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Major recommendations of t Parent-Teachers brief were:

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2. Establishment of residencriticize existing con- tial high schools in more sparseut very few present ly populated areas to which partive ideas. I assure you ents at a minimum cost may rival of Prime Minister Chur-

to provide additional technical announced. The British leaders ssing the curtailment and practical courses in rural were accorded a tremendous

Cameron said: "That 6. Extension and facilitation of chill and Eden held a fortytion which should not grants from the provincial gov- five minute conference with be tolerated in any ernment to assist in building Greek Premier and Minister. adequate schools in rural areas. peron also heard briefs The grant should be increased

'eachers' Association, Mrs. F. Hall, of Terrace, pree of Terrace, and the sented a verbal report on conupert Teachers' Asso- ditions in that village. A percent increase in the school ed by Rev. E. W. Scott, population in the last two years of the Parent-Teach- had placed a heavy burden of lation, the second brief taxation on the few farmers in

A large transient population, brief that is brief," mainly employed in the lumber ted. "It is concise and mills paid little toward the cost ght out. Many that of education, she added.

"Most of the village property is owned by the older people -A. brief pointed out who have raised their families but general trend of and who felt that they should movement from rural no longer have to pay school

A brief, prepared by the ed inequalities in edu- Prince Rupert Teachers' Assoopportunities between ciation and read by W. W. C O'Neill, expressed faith in B.C. ed a specifically critical educational 'system, as being lack of facilities, poor among the "best in the land" al renumeration for but argued that it is hampered and the smallness of by the present method of fincational units which ancing. It suggested that there varied curriculum with need be no great difference behoice of subjects im- tween rural and urban schools, modern homes in Prince Rupert ently, families in rural ly presented to the commission night with the organization of ing to secure higher at Vancouver by the B.C. Teach- an association known as the

Discussed at Meeting sht-Members Joining

nittee was appointed at ar monthly meeting of dian Legion to look into sability of extended the legion building or as an ve erecting another one

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was a good turnout of Saturday night. and the usual routine was transacted.

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#### JAN WOMEN ALL SERVE

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# OFFICERS AT

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taking part were Air Vice Mar- its aims, asking endorsation and shal Heakes, Officer command-co-operation. ing Western Air Command; With about 30 people attend-T. S. Dixon, of the advisory ing the meeting moved to form War Services; Brigadier Roy cutive and board of directors. Sargent, representing Major D. C. Stevenson was elected presi-General Pearkes, G.O.C., Pacific dent, Maurice Brydges, secretary, Command; Squadron Leader and T. N. Youngs treasurer. Dir-Frank Foy, Special Services of ectors are A. S. Nickerson, B. R. ficer, Western Air Command, Dodds, C. A. Kellett and Dr. J. A. and Major G. A. Umpleby, Aux-McDonald. iliary Services officer, Pacific Information on the methods Command.

part in the ceremony on behalf and considerable discussion took of the city.

#### Johanna Returns With Father of Dead Children

The halibut boat Johanna of Capt. Norrington's which has ben at sea since and intend to present February 8 with Melvin Hanes at the regular parade burg as crew member, arrived sday evening for enrol- in port today after a search had been made in district coastal gion will make a dona- waters since Sunday to inform 10 to the I.O.D.E. Book Mr. Hanburg of the deaths of his two children by suffocation

#### Eden and King To 'Frisco Meet

LONDON, Feb. 15 - Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden is expected to lead the British delegation to the world security conon, Feb. 15 (P) — Every ference in San Francisco on April and girl in Germany was 25. Prime Minister W. L. Macable to serve with the kenzie King will lead the Cana-

Local Temperature

### VOL. XXXIV, No. 39 PRINCE RUPERT, B.C., THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1945 PRICE FIVE CENTS Allies Overwhelming Nazis

# Welcomed

Prime Minister and Anthony Eden On Triumphant Visit to Capital of Greece

ATHENS, Feb. 15 (9)-The archill and Foreign Secretary An-3. Revision of the curriculum thony Eden in Athens has been welcome on their arrival in the Rupert during the de- 5. Further development of Greek capital. Both made when Grades One and radio and films for educational speeches in a ceremony at Constitutional Square. Later Chur-

#### Restrictions On Coal Deliveries

OTTAWA, Feb. 14 — New reby difficulty of transportation owing to winter weather conditions. Deliveries cannot now be made to householders who have more than thirty days' supply on hand and not more than one ton may be delivered or fifteen days' supply if that is less than a ton. Dealers must give priorities. There are no restrictions on soft coal.

### HOME BUILDERS GROUP FORMED

Local Group Contemplates Possibility of New Building Subdivision Here

Visions of a subdivision of fine. and endorsed the brief previous- came a bit closer to earth last Prince Rupert Home Builders' Association which was created to make the government's new National Housing Act applicable here. The meeting was held in the Northern B.C. Power Company offices.

Composed mainly of younger Representatives of the armed business men, the group will take services and the Department of immediate steps to interest some National War Services took lead- financial institution in sponsoring parts in the opening cere- ing the project here as laid down

It will also approach the city Present at the ceremony and council and inform that body of

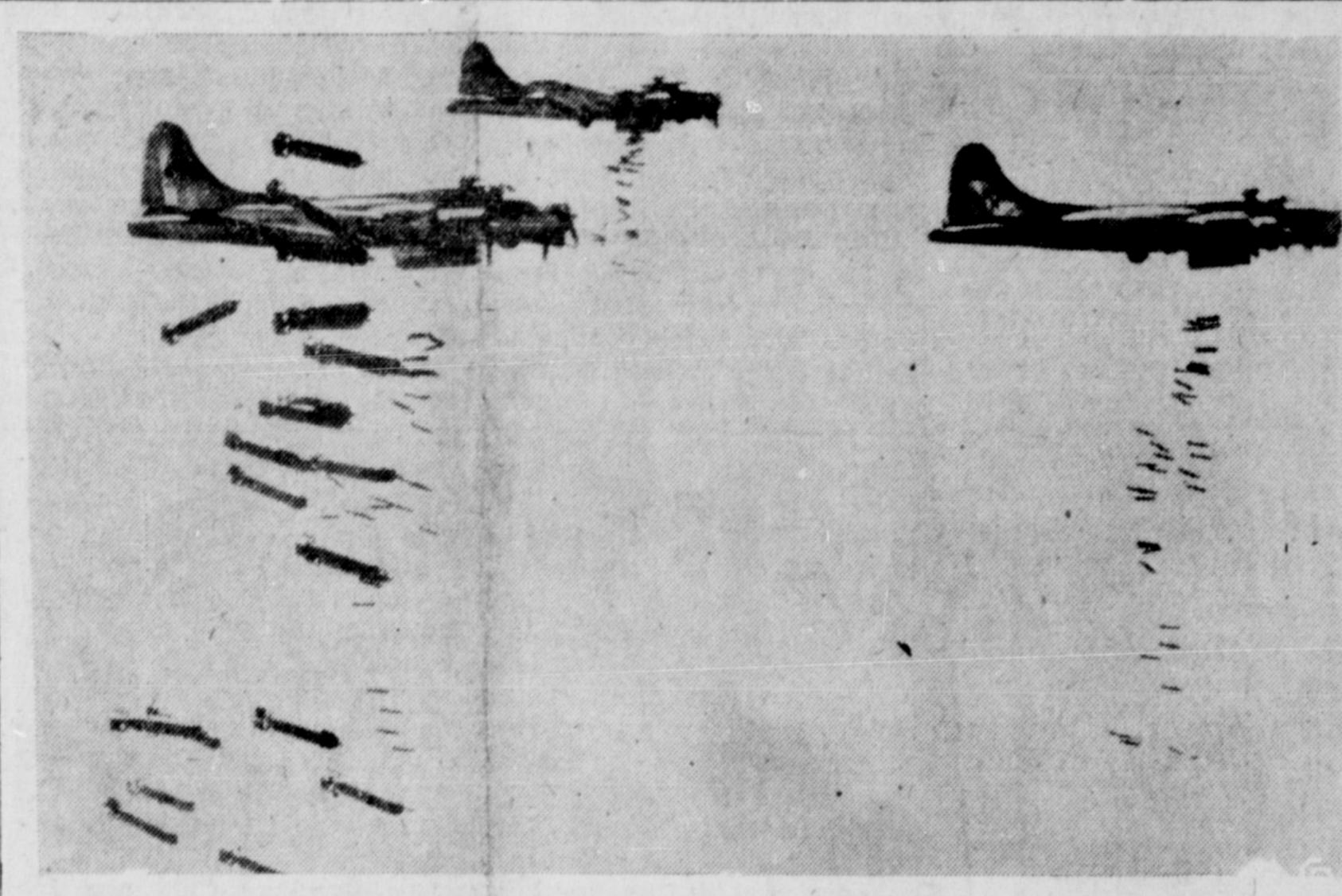
board, Department of National an association, electing an exe-

and experiences of applying the Mayor H. M. Daggett also took act in Prince George were read place concerning the choices of acceptable sites for such a project in this city.

### CHARGES UNTRUTH

McNaughton Accuses Bracken of Making "Diabolical" Statements

OTTAWA, Feb. 15 (P)-Defence Minister A. G. L. Mc-Naughton, in an interview today, said that a statement by Progressive-Conservative leader John Bracken on the department of Home Defence troops dispatched overseas last month was "a diabolical un-McNaughton added that the statement that many Defence troops had thrown their rifles overboard from ships had been proven to be wrong but Bracken "had neither the manners or the manliness to withdraw it." (At Winnipeg Bracken made no comment on McNaughton's statement and said that he was 29 not discussing politics).



"HELL'S ANGELS" POUR IT ON FROM HEAVEN-A striking (no pun intended) photo, made from an accompanying plane, showing Flying Fortresses of the 303rd (Hell's Angel's) bomber group dropping a heavy load of bombs on industrial targets in Germany.

## AIR AGENTS' strictions have been imposed on the delivery of hard coal in Candada owing to the shortage caused War News Highlights GRADUATION

Crisis For Nazis in West

LONDON-The fighting on the northern end of the western front has reached a critical phase for the Germans. Thousands of artillery guns and bombing planes are giving tremendous support to the advancing Canadian First Army. The Canadian army is moving ahead in its campaign to flatten the northern end of the Siegfried Line and roll into the Rhur Valley. A front line dispatch this morning says Canadian troops have reached the Rhine River directly across from Emmerich.

Germany Gets Worst Bombing Yet

LONDON-The Allied aerial offensive against Germany reached unprecedented proportions today as fresh fleets of bombers roared over enemy territory following overnight assaults by an armada of 1300 British planes including Canadian squadrons. Five powerful waves of heavy bombers, each with strong fighter escorts, were today giving Germany a scorging exceeding anything she had previously experienced. During the 36 hours up to dawn teday more than 9000 British and American planes had loosed thousands of tons of explosives and incendiaries upon German cities, supply and troop concentrations.

Nazis Caught Off Balance

MOSCOW-So great is the weight of the new Russian offensive through Silesia to the borders of Saxony that the German armies appear to have been caught off balance. To the north the Russians have penetrated deeper into Brandenburg.

Jap Home Islands Bombed Again

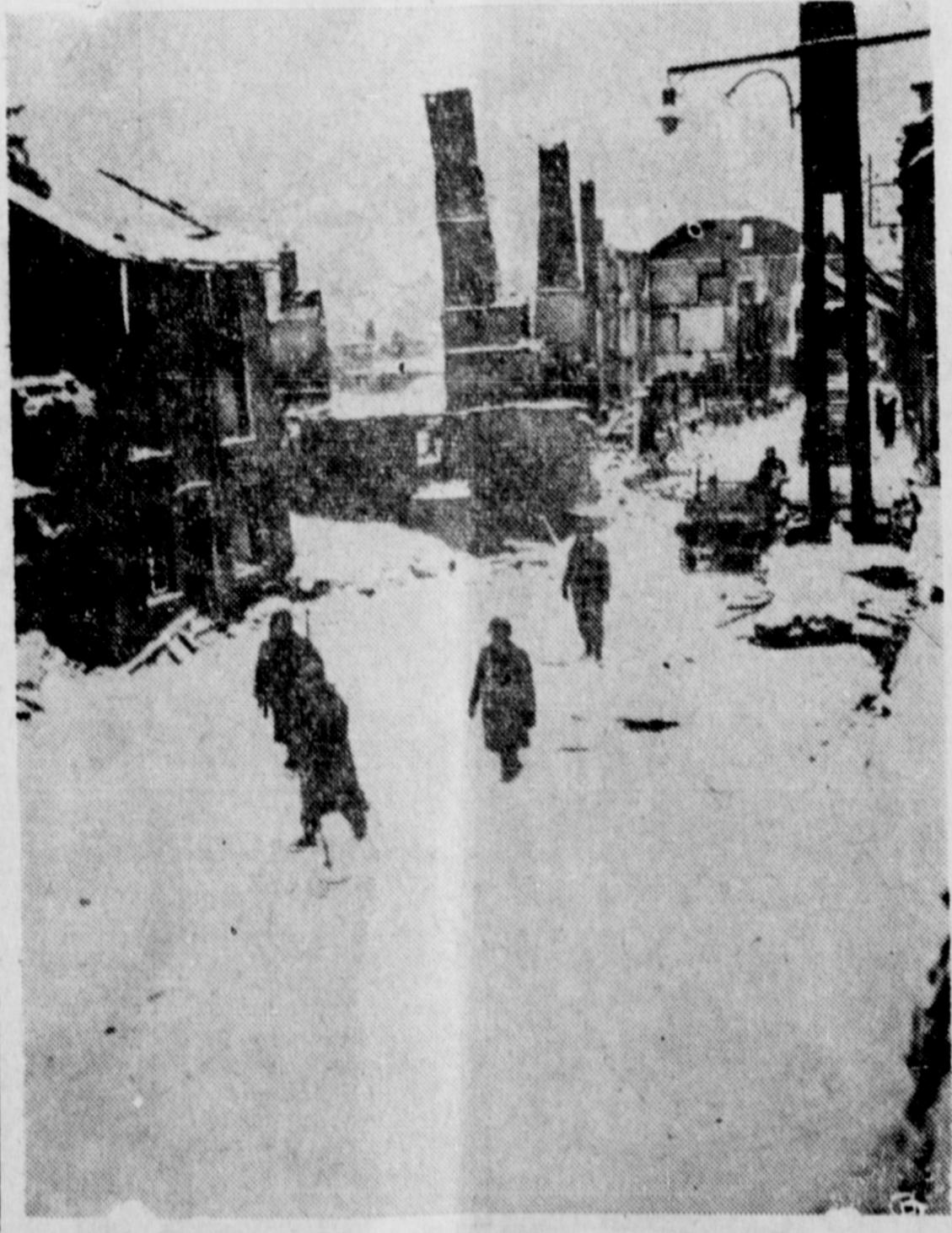
WASHINGTON - American superfortress bombers have again attacked the Japanese home island of Honshu. . Today's raid was made by B-29's from bases in the Marianas. No details are available regarding the raid.

Bitter Resistance in Manila

MacARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS—The fighting in Manila still is on a block-to-block house-to-house basis. American infantrymen and tanks are steadily narrowing the pocket of trapped Japanese but the enemy is systematically putting the torch to the section of the Philippine capital he still holds.

LAND ON CORREGIDOR TOKYO-Tokyo radio today forecast an early landing by Island, Manila.

QUICK DRYER A recently developed electri heat lamp will dry new paint on American troops on Corregidor military vehicles in three minutes.



MINE-HUNTING IN LA ROCHE-Allied soldiers in the warbeaten town of La Roche go about their task of hunting for mines in the snow-covered terrain after the Nazis had been driven out. The process is a slow and hazardous one.

Schneidemuehl, has fallen Class of Repatriated Veterans Complete Training With Dinner at Winnipeg

WINNIPEG, Feb. 15 — Under TransCanada Air Lines plan of rehabilitation in which preference is given to veterans now and in the years immediately not have time to fly out. following the end of the war, the twelve - passenger agent class of repatriated Royal Canadian Air Force and army personnel completed an agents' course at Stevenson Field, Winnipeg, yesterday, bringing the total to 125 of such men and women assigned to duty since March, 1942

Graduation of the eleven agents was marked by a graduation dinner at the Fort Garry Hotel tendered by D. R. Mac-Laren, superintendent of passenger service, who presented of Soviet slave workers who the graduates with proficiency certificates.

Graduate include Pilot Officer Douglas Miller: Pilot Officer Don Philp; LAC Gil Minorgan, all of Winnipeg; Pilot Officer Al Johnston; Pilot Officer Al Phillips; Bdr. D. G. Stewart; Pte. R. C. Pierce, all of Toronto; Flying Officer J. B. Eaton, Windsor; Miss Martha Marsh and Miss Joan Griffiths of Calgary, and Mrs. Betty Thompson, Vancouver.

# STRANDED ON BAR, YOUTH

An attempt to swim a narrow stretch of water after a rising tide had caused his skiff to drift away while he was digging clams on a sand bar in Canoe Pass cost the life of Clifford Joseph Alexcee, 17 year old Port Simpson lad, the rumor. a coroner's jury at Port Simpson decided Wednesday. They returned a verdict of accidental death.

Alexcee and a friend were digging clams on the sand bar at 10 p.m. Monday and after their boat drifted away they attempted to swim a 40-foot channel to an island. Alexcee disappeared in the three-mile an hour tidal current His body was recovered the following day and taken to Port

The inquest was called by Coroner M. M. Stephens who went to Port Simpson Wednesday with Staff Sergeant G. A. Johnson of the provincial police.

#### Inter-Union Dispute Closes 'Peg Theatres

WINNIPEG, Feb. 15 - Seventeen of Winnipeg's 23 theatres are closed by a projectionists strike due to inter-union trouble. Some of the projectionists belong to one affiliation and others to another.

The Vancouver Sun mentions the name of Lee Gordon, well known business man, now serving as an officer in the Army, as Liberal candidate for Skeena in the federal election.

Chemnitz Target for Night-

## BRITISH BOMBERS SOFTEN UP PATH FOR ADVANCING RED LAND FORCES

LONDON, Feb. 15 (CP) - An armada of 1300 British bombers hammered Germany in night raids. One of the targets was Chemnitz, a city in the path of Marshal Konev's Silesian offensive. Chemnitz is 35 miles from Dresden which has been submitted to three powerful air smashes in the past 24 hours.

Last night's R.A.F. assaults also hit Berlin and a synthetic oil plant at Rositz near Leipzig but SLIDE TO BE these were secondary blows to group on the bombing run over CLEAR FRIDAY Chemnitz.

The glare of fires resulting from R.A.F. attacks could seen by the Russian forces advancing towards Dresden and Chemnitz. The Russian drive, led by Marshal Konev, has the Silesian capital city of Breslau encircled.

north other powerful Soviet forces are moving towards Berlin 71 miles away. A Pomeranian fortress city,

the Russians with 7000 of its garrison troops. Five thousand other Nazi troops were taken prisoner by Russians in yesterday's

craft which the Germans did

Under the personal direction of Superintendent Al Berner and with ditchers, draglines and bulldozers at work from either end. Canadian National crews are now digging into the big rockslide which came down over the railway line in a cut near Amsbury Red Army troops are only 53 last Sunday and has since held up miles from Dresden. To the traffic. It was expected at local offices this morning that the line would be cleared by tomorrow night when it will be possible to move trains through again. Meanwhile transfers of passengers, baggage, express and mail are being effected over the slide.

INVASION JITTERS TOKYO - The Tokyo radio has developed invasion fears and says the next Allied invasion may be of Formosa.

## Bulletins

TABLES ARE TURNED

MOSCOW-The Russians are putting Nazi prisoners of war to work in the Gleiwitz coal mines. It is only three weeks since the Russians captured the German town but already large groups were held in the city have joined the Russian Army. Their places in the mines have been taken by their former

German supervisors. DIPLOMATS LEAVE BERLIN LONDON-Diplomatic representatives of neutral states are leaving Berlin. This is the latest word received in London official circles from inside Germany. Some diplomatic missions are being temporarily reestablished in parts of Germany remote from Allied bombing and advancing Allied armies.

SPAIN TO ENTER WAR? LONDON-A radio correspondent in London, John McVane of NBC, says a rumor is floating around the British capital that Spain and other noncombatants are preparing to declare war on Germany. The radio newsman added, however, that informed quarters are paying little or no attention to

GERMAN ROGUE'S GALLERY LONDON — Polish authorities at their headquarters in London have prepared a rogue's gallery of more than 4000 Germans wanted for their crimes against the civil population of Poland. Carefully indexed documents, together with full indictments, photographs and other particulars of these criminals are being kept for submission to the United Nations War Crimes Commission.

AMBASSADOR ARRIVES OTTAWA-The first ambassador from liberated France to Canada, Count Jean de Hauteclocque, is scheduled to arrive in Ottawa today. He will be met by the head of the French delegation to Canada, Major Gabriel Bonneau, and by representatives of the Department of External Affairs.

DON'T WANT JAPANESE VICTORIA - James Mowatt, Liberal coalitionist, Alberni, told members of the Legislature yesterday that "white and Indian fishermen on the west coast of Vancouver Island are doing well and will strenuously object to the return of the Japanese."

VAN SITTART'S WARNING

LONDON The well known advocate of severe peace terms for Germany, Lord Van Sittart, has defended this stand in a London newspaper. His article warns the United Nations leaders not to be hoodwinked by neutral powers into allowing Nazi war criminals to escape retribution. He repeats his argument that there is nothing in law or tradition which confers on neutral countries the right of granting asylum to Axis criminals.

SOLDIERS IN ELECTION

OTTAWA- A large group of service men are expected to take advantage of arrangements for their participation in political activities. Many are expected to be among candidates in the forthcoming federal election. The arrangements were embodied in an order-in-council passed last May. They provide conditions under which members of the Army, Navy and Air Force may be granted leave for campaigning and for attending to Parliamentary duties if elected.

MORE VETERANS RETURN OTTAWA-One of the largest contingents of Canadian fighting men to return from battlefronts in this war has come back to Canada after service in the European theatre. Some of them are veterans of 63 months overseas. The contingent includes members of all

branches of the services. SIX PLANES CRASH

SAN DIEGO - Six United States Marines planes crashed in bad weather yesterdaythree in the ocean, two on islands and one near Bakersfield. Eight fliers are missing and six are known safe.

DECLARATION ON ITALY ROME—It is reported in Rome that Britain and the United States are preparing to issue another joint declaration regarding Italy. Italians are hoping for greater economic aid from the western Allies.

HOUSING PERMITS VANCOUVER - A federal government order making it compulsory to obtain a permit before taking up new living quarters in Vancouver, New Westminster and districts will become effective today, Air Vice Marshal Leigh Stevenson, emergency shelter administrator, announced last night.