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Huns Fall Back in Disorder

PRINCE ROBERT—

Canadians At Azores

Sailors Pay Visit to Horta and Gibraltar as Well.

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ON BOARD HMCS PRINCE ROBERT, March 16—"Os Canadianos chegaram!" The word passed from lip to lip as the locals watched the liberty men from Prince Robert disembark, first swarm of whites, stretchings on the sun-kissed quay at Horta . . . "The Canadians are here!"

We are, the first Canadian ship to sail into the harbour since Portugal consented to the use of facilities in Canada in adherence to Britain's widest existing alliance, and after observing the warm welcome tendered us, there is nothing but clear perception to where the sympathies of the population lie. They may preserve their neutrality, to quote the Irishman, there can be no doubt as to how they are neutral.

Canadian officers and ratings are accepted as brothers. This is the stock in trade phrase. If the citizen, soldier or sailor you meet casually in the street exchange salutes and greetings with you six times a day, it's better take stock of himself and, purchase at the first opportunity a copy of "How to Make Friends and Influence People."

Throughout that feeling as we sailed, it was with satisfaction that at least we had accomplished something in the interest of international relations.

"Aren't these people the friendliest hand shakiest people you ever saw" gasped Able Seaman John Ross Calvert of Winnipeg, as he strode down the quay to the boat that was to carry him back to his ship, his arms laden with bags of oranges, bananas and pineapples. His escudos were all gone, but he'd had a mighty fine time.

STORES ARE WELL STOCKED

The excudo, by the way, is the Portuguese coinage, and for one pound sterling you get one hundred excudos, or "mosquitoes" as they call them and, usually, they return to the ship "broke," because the stores in Horta are well stocked with a fine variety of jewellery from Switzerland and Portugal. Jack ashore is the world's most avid bargain hunter and so the store keepers took quite a beating. Hand-woven work and wicker work from the Azores will probably make their appearance on many Canadian tables when Prince Robert returns home—that is, if the ratings concerned don't go broke and have to "hawk" them again.

The men of Prince Robert had an opportunity of visiting the orange groves and banana plantations that abound on the Island of Fayal of which Horta is the capital. There, too, the ox is the principal means of transportation and here the boys had a chance to post with the oxen drivers and also with the fruit vendors who trudge about in their bare feet with their baskets perched high on their heads.

The playing field and clubs in Horta were put at the disposal of the Canadians and the boys had a first class opportunity to exercise their limbs after a stretch at sea. Soccer is the national pastime and while we did not play the Horta clubs

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...HOLM, March 16 (...) — ...ish Parliament ap... ...nimously the govern... ...ision to reject Russ... ...armistice proposals ...Finns are digging in ...tinuation of war, it ...d last night. There ...al confirmation from

Matron-in-... Is Named

...A, March 16—Major ...McRae has been pro... ...the rank of lieutenant... ...d appointed comman... ...f of the nursing ser... ...the Royal Canadian ...dical Corps. She suc... ...Elizabeth Smellie who ...from the army and ...n to her work with ...rian Order of Nurses.

...versary ...rated ...omen

...Legion W.A. Holds ...t Observing Eleventh ...of Founding

...ting the eleventh an... ...of the founding of the ...Auxiliary to the Cana... ...on here more than 40 ...attended an anniver... ...quet held in the Legion ...night.

...rge of the program was ...J. Croxford, Auxiliary ...the banquet itself be... ...anged by the entertain... ...committee under Mrs. F.

...the banquet there were ...of toasts and a speech ...J. Croxford. A feature ...ning was the presenta... ...gold past-president's ...s. F. Barber, by Mrs.

...g the banquet the ...re entertained with ...bridge. Bridge win... ...Mrs. A. Guyan, first, ...G. V. Hanley, second. ...of the bingo games ...E. Morrow, Mrs. ...th, sr., Mrs. Frank El... ...L. Wide, Mrs. McNeil, ...A. J. Croxford.

GIVE CHILD TO GOD'S SERVICE

Impressive Rites Last Night at Salvation Army Citadel Here.

It was an impressive and solemn ceremony at the Salvation Army Citadel last night when Adjutant and Mrs. E. D Brunsdon presented their sweet five-month old daughter, Grace Elizabeth, to be dedicated by Major John Steele of Vancouver to the service of God and the Salvation Army. The child was brought to the altar when the the father was already presiding by the young mother for Major Steele to conduct the consecratory rites. There were many in the congregation to whom the ceremony proved not only interesting but touching. The parents thus pledged their child in her life to the active work of the Army.

Otherwise it was to a large extent a typical salvationist meeting conducted by Adjutant Brunsdon. The sermon was by Major Steele, who advocated more faith and enthusiasm in the work of Christ. There was a great war on today but the greatest fight which the Army always waged was for the salvation of souls. In the course of his remarks during the evening Major Steele referred to the forthcoming official opening this afternoon of the new Red Shield hostel here. He paid tribute to the accomplishment through planning, organizing and directing of Adjutant Brunsdon in this connection in the face of great difficulties.

There was music by a band consisting of men of the forces—army and navy, American and Canadian.

Corp. Norman Ross, an American soldier, led in prayer.

Local Tides

Friday, March 17

High	5:54	18.3 feet
	19:19	15.1 feet
Low	12:44	6.4 feet

DESTROYS VITAMINS

Soda should seldom be used in cooking, as it destroys vitamins.

SIDELONG GLANCES

Men are taught to see better at night by looking out of the side of the eye.

PREFERRED TO SHIVER

The burning of coal was prohibited in London in 1306 because of the smoke it produced.

MORE THAN $15,000—

LOCAL RED CROSS CAMPAIGN AWAY OVER OBJECTIVE

Lists Being Kept Open For Another Two Weeks Although Drive is Actually Over.

The annual Red Cross campaign in Prince Rupert came officially to a close last night with the total subscriptions to that time showing $15,652.21 or an over-subscription of some 50 per cent above the local objective of $10,500. The subscription lists are being kept open for another two weeks and, by the time all donations have been accounted for, it is anticipated that the total may reach $17,000. Local Red Cross officials are well pleased with the success of the campaign which was, of course, due to the excellent response of the public to the appeal.

The latest list of acknowledgements is as follows:

Previously acknowledged	$12,324.72
Mrs. G. E. Cohoe	5.00
Frank Gomez	5.00

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Sofia Is Bomb Hit

Cutting of Railway Line Affects Nazi War Machine in Southeast Europe

NAPLES, March 16 (...)—Royal Air Force bombers attacked in force the railway yards of Sofia capital of Bulgaria, and the important railway line connecting that centre with Belgrade, the YugoSlav capital, is believed to have been severed by bombs. Sofia is doubly important to the Nazi war machine now that the Red Army has cut communications to the north.

SESSION IS PROROGUED

Legislature Concludes at Victoria After Putting Through Many Bills.

VICTORIA, March 16 (...)—The session of the Legislature was prorogued yesterday. Among the bills approved was an Act extending to merchant seamen serving in the war zones the same exemption on land and municipal taxes and remission of succession duties as previously given to members of the armed services. The House also adopted an amendment to the Marriage Act authorizing the presumption of death after seven years absence of a spouse and permitting remarriage.

Local Soldier Listed as Dead

The latest Canadian Army casualty list records Gunner John Campbell, Royal Canadian Artillery, as having died on active service. His wife, Mrs. Bernice Frances Campbell, resides on Fraser Street, Prince Rupert.

To Cut Off Telephones

This to be Next Move in Isolation of Eire From Rest of World.

LONDON, March 16 (...)—Next move in the cutting off of Eire from the outside world in view of alleged espionage activities in that country may be the suspension of telephone communication between Ireland and Britain.

NEW LABOR BOARD HEAD

OTTAWA — Mr. Justice G. B. O'Connor has been appointed chairman of the National War Labor Board in succession to Mr. Justice C. D. McTague, resigned, Prime Minister King announced today.

ANCIENT HOT DOGS

Dogs were raised in ancient Mexico for food.

Cassino Is Wiped Out

Are Making Headway Again on Beachhead South of Rome

NAPLES, March 16 (CP) — Fifth Army infantry and tanks thundered into Cassino today but Allied headquarters said the advance was impeded by continued German resistance in the ruins left by yesterday's record aerial bombardment by the Allies which left the town a complete ruin.

On the beachhead south of Rome the Allies are also on the move, taking two German defence points and holding them against enemy counter-attacks.

SHOT DOWN OWN PLANES

Admission is Made by United States Secretary of War.

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 16—Secretary of War H. L. Stimson admitted today that there had been cases of where American gunners had shot down their own planes in "fury and confusion" of night operations, mistaking them for enemy aircraft.

Mr. Stimson did not admit specifically a statement of "Stars and Stripes" that 20 United States transports had been shot down in Italy.

Local Temperature

Maximum	48
Minimum	43

RAID BEATEN OFF

LONDON — Enemy planes essayed another raid on London last night but were driven off by fighters and anti-aircraft fire. Thirteen enemy planes were shot down in the big raid on Tuesday night.

Doukhobors Demonstrate

No Violence or Disrobing, However, in Protest Gathering at Brilliant.

BRILLIANT, March 16 (...) — The fanatic Sons of Freedom Doukhobors staged a demonstration at Brilliant on Wednesday but there was no violence or disrobing. The redacils charged and made speeches apparently in resumption of protests against call-up regulations.

BUILD NEW PULP PLANT

VANCOUVER, March 16. — As part of their big construction program, which in the past three years has involved the expenditure of approximately $500,000, Pacific Mills Limited, of Ocean Falls, have let a general contract for the erection of a new $40,000 bleaching plant to be built in Vancouver. An equal sum has been alloted for the installation of equipment.

The purpose of the plant is to improve the color and quality of the pulp produced by the company.

The plans call for a four storey reinforced concrete structure of 43 by 43 dimensions, with a tar and gravel roof. The general contract has been let to James L. Galloway, of Vancouver. Work is scheduled to begin about March 20.

Thousands Of Teachers Are Canada's Need

OTTAWA, March 16 — Miss Truax of Montreal, president of the Canadian Teachers' Federation, told the reconstruction committee of Parliament yesterday that Canada was short 17,000 teachers now and that, after the war, 7,000 more teachers would be required for adult education.

Nazis Endeavoring To Reach Evacuation Ports Of Nikolaev and Odessa

MOSCOW, March 16 (CP) — The whole central section of the German front in South Russia appears to be in a state of collapse as the Ukrainian army drives relentlessly toward Rumania and advance Russian units reach positions less than one hundred miles from the frontier. The Germans are falling back in confusion on Nikolsev and Odessa evacuation ports.

By early today the Russians had crossed the Bug River on a 62-mile front, thrusting spearheads within 29 miles of the prewar Rumanian frontier, crushing the German defences only 17 miles from Niqolsev, Big Black Sea port, and killing or capturing additional thousands of Germans trapped northeast of Nikolsev.

BIG RAIDS IN PACIFIC

Wewak Principal Objective of Allied Bombing in South Pacific Area

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN SOUTH PACIFIC, March 16. (...) — The Allies today announced raids in which almost five hundred tons of bombs were dropped on Japanese positions in Wewak, New Guinea, to Bougainville Island in the Solomons.

The heaviest hit target was Wewak, Japan's big air centre and supply base on the north New Guinea coast.

BOUGAINVILLE FIGHT

WASHINGTON — The island of Bougainville has been the scene of the fiercest fighting so far in the Pacific war. American troops have killed more than 1200 Japs in sharp fighting in their latest beach occupation, repulsing a determined Jap counter attack yesterday.

CAMPAIGN CONTINUES

Second Anti-V.D. Public Meeting Held Last Night

Members of the Parent-Teachers' Association, who had been scheduled to meet separately last night, joined with the senior high school students and the general public to fill the Navy Drill Hall at the second big anti-venereal disease public meeting sponsored by the anti-venereal disease committee of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Union Board of Health.

Speaking at the meeting were Colin F. McCarthy, chairman of the Junior Chamber's anti-venereal disease committee, Inspector of Schools B. Thorsteinsson, Dr. Roger Knipe, director of the Public Health Unit, and Dr. J. J. Gibson. L. ... Felsenthal, president of the Junior Chamber, was chairman of the meeting.

With all four speakers touching on some special angle of enlightenment, the dreaded venereal scourge was laid bare from the aspects of prevalence, prevention, cure, police experience, and community responsibility.

Bearing heavily on the aspect of community responsibility for the elimination of veneral disease, Inspector of Schools B. Thorsteinsson stated that, since venereal disease is so highly communicable, it is no longer merely an individual matter, but is the concern of the whole community. He felt especially that something ought to be done among the natives whose venereal disease rate in the city is fifty times higher than among whites. He emphasized home, school and community efforts toward enlightenment and control.

Colin McCarthy, chairman of the committee responsible for the campaign, emphasized the seriousness of conditions in Prince Rupert and outlined the plan of the drive.

Modern advances in curative methods have made the chances of recovery from venereal disease much larger, if it is treated in time, Dr. J. J. Gibson told the meeting. The horrible effects usually associated with gonorrhea and syphilis could be avoided if the diseases were given timely treatment, he said.

A graphic feature of the meeting was the showing of three talking films, "White Syphilis," "Health is a Victory" and "Nine Cents per Capita."

During a question period following the showing of the films a great number of highly pertinent questions were asked by the audience, being answered by the speakers and Staff Sergeant F. W. Gallagher, a guest at the meeting.

Representatives of organizations interested in social problems occupied the platform along with the chairman and speakers. They were: Rev. E. W. Scott, Rev J. A. Donnell, Rev. A. F. MacSween, Mrs. G. E. Moore and Mrs. S. R. Donaldson representing the I.O.D.E., Mrs. J. A. Rutherford, representing the Women's Canadian Club, and Staff Sergeant F W. Gallagher, representing the B.C. Police.

ANZACS EAT HEARTILY

New Zealanders eat from four to six meals a day.

More Canadian Planes Than Ever

Bulletins

URGED TO QUIT

WASHINGTON — Finland has again been urged to get out of the war. Today President Roosevelt in a message to the Finns urged them to terminate their "hateful partnership with Germany."

TRUK BOMBED

SOUTH PACIFIC HEADQUARTERS — American Army Liberator bombers attacked the Jap base at Truk on Wednesday. They dropped bombs on gun emplacements, oil storage tanks, naval installations on two islands of the group.

FIGHT IN CASSINO

FIFTH ARMY HEADQUARTERS—The Allied Fifth Army is locked in bitter hand-to-hand combat with the Germans in the ruins of Cassino. Yesterday the Allies bombed the city where the Germans were fighting from house to house, and today, the enemy is still resisting stubbornly among the ruins.

CLOSE COAL MINES

EDMONTON—Coal mine operators in this district say they will have to close down mines if the government discontinues the 50c per ton bonus.

MINE SWEEP'S RESCUE

OTTAWA — The Navy Department reveals how the minesweeper Goderich, commanded by Lieut. Commander R. H. Kenny, more than a year ago, rescued 44 men who had drifted three days after a tanker was torpedoed. Eleven men were lost.

HOSPITAL SHIP ARRIVES

LONDON—The Netherlands hospital ship Orange, formerly a passenger liner, has arrived in Britain with wounded from Italy. The vessel's capacity is seven hundred passengers.

FREE TIME ON AIR

OTTAWA—Under new policy of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, as disclosed at a session of Parliamentary radio committee yesterday, free time on the air will be given the Liberal, Progressive and C.C.F. parties. The Liberals will get two hours and 34 minutes per year and the other parties one hour and 28 minutes. National Democracy and Bloc Populaire, not fulfilling requirements, do not get time. The board of governors recommend a full time chairman at $15,000 a year and a general manager at $13,000.

Fire Goes To Firemen

An instance of the mountain coming to Mohamet occurred last night when city firemen, instead of going to a fire, had a fire come to them.

"It's worth being a fireman just to have such a thing happen," was the opinion of one of the boys.

Shortly after nine o'clock a Chevrolet coupe drove up to the fire hall with smoke pouring from under its engine hood, and with more haste than dignity the driver jumped out and turned in the alarm.

Using equipment from the big fire truck, the firemen obligingly put out the blaze, which had started in the car's carburetor.

Then, expressing his thanks P. J. Simonds, owner of the car, climbed back in and drove away

ASSIMILATED QUICKLY

Glucose, one of the most quickly assimilated foods, reaches the bloodstream five minutes after being swallowed.

CAUSES RELAPSES

It is believed that malaria infection may cause from two to fifteen relapses of the disease.

FEWER BRUISES

Parmone, an acid spray, is now used to keep fruit from dropping from trees prematurely.

Record Weight of Bombs Dropped on Stuttgart In Great Attack Last Night

LONDON, March 16 (CP) — A huge force of Royal Air Force bombers and fighters, which included many Canadian bombers, struck at the Germans last night, dropping a probable record weight of destruction—more than three thousand long tons of bombs—mainly on Stuttgart. More Royal Canadian Air Force bombers than ever took part in the assault. Other Royal Air Force planes hit Munich, targets in northwest Germany and Amiens, France. Forty planes, including eight Canadian aircraft, were lost.

United States bombers attacked southern Germany again today, continuing the offensive which was concentrated yesterday on Brunswick when three Allied bombers and five fighters were lost as against the shooting down of 36 German fighters.

ORIGINAL SKYSCRAPER

The term "skyscraper" was originally applied to a skysail of triangular form.

HAS 14-FOOT SLANT

The famed tower of Pisa leans 14 feet from the perpendicular.

Goyette Elects Speedy Trial

Before Judge W. E. Fisher in county court Leo Goyette, charged with robbery with violence, elected to have a speedy trial when he appeared for election yesterday. The trial was set to begin at 10:30 Friday morning.

Also up for election, George Dewey Fales, charged with theft chose to be tried by judge and jury, which means that he will appear in Assize court, possibly at the next session. He will make application for bail Friday morning.

Election was reserved until March 24 in the case of Gunner John Monick, charged with uttering a forged document.