jab government has succeeded and gave the candidate an en- in diverting more than 500,000 thusiastic reception. C. A. Moore acres of land from cotton to acted as chairman of the meet- food crops during the last three Officer J. V. Bouzek, son of ing which was held in the school- years. During the same period house. On the way here, Mr. it has brought under cultivation Applewhaite, who was accom- nearly 100,000 acres of waste

> VETERAN CHORISTERS YFIELD, Sussex, Eng., (P)-

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driven willy-nilly to pasture; nor a flock of sheep forcibly fenced in and impotent to protest. To this Canadian, that species of enforced co-operation when applied to human affairs - and of which some of his opponents appear enamoured - is the very negation of true co-operation . . . a contradiction in terms best illustrated perhaps by the inmates of an internment camp. Not for John Bracken the delusion of a heaven on earth densely populated with gestapo, disguised as

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A veteram flier with the R.C. A.F. in the European theatre, Pilot Officer Bouzek made his jump when his aircraft got into difficulty in March, two months after he had been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

The young flier's badge of membership in the Caterpillar Club—a small golden caterpillar—is now in the hands of his parents, having been sent to them from the club headquarters in England. It was addressed to "Mr. and Mrs. J. Pouzek, Port Rupert, Vancou-

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