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RED ARMY LAUNCHES NEW OFFENSIVE

Nazis Transfer Troops In Effort To Stop 8th Army

Allies Inch Forward In Push On Rome

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, ALGIERS, Oct. 7 — (AP) — The Germans have rushed an armored division to the Adriatic coast and have opened a bitter battle against the British 8th army, ending their 300-mile retreat and finally taking a stand against the advancing Allies along a 125-mile front across Italy.

After a slow withdrawal since the Allies first invaded the Italian mainland with the landing of Gen. Sir Bernard Montgomery's 8th army at Reggio Calabria Sept. 3, the German army apparently has entrenched itself for a strong stand and is determined to make the United Nations pay a dear price for their next major objective, Rome.

The Germans were disclosed at Allied headquarters today to be rushing the fortification of the Volturno River line north of Naples against Lt.-Gen. Mark W. Clark's Allied 5th Army, which reported continued dogged progress despite extensive Nazi demolitions and a heavy rain which left the battlefield soggy.

A military spokesman at headquarters said that the Germans were believed to be holding the Volturno line "in some strength."

On the Adriatic coast the Germans attacked the advancing 8th Army—which includes the Canadian 1st Division—with tanks and infantry in the Termoli area and the first assaults were beaten off, today's Allied communique announced.

Further information from the front today disclosed that the crossing of the Volturno by 5th Army elements as reported at headquarters was only along the main tributary of the Volturno system, commonly known as the Calore River.

COMING EVENTS

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**Talkies Murray Harbor South Monday. 10-8-2i

**Booking orders for bulk barley to arrive soon. Special price. W. I. Bowman. 10-7-1i

**Thanksgiving dance in Morell Hall, Monday, October 11. Clifford's Orchestra. 10-7-3i

**Come to the dance in Riverdale School Friday, October 8th. Refreshments. 10-5-8-2i

**Chicken Supper and Dance, Kinkora Hall, Tuesday, October 26. Supper 6 to 10. 10-7-2i

**Dance in Donagh School, Friday, Oct. 8th. Good music. 10-5-8-2i

**Buying good used bags every day. Livestock Feed Agency, Fitzroy Street. 10-8-2i.

**Chicken Supper and dance Iona Hall Monday, October 11. Supper served from 6 p.m. 10-2-4-9-11-4i.

**Dance in Morell Hall, Friday night, Oct. 8. Music by George Chappell and the Merry Islanders. 10-7-2i

**Annual hot goose supper, Thanksgiving Monday, Oct. 11. Victoria Hall, five o'clock (United Church). 10-6-2i

**Wanted to buy live and dressed chickens and fowl. Paying top market prices. Island Cold Storage Co., Ltd. 8-26-tf

**Few nice bred young sows on hand. Good stock. Priced right. Livestock Marketing Board. 10-8-2i.

**Murray Harbor Shipping Club loading hogs Monday afternoon, Oct. 11th. D. Ray Brooks, Secretary. 10-8-1i

**Open to buy, Good quality Island Barley or mixed grain from farmers. Otherwise must import Western Grain. Livestock Feed Agency. Fitzroy Street. 10-8-2i.

COUNTY OBJECTIVES IN VICTORY LOAN

The following objectives by Counties in the forthcoming Victory Loan campaign were announced last night by the provincial headquarters of the National War Finance Committee:

Prince County: $1,150,000
Queen's County: $1,450,000
King's County: $400,000

This compares with the following objectives set in the last Victory Loan campaign:

Prince: $900,000
Queen's: $1,250,000
King's: $350,000

The last Loan objectives, however, were greatly exceeded, Prince County raising $1,217,000 Queen's County $1,470,000 and King's $420,000, or a total of $3,107,000, as against the $3,000,000 objective set for the forthcoming Loan.

The new objectives have been set in conformity with those in other parts of the Dominion. The local community objectives will be in line with those set for the Counties, and will be announced later by the County committees.

To Prince County last time went the honour of being first in the exciting race to reach the County objective. Still keener rivalry is anticipated between the Counties in this campaign, when it is confidently expected that Prince Edward Island will again be in the forefront in the drive to back the fighting forces with the tools needed to "finish the job" and score a decisive victory.

LT. COL. J. D. STEWART

News of whose promotion overseas has been received here. Lt. Col. Stewart, formerly Major in command of "D" Company, North Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island Highlanders, has been appointed to the command of an Ontario regiment. He is a son of the late Hon. J. D. Stewart, twice Premier of Prince Edward Island.

Says St. Croix Broken In Two

NEW YORK, Oct. 7 — (CP) — William Allen Fisher of Black Diamond, Alta., sole survivor of the Canadian destroyer St. Croix, sunk recently in the Atlantic, said today that the warship was broken in two by three German torpedoes and went down after an explosion that shot smoke and flame 200 feet into the air.

Polish Sub Sinks Two German Ships

LONDON, Oct. 7—(CP)—The Polish naval staff today announced that the submarine Dzik, operating with the Royal Navy in the Mediterranean, torpedoed and sank two supply ships in the Bastia Roads while the Germans were attempting an evacuation of Corsica.

Hits were also scored on a large transport and a large tanker. It was impossible to observe full results, but both ships were listed as probably sunk.

The naval staff said that at the time of the attack three ships remaining in Bastia Harbor were on fire.

German Spy Is Sentenced

RIO DE JANIERO, Oct. 7—(AP)—Neills Christensen, German leader of a spy ring which sent radio information from Brazil direct to Germany, was sentenced to 30 years imprisonment today by the National Security Tribunal. He had been linked with a broadcast station which transmitted ship departures and routings, including that of the Queen Mary.

Eight other members of the ring were sentenced to 25 years imprisonment, three to 20 years imprisonment and two others to lesser terms.

Some 80 other persons were absolved.

Allied Mission At Badoglio Camp

IN SOUTHERN ITALY, Oct. 1—(Delayed)—(AP)—Since Sept. 13, an Allied military mission has been at the headquarters of Premier Marshall Pietro Badoglio in close collaboration with the Italian government.

The mission is headed by Lt.-Gen. Frank Noel Mason-MacFarlane, governor and commander-in-chief in the Mediterranean, to the Italian High Command.

Political aspects of the Italian situation are clearing slowly. The temporary regime is working in collaboration with the Allies.

The desire of King Victor Emmanuel and Badoglio to widen the present government and include other non-Fascist Italian elements will be facilitated when the government eventually returns to Rome. At present it functions in southern Italy, its exact location still being a military secret.

Presbyterians Conclude Sessions

TRURO, N. S., Oct. 7 — (CP)—Decision to enter the faculty of divinity when established at McGill University was reached today at the concluding session of the 70th annual synod of the Maritime Branch, Presbyterian Church in Canada. It was also decided to establish a summer camp for young people. A committee was appointed to select a suitable site and draw up plans for the camp.

The proposed faculty at McGill will be established by three Protestant denominations, Presbyterian, United Church and Anglican. The synod decided to try the project for a five year period.

The synod will meet next year at New Glasgow, N. S.

Health Meeting At Ottawa

OTTAWA, Oct. 7— (CP) — Federal health authorities and representatives of health departments in the nine provinces were in conference here today, attending the semi-annual meeting of the Dominion Council of Health.

Spokesmen said the sessions will continue tomorrow, with a further review of health matters of interest to both Dominion and Provincial authorities.

Pensions Minister Mackenzie welcomed the delegates at the opening session. The national physical fitness act, passed at the 1943 session of parliament, was endorsed by a resolution which congratulated the government on the measure.

The council expressed desire to have further detailed information about the draft health insurance bill furnished to provincial governments.

Retailers Indorse Ceiling Price Policy

TORONTO, Oct. 7—(CP)—The Dominion Board of the Retail Merchants' Association of Canada, meeting here, today endorsed a resolution commending the ceiling price policy in effect in Canada and asking Donald Gordon, Prices Board chairman, to outline the way in which the retailers can render the greatest assistance.

The Board also sent a telegram to Mr. Gordon saying "it views with grave concern the recently-reported statement by Mr. Gordon to the effect that it might become impossible to continue the present price ceiling structure in Canada so necessary to avoid inflation."

In opening the annual conference of the executive of the R.M.A., the president, H.R. Renault of Beauceville, Que., urged that the Atlantic Charter be taken as an example of what the world's greatest leaders could do in the way of changed attitude.

War Situation Last Night

By Kirke L. Simpson, Associated Press War Analyst

A new and grave crisis has developed for the Nazis in Russia, threatening their whole northern flank to the Baltic.

A major Russian offensive is under way in the Velikie Luki-Novosokolniki-Nevel triangle, north of the Dnieper line. Nevel already has been captured.

That is the most critical sector of the long eastern front for the Germans. Linked with Russian thrusts converging on the Vitebsk gateway just to the south above the Orsha bend of the Dnieper, the fall of Nevel could crack the German front apart. It could send the whole north flank to Leningrad back in precipitate retreat to avoid being cut off from the rear.

The Velikie-Luki trap was set by the Russians long ago. They took that corner of the vital rail triangle last winter, only to allow that front to lie dormant until now. At Nevel, Red Armies are in close striking distance of Polotsk in rear of the Vitebsk gateway bastion. They have ruptured direct rail and road connections between Nazi forces west of the Dnieper and those in northwestern Russia. A quick Nazi retreat in the north, even Nazi evacuation of Esthonia and much of Latvia, could result.

The push to Nevel likely is the actual beginning of another Russian winter offensive. It will at least merge into real winter fighting, always advantageous in the past to the Russians, if it is sustained only for two or three weeks.

West of Nevel to the Latvian border the country is studded with big and little lakes through which the railroad to Polotsk winds its way. The main rail route from Leningrad to Odessa down the west bank of the Dnieper passes through Nevel with Vitebsk and Orsha the next major towns southward.

Capture of Nevel by the Russians opens the way for a direct drive southward at Vitebsk as well as an encirclement sweep southwestward toward Polotsk. A Russian surge northward toward the Pskov Junction gateway up the Leningrad-Odessa railroad may be intended, possibly linked with a westward drive from the Lovat line below Staraya Russa at the same objective.

It has seemed probable as the Russian summer campaign has developed that the Red spearhead at Velikie-Luki was destined to play a major part in Russian grand strategy but probably not until the enemy had been driven behind the Dnieper to the south. It now appears that the second phase of the vast Russian campaign to drive the enemy off Russian soil during the coming winter is opening.

Allies May Cut Jap China Sea Lifeline

Betting is that Nip Fleet will not come out and fight

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7—(AP)—The assault by the United States Navy on Wake Island challenges anew Japan's control of the west-central Pacific.

If the Japanese fleet won't come out and fight now the whole, huge mandated Island area on which Tokyo has relied heavily for defence of the Empire must be considered vulnerable to early American conquest.

The betting among American military and naval authorities is that the fleet won't come out, that key points in the Marshall, Gilbert and Caroline Islands will be taken against strictly localized resistance and that before the war is many more months along Allied Pacific strategy will have succeeded in cutting the enemy's economic jugular vein through the China Sea.

That is the long-range significance of the Wake attack, regardless of whether it was a raid for destruction of Japanese installations or the beginning of a whirlwind campaign to reconquer the island.

The pattern of the Wake action was established in an American task force raid on Marcus Island a month ago. Marcus is only about 1,000 miles from Japan, and although warships shelled it and planes bombed it for hours not a sea-borne enemy gun showed up to defend it.

The explanation seems to lie in the fact that the Japanese have been decisively beaten in naval and air fighting from the Bering Sea to the Indian Ocean and are unwilling to risk their remaining warships for any except the greatest stakes—in other words, to try to prevent a direct threat to Japan itself.

This ties in directly with indicated American strategy in the Pacific:

One of the United States Navy's jobs presumably is to reopen a line of Island bases across the Central Pacific, westward from Hawaii. At present all Islands in this area west of Midway are held by the Japanese. But in the last analysis—Japan's land-based airpower having proved itself unequal to American aerial fighters—the enemy defence of those islands depends on the enemy fleet.

Since the fleet appears reluctant to do battle the islands may fall without much of a fight.

News Briefs

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Southwest Pacific, Oct. 8 — (Friday) — (A P) — Starving and short of ammunition, the Japanese apparently have abandoned their principal air base of Vila and, at considerable cost in lives and ships, have fled the entire southern half of Kolombangara Island in the Solomons, Allied headquarters announced today. Evacuation of the rest of the island is in progress.

OTTAWA, Oct. 7 — (C P) — A business meeting of all Canadian tourist interests will be held in Quebec city before the year end to deal with war created problems affecting that industry and to plan for the "assimilation of as many returned men as possible" in post war tourist expansion, War Services Minister LaFleche announced tonight.

LONDON, Oct. 8—(Friday) — (CP) — A Reuters News Agency dispatch from Zurich quoting diplomatic reports reaching Switzerland said today the Germans plan to "remove the Pope to a north Italian town offering greater security" should Rome be in danger of capture by the Allies.

BERNE, Oct. 7 — (C P) — The Zurich newspaper Weltwoche suggested today that one of the principal reasons for the German retreats in Russia and Italy was a shortage of essential material, from bullets to airplanes.

OTTAWA, Oct. 7 — (CP) — The Prices Board order restricting the manufacture of certain types of bread, rolls and cakes and eliminating icings, and which was to become effective Oct. 11, has been revoked, it was announced tonight.

"SALADA"
COFFEE
"Now that's what I call good coffee!"

Local Airman Is Missing

Mr. and Mrs. G.E. Champion Charlottetown Airport, have been advised from Ottawa that their son W-O. Clare Champion was missing after air operations overseas October fifth.

W-O. Champion enlisted in the R.C.A.F. in March, 1941, at the age of 18. He received his wings at Rockcliff and proceeding overseas November, 1942. He was mentioned in press dispatch on August 18th, for good work over Reedemunde as skipper of one of the giant Lancasters forming a new Canadian squadron.

Labor Minister Gives Views On Halifax Strike

OTTAWA, Oct. 7—(CP)—Labor Minister Mitchell tonight issued a statement calling on 400 Halifax freight handlers on strike since last Friday to return to work.

He warned them that their strike is illegal but said "the government would prefer that the men return to work and make it unnecessary to take action." Members of the three armed services now being used to unload freight from freight cars will be used "as long as necessary."

"You have left jobs that are vital in our war effort," Mr. Mitchell said. "The unloading of trains arriving in your city with foodstuffs and munitions of war urgently and continuously needed in Britain and other front line areas is a link in the lifeline that extends across Canada and across the Atlantic.

"No more untimely, unwarranted strike could have occurred. It was begun as Canada heard with sorrow of the loss of the destroyer St. Croix with 146 out of 147 officers and men. They went to glorious graves for the honor and defence of their country.

"The government will not let this strike tie up so important a part of the war effort. We were forced to use the services of sailors, soldiers and airmen so that perishable goods would not spoil and quickly be moved from the trains to waiting ocean ships.

"We shall continue to uese these servicemen as long as necessary but I urge the regular freight handlers not to stay out any longer. We need our servicemen for their special tasks. You are impeding our war effort by making it necessary for us to use them unloading the trains.

"I have stated that this strike is illegal but the government would prefer that the men return to work and make it unnecessary to take action. I must warn you, however, that in striking you have violated Section 54 of the Wartime Wages Control Order."

Community Coal Delivery Plan

SAINT JOHN, N.B., Oct. 7—(CP)—The City Council decided today to ask fuel dealers if they would approve a community plan of co-operation to facilitate coal delivery. Owing to a serious shortage of delivery men, the Council suggested that other citizens might volunteer for the work. One dealer, a Councillor said, has informed customers he would be unable to fill their orders for the winter.

Nazi Bomb Kills Many In Naples

By NOEL MONKS
(Representing The Combined British Press)
Distributed By The Canadian Press

NAPLES, Oct. 7—(CP)—One of the war's greatest atrocities was perpetrated against the Neapolitans by the Germans today when a delayed-action mine containing several hundred tons of high explosive, planted in the basement of the postoffice building, exploded.

Scores of Italian civilians, including many women and children, were blown to pieces as the whole pavement in the Via Armondo Diaz was flung into the air.

SHUTDOWN LIKELY

VANCOUVER, Oct. 7—(CP)—Nigel Moroan, international labor member of the International Woodworkers of America (CIO) said today a work stoppage will "undoubtedly be general in Queen Charlotte Island spruce logging camps tomorrow unless a favorable decision is reached on demands for Union agreements.

He said operators have refused to sign agreements recognizing the I.W.A. as bargaining agency for some 700 loggers producing spruce for warplane construction.

Cracks Vaunted Dnieper Line

LONDON, Oct. 7—(CP)—The Red Army has cracked the vaunted German Dnieper River line to establish three west bank bridgeheads north and south of Kiev, has driven two dangerous wedges through the Leningrad-Vitebsk front, and has swept the Germans out of the Caucasus in a smashing renewal of its great 1943 offensive, Moscow announced tonight.

Smoothly merging their summer drive into an even more widespread offensive threatening disasters for the enemy, Russian troops crossed the Dnieper to establish the three bridgeheads despite furious German counter-attacks and now are extending them "step by step," a Soviet communique said.

All German counter-attacks were "repulsed with heavy losses," Moscow said of the drive that threatens to trap hundreds of thousands of Germans in the river loop and force another German withdrawal—this time into Rumania and Poland.

More than 8,000 Germans fell in two day's bitter fighting at one bridgehead, the communique said, as the Germans strove "at all costs to hold up the Soviet advance."

Attacking now along a 2,000-mile front instead of the previous 800-mile area, the Russians also captured Nevel in an offensive 60 miles north of Vitebsk, White Russia, and punched out a nine-mile gain southeast of Leningrad on the long-dormant Volkhov front.

Local Man Meets Death At Oil Drilling Site

James Mullins, 31 year old Charlottetown laborer was killed late yesterday afternoon at the oil drilling site in Hillsboro Bay. Details of the accident were not learned but it was understood that he fell from a platform about six feet to the floor of the cribwork on which drilling operations are being carried out. It was considered possible that the man took a weak turn before he fell.

He had just returned from Pictou N. S. where he had been employed for some time. It was understood to be his first day with the oil drilling company.

The body was taken to a local undertaking parlor.

Coroner Dr. I. J. Yeo ordered an inquest. It is expected that evidence will be taken this morning.

Mullins was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Mullins, also of Charlottetown.

In addition to his parents he is survived by a wife, the former Miss Gertrude McNeill, daughter of D. F. McNeill, M. L. A., Summerside and two children.

Funeral arrangements were not completed last night.

Nazis Step Up Air Attacks

LONDON, Oct. 8—(Friday)—(CP)—The Germans sent a considerable number of planes over England before midnight last night—probably the largest number at one time since 1941—to strike at London and several other places for their longest raid of the year.

Shortly after, Berlin and other German radio stations went off the air, indicating the R.A.F. might be striking into Germany at the same time.

Using a puny imitation of Allied bombing tactics, the Germans chose scattered targets, but only a few attackers managed to reach London and most of the noise came from the barrage of anti-aircraft guns.

Two of the raiders were shot down, one coming down in flames in the London area after searchlights tracked it around the sky.

Are Awarded Commissions

HALIFAX, Oct. 7—(CP) — The names of six Maritimers, who have been awarded commissions following completion of their air crew training in Canada, were announced here today by Eastern Air Command headquarters.

The list includes:

Prince Edward Island

Warrant Officer Hugh Gordon McClure, Breadalbane.

New Brunswick.

Warrant Officer Ivan James Wallace, Edmunston.

Warrant Officer Lawrence Allan Blaney, Millville.

C. C. F. Believes No Election This Fall

FORT WILLIAM, Oct. 7—(CP)—A.M. Nicholson, C.C.F member of parliament for MacKenzie, Sask., said here today the C.C.F. expects to enter candidates in every constituency in the next general election.

Returning from the recent national C.C.F. executive meeting in Ottawa, Mr. Nicholson also said that "our executive has come to the conclusion after considering the matter fully, that Prime Minister Mackenzie King is not likely to call a federal election this fall."

More Zinc Oxide For Powder, Face Cream

OTTAWA, Oct. 7—(CP)—Use of zinc oxide as an ingredient of talcum powder, face cream, and other cosmetics will be permitted for the first time since late in 1941, Munitions Minister Howe announced tonight.

Cosmetic manufacturers will be allowed an annual quota of one-half what they used in 1940.

The relaxation on restrictions on zinc has been made possible by improvement in the shipping picture.

The new order raises from 50 to 65 per cent the zinc quota for zinc oxide in paint manufacture, allows the galvanizing of pipes up to and including three inches in diameter, and makes certain adjustments in other zinc quotas.

ARMY OFFICER RETIRES

OTTAWA, Oct. 7—(CP) — G. S. Jones of Ottawa, assistant quatermaster-general (supplies and accomodation) at defence headquarters retired this week upon reaching the maximum age limit for officers in the Canadian army—60 years—defence headquarters announced tonight.

20 Percent Gain In National Income

OTTAWA, Oct. 7—(CP)—A 20 per-cent gain in Canada's National Income during the first eight months of this year as compared with the same period of 1942 was reported today by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

The comparative figures were $5,845,000,000 and $4,869,000,000.

CHANGE IN COMMAND

MONCTON, N.B., Oct. 7—(CP)—Today marked the change of command in two Royal Canadian Air Force Stations in this area. Group Captain H.A.W. Dickson coming here from Halifax where he was senior equipment staff officer for the last fourteen months, took over command from Wing Commander C.F. Bennett, at No. 5 Equipment Depot, R.C.A.F. Wing Commander Bennett has been posted to No. 1 Equipment Depot, Toronto.

High tide this evening at 7.16 and tomorrow morning at 6 34.
Sun sets this evening at 6 30 and rises tomorrow morning at 7.07.
Full moon Oct. 13, 9.23 a.m.

DAILY AIR SERVICE (EXCEPT SUNDAY)
Charlottetown — Summerside — Moncton
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Arrive Charlottetown 1.10 p. m. 5.45 p. m. 7.05 p. m.

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Leaves Cariboo 12.15 p.m. 4.15 p.m.

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