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### Canada's Stature in the World

Field Marshal Jan Smuts, Prime Minister of the Union of South Africa and Officer Commanding its defence forces, is one of the elder statesmen of the British Commonwealth and closely associated with the imperial war cabinet, says the Toronto Daily Star. He is a man who does not speak lightly or for the purpose of flattery. When he talks about Canada, as he did in London, the pronouncement is to be regarded as a sound and considered one.

Addressing the meeting of the Dominions' representatives in that city with respect to the new world security organization which is to be considered at San Francisco, he said: "Canada is not far from being one of the great powers, and I think in substance and reality she probably can make a greater contribution to world security than some of those who are now shouting for front seats."

That is the estimate Prime Minister

Smuts places upon Canada as the result of her contribution to Allied success by reason of measures carried through by the King government. She is now, he says, "not far from being one of the great powers." He intimates that she has earned a higher place in international affairs than some nations which claim a front seat. It is a fine tribute from one who habitually weighs his words with care.

It is a tribute which is particularly interesting at this time because the war effort on which Smuts' estimate of Canada is founded, and the government responsible for that war effort, have been persistently maligned in Canada for partisan purposes by the government's political opponents. To them, nothing the government does is right. They have persistently belittled its war policies; it has been subjected to continuous nagging. Yet the result of these policies has been an achievement in the field of both industry and actual warfare which has literally astonished the world. This nation of 11,500,000 people has become, by reason of what she has done under Mr. King's leadership, "not far from being one of the great powers."

How petty and small the attacks of the grossly partisan critics became, when they are measured against the tributes paid to Canada by such men as Winston Churchill and Jan Smuts.

### BURNS LAKE MAN KILLED IN HOLLAND

Pte. Bruce Ray, age 23, of Burns Lake, one of five members of the same family to serve in the Canadian army during this war, has died of wounds received while fighting with a Canadian Scottish battalion in Holland. He was wounded on March 29, and died in hospital two days later.

Formerly a logger at Burns Lake, Pte. Bruce Ray enlisted there on July 9, 1940, the same day as his father, S/Sgt. Lloyd Ray, at present stationed at Prince George. An older brother, Duane, joined a searchlight unit at Victoria a short time later and Bruce entered the same unit in order to be with his brother. They remained together until the searchlight unit was broken up in 1943. Bruce then transferred to a heavy artillery unit, proceeding overseas in July, 1944.

In England he transferred to a Canadian Scottish battalion, arriving in France last October. His brother Duane, arrived in France in February, 1945.

There are also two sisters in the C.W.A.C. Pte. Bernice Ray, stationed at Ste. Anne de Bellevue, Quebec, and Pte. Viola Ray, at Vancouver.

The father of this fighting family was stationed at Terrace with the Royal Canadian Electrical Mechanical Engineers for the last year. Mrs. Ray is at Terrace at the present time.

### DOG FISH

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became tangled in their nets, ruining them. Then scientists discovered the oil from the dogfish liver contained the valuable vitamin "A". Now since 1941 dogfish liver prices have jumped from five to 38 cents a pound.

As far back as 1932 scientists at the Pacific Fisheries Experimental Station in Prince Rupert were studying the properties of the dogfish liver. They developed a particular blend of dogfish oil and pilchard oil which respectively supplied the necessary vitamin "A" and "D" to give a total potency similar to that of medicinal cod liver oil. The product was called "Marinol," and later the name was changed to "Thalattol."

#### Shortage Met

Came the war and both Canada and the United States faced a serious shortage of cod liver oil because of halted imports from Norway.

It was then dogfish oil was used to replace cod liver oil in the human diet and Canada began shipping large quantities to England. Throughout British Columbia fisherman companies began studying the fish oils and today every company in the province is producing such vitamin oils.

A plan recently devised to co-ordinate all the fishermen's co-operatives on the coast may make the co-operatives one of the most important factors in the fish industry of the province. By the operation of their own fish liver processing plants the B.C. fishermen estimate they have added more than \$200,000 to their incomes in the last four years.

B.C.'s vitamin oils continue to play an important part in the successful waging of the war. Not only dogfish oil but oil from the livers of halibut, black, red and ling cod and also the soupfin shark have been shipped to the British Ministry of Food within the last three years.

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