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NAZI POSITIONS AT CAEN OUTFLANKED

Nazis Reel Back Before Red Drive

Election Before July, 1945 King Declares

MR. JAMES WILLIAM MacKINNON

son of Mr. James A. MacKinnon, chief executive officer of the War Labour Board, Charlottetown, and formerly of Coleman, who has graduated with his B. A. degree in Arts with honours in History at Acadia University. Mr. MacKinnon who is twenty years of age, was Valedictorian of his class at Prince of Wales College in 1942. The thesis which he submitted in requirement for his degree was a comprehensive study in British diplomacy, dealing with the career of Sir Arthur Nicolson, Lord Carnock, through whose efforts Britain, France and Russia were able to present a united front to the Central Powers in 1914.

OTTAWA, June 27 — (CP) — A general election before next July loomed as a certainty before members of the House of Commons tonight as Prime Minister Mackenzie King ended a rather casual debate on social welfare with an utterance that threw members into a state of high political tension.

Just before the House gave second reading to Mr. King's bill to set up a Department of National Health and Welfare he declared an election would take place before the Family Allowances Bill comes into effect and that will happen in July, 1945.

Mr. King's latest utterance went just a shade further than an early sessional statement to the effect that Parliament's term would expire next year and he was opposed on general principles to an extension of the term. That utterance left the way open to an extension should war conditions be so serious as to override Mr. King's objection.

"There will be an election either this year or next year and before that measure comes into force," said Mr. King.

He made the statement in commenting on a statement issued by Progressive Conservative Leader John Bracken alleging that the Family Allowance Bill was a "political bribe" because the date on which the allowances should start was fixed so far ahead.

Mr. King declared he personally was the one who fixed the date and he did so because he did not propose to do as a former Conservative Prime Minister has done and have cheques going out to electors on the eve of an election.

In a sharp attack on Mr. Bracken, interspersed with interruptions from Gordon Graydon, Progressive Conservative House Leader, to the effect Mr. King was playing politics with social security, the Liberal leader said had Mr. Bracken been in the House he would have been compelled to withdraw his statement.

Wave Of Optimism Sweeping France

LONDON, June 27 — (C P) — (Reuter) — A report from underground France said today that spirits are rising and black market prices are falling in German occupied sections of the country and said that enthusiasm for General de Gaulle now "is apparent everywhere." It added that the resistance movement is successfully preparing the future civil administration of France, province by province.

Urges Support In Cancer Treatment

OTTAWA, June 27 — (CP) — Harry Leader (L-Portage La Prairie) today in the Commons renewed his appeal for government assistance to expand and preserve the cancer treatment developed by Dr. J. R. Davidson of Winnipeg.

Since his last speech to the House on the subject, he said he had received hundreds of letters and resolutions supporting his stand.

"The public is behind me in my efforts and if the government doesn't know this it is time they did," he said.

Mr. Leader said he spoke from personal experience as a victim of cancer and one who after coming through a two-hour exploratory operation was told his case was hopeless. Dr. Davidson's treatments had helped him.

STAGE TO BEACHHEAD

BRIGHTON, England — (CP) — Less than 14 hours after he was on an operational flight over the Allied beachhead in France, Robin Allen, a Brighton sergeant engineer in the R: A. F competed at Brighton's Musical Festival and won a silver challenge cup for solo singing. Then he returned to his flying.

5 Divisions Caught In Trap Lay Down Arms

By RUSSEL LANDSTROM

LONDON, June 27—(AP)—The great Soviet offensive swept forward through the German "fatherland line" in White Russia today, capturing the railway junction of Orsha, entering the streets of Mogilev and the outskirts of Bobruisk, and liquidating five divisions of Nazis in a pocket southwest of Vitebsk, Moscow announced tonight.

Already far below their normal strength of 12,000 men each, the German divisions fought desperately in a futile battle, Moscow said, and finally accepted an ul-

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Population Of Canada Said To Be Higher

OTTAWA, June 27 — (CP) — The Dominion Bureau of Statistics said today the population of Canada in June of last year, including members of the armed forces, was 11,812,000 compared with 11,654,000 in 1942, an increase of 158,000.

The estimate was based upon a count of the births and deaths recorded and on counts of the first three ration books issued. The increase in the population since the census date in 1941 was 305,000.

Decreases between 1942 and 1943 were recorded in the estimated populations of New Brunswick and Saskatchewan, the decline in the population of the former amounting to 1,000 and in the latter 6,000. Quebec revealed an increase of 67,000; Ontario 33,000; British Columbia 30,000; Alberta 16,000; Nova Scotia 16,000; Manitoba 2,000; and Prince Edward Island 1,000.

The 1943 estimates were as follows by provinces, with figures for 1942 in brackets:

Ontario, 3,917,000 (3,884,000); Quebec, 3,467,000 (3,390,000); British Columbia, 900,000 (870,000); Saskatchewan, 842,000 (848,000); Alberta, 792,000 (776,000); Manitoba, 726,000 (724,000); Nova Scotia, 607,000 (591,000); New Brunswick, 463,000 (464,000); Prince Edward Island, 91,000 (90,000).

Famous Ottawa Airman Killed

OTTAWA, June 27 — (C P) — Lt.-Cmdr. Digby Bell Cosh, 26, of Ottawa, who received the Distinguished Service Cross for good service in attacking the German battleship Tirpitz as she lay at anchor in Alten Fjord, Norway, in April has been killed in a flying accident in England, the navy announced today.

Cosh, a Royal Navy Fleet Air Arm pilot, led a squadron of "Hellcat" fighter planes which scarred the Tirpitz with machine gun fire and smoothed the way for the following bombers.

Lt.-Cmdr. Cosh received mention in dispatches May 30, the day on which his award of the D. S. C. was announced. He was previously awarded mention in dispatches for his conduct during heavy air raids on Plymouth and Devenport, Eng., in April 1941.

War Situation Last Night

By James D. White, Associated Press War Analyst (Substituting for Kirk L. Simpson)

Japan is at a turning point in south-central China, where Premier-General Tojo will choose between a passive defence based on the Maginot line mentality and an aggressive counter-offensive which if successful could prolong the war in the Orient.

The evidence is that he is choosing the latter course.

Literally, the Japanese army already is at a fork in the road. From the strategic rail junction of Hengyang which it now besieges, one railway runs south to Canton, another southwest to Kweillin.

Chungking dispatches now openly express the fear that the Japs may take the road to Kweillin, 180 miles away. Beyond, another 90 miles, is Liuchow. From Liuchow, 200 miles to the northwest lies Kweiyang, and west from Kweiyang 300 miles is Kunming, Japanese dispatches speak of every one of these cities as centres of American air activity.

Chungking, the wartime capital, lies 200 miles straight north of Kweiyang.

The danger of such a drive on Kweillin has been obvious since it became apparent that this summer the Japanese would take Changsha and for the first time invade the approaches to American air bases in southeast and southwest China, but the suggestion did not get past the Chinese censor until yesterday. No official hint was given as to why this subject now becomes mentionable, but it is possible that the Japs may already be on the road to Kweillin from Hengyang, which may have been by-passed.

All fronts in the far east are complicated, but the one factor which makes them comprehensible is the uniformity of Japanese policy and the way it ties in various fronts to a single objective. With this principle in mind, widely separated pieces of strategy can be fitted into a pattern whereby Japan seeks to paralyze the weakest spot in the Allied line against her. In simple truth and without reflection upon the bravery and patience of the Chinese, this weak spot is China.

Republicans Adopt Platform For 1944

CHICAGO, June 27 — (CP) — The Republican National Convention today gave speedy assent to its 1944 platform and in doing so handed a snub to Wendell L. Willkie, the party's choice for President four years ago.

Willkie last night issued a statement at New York bitterly opposing the foreign policy plank and 15 State Governors also expressed opposition to it. But today the entire platform was swiftly ratified, although no more than one fourth of the 1,057 delegates were present when it was submitted to the convention.

Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York, who probably will be chosen by the convention tomorrow as the Republican's candidate in the November Presidential elections, is said to approve the platform.

Strong pressure has developed for an all-Governor ticket—Dewey of New York for President, Earl Warren of California for Vice-President. The big Pennsylvania delegation decided at a floor caucus to go for Warren.

On the foreign policy, the Republicans declared for a "post-war co-operative organization among sovereign nations to prevent military aggression and to attain permanent peace with organized justice in a free world." The party proposes that "peace forces" be used to "prevent or repel military aggression."

"We pledge prosecution of the war to total victory," the platform says.

"We declare our relentless aim to win the war against all our enemies: (1) For our own American security and welfare; (2) To make and keep the Axis powers impotent to renew tyranny and attack; (3) For the attainment of peace and freedom based on justice and security."

Both Chairman Robert A. Taft of the Drafting Committee and Senator Warren Austin of Vermont, platform committee member, said the foreign plank meant "military forces" should be used to halt aggression. Whether that satisfied Willkie was not known immediately, but it placated Gov. Walter E. Edge of New Jersey, who had termed the foreign policy plank "weasel-roded." He voiced faith in these assurances and thought nothing would be gained by a floor fight.

In his keynote address last night, Gov. Warren pledged in the name of his party peace and jobs for all Americans and attacked that "ominous, gargantuan figure of an arrogant, power-intoxicated bureaucracy" which he said now ruled the United States. His 4,000-word speech was chiefly one of praise for his own party.

Give Casualty Figures From Normandy Front

OTTAWA, June 29—(Wednesday)—(CP) — Canadian casualties in the first 15 days of the invasion of France totalled 2,815, it was announced today by defence headquarters. There were 363 killed, 1,359 wounded and 1,093 missing.

Canadian casualties were announced simultaneously with those of the United Kingdom and the United States. The total for the three countries was given as 40,549 and this included 13,572 for the United Kingdom and 24,162 for the United States.

British casualties comprised 1,842 killed, 8,599 wounded and 3,131 missing while the United States total was made up of 3,082 killed, 1,121 wounded and 7,959 missing.

W. M. S. Convention At Sackville

SACKVILLE, N. B., June 27 — (CP)—The executive of the Maritime Conference Branch, Women's Missionary Society, tonight considered reports to be presented at the branch convention tomorrow. Delegates from the three provinces began to arrive today for the first convention of the organization in three years. Mrs. J. H. A. Anderson, Moncton, is president of the Maritime branch.

Victor Podoski To Go To London

MONTREAL, June 27 — (CP) — Victor Podoski, first Polish Minister to Canada, will leave this country at the end of the next month for London to take up new duties with the Polish Foreign Service the Polish Consulate General said here today.

Mr. Podoski, who has been a member of the Polish Foreign Service for more than 20 years, was first appointed consul general here in 1941. He became the first Polish Minister to Canada in 1942.

Monty Hails Cherbourg Fall

WITH ALLIED FORCES IN FRANCE, June 27 — (AP) —General Montgomery tonight hailed the fall of Cherbourg in a message of congratulations sent to Lt.-Gen. Omar Bradley, United States army commander. The message said:

My Dear Bradley:

I want to congratulate you personally and the whole of your forces on the capture of Cherbourg and on the operations which have led up to that capture. You have a fine army, full of brave fighting men, and it is a great honor to me to have such an army under my command.

I would like to convey my congratulations to every officer and man in your army. With such troops as we have in the Allied armies, and supported as we are by the splendid work of the Allied navies, there can only be one end to this war—and that is complete victory.

Yours sincerely, B. L. Montgomery.

P. E. I. In Farm Labor Agreement

OTTAWA, June 27 — (CP) — Labor Minister Mitchell today announced the completion of agreements with Saskatchewan, Quebec and Prince Edward Island covering a joint Dominion - Provincial farm labor program.

Similar agreements with the other provinces were announced previously.

Under these agreements the provinces share jointly with the Dominion the cost of recruiting, placing and transporting workers for agriculture within the province. The Dominion undertakes to pay the provincial governments up to a total of $523,000 as its share of the expenses.

In addition the Dominion government bears the entire expense of interprovincial farm movement.

Former President Of Johns Manville Dies

PLEASANTVILLE, N Y., June 27—(AP)—Hiram Edward Manville, 71, former president and chairman of the board of Johns-Manville corp, and one of the wealthiest men in the United States died today at his home in Pleasantville.

Ill health forced the industrialist to retire from active business in 1939.

He was a son of the late Charles B Manville, founder of the original company bearing the Manville family name, and for more than half a century he served the company in various capacities.

Gnr. Ira Lorne Clark Drowned Serving In Italy

Official word was received yesterday by Mrs. Ira Lorne Clarke, 10 Water Street, City, that her husband, Gunner Ira Lorne Clarke, was drowned while on active service with the 8th Army in Italy.

Gunner Clarke went overseas in January, 1940, with the 2nd Medium Battery. He leaves his wife, the former Jessie MacLean, and one daughter, Phyllis; also his father, Mr. Ray Clarke, and one sister Mrs. Claude Ives of Summerside.

Gunner Clarke was 31 years of age.

Enemy-Held Road And Railway Cut

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, June 27—(AP)—British troops, quickly exploiting the American capture of Cherbourg, which hiked Axis losses to at least 70,000 men since D-Day, launched a major attack at the eastern end of the Normandy front today, rolling to within three miles of Caen and outflanking that German bastion on the road to Paris.

NAZI-HELD RAILWAY CUT

An Allied communique at 11:30 P. M. said the Caen-Villers—Bocage railway had been crossed near Mouen, four miles southwest of Caen, in an advance made despite determined enemy resistance in torrential rain.

Front dispatches indicated that the tank-supported British forces also had cut the Caen-Avranches trunk highway across the base of the Normandy Peninsula. It runs close to Mouen, and in two days the British troops have advanced seven miles east and southeast of Tilly Sur Seulles and captured more than nine villages.

BEGIN REPAIRS AT CHERBOURG

The British forces sprang into action even as thousands of German troops were filing into American prison cages at Cherbourg and Allied repair experts were hurrying to make the prize port a springboard for huge reinforcements and supplies as the invasion went into its fourth week.

Twenty-thousand Germans have been captured in the cleanup of the Cherbourg peninsula, the Allied communique said, "and more are being brought in."

Railway Leads to Paris

The fall of Cherbourg late Monday night gave the Allies the port and railhead for the double-track railway leading to Paris. A 75-mile junction of the track now is in Allied hands, extending from Cherbourg through Carentan and Bayeux to a point only a few miles west of razed Caen, the "hinge" of the German eastern position.

"We are continuing our attack against the last remnants of organized opposition by elements of the enemy's forces holding out in Maupertus airfield, east of Cherbourg, and in the north-tip of the peninsula," the communique said.

Canadian artillery and the big guns of Allied warships aided the push toward Caen and the flanking movement south of it. An Allied spokesman said the Allies were "infinitely" better than the Germans in artillery, and predicted a savage Allied aerial onslaught on the enemy should he try to amount a big counter-attack.

Allies Take Nine Villages

The British troops were moving ahead on a seven-mile front and in two days had overrun the villages of Cheux, La Gaulle, St. Manvieu, Fontenay, Tessel, Bretteville, Brettvillette, Juvigny, and Colleville.

Field dispatches said some British units were within three miles of Caen on the west.

The Britons were attacking through muddy poppy fields drenched in a Monday night rainstorm. Allied planes blasted German gun positions and strafed troop columns on the roads at the rear of Caen.

German snipers resorted to their usual trick of hiding in treetops or in the thick hedges bordering Normandy fields. British machine-gun units and tank men sprayed these nests blindly as the drive rolled ahead.

Bigger Battles Loom

An even greater battle than that for Cherbourg loomed ahead of the British units because of Marshal Rommel's efforts to contain the Allied beachhead and keep it from spreading southward toward the Brittany peninsula and eastward toward Rouen and Paris.

German broadcasts betrayed fears of the new Allied "leap frog landings" along the French coast now that Cherbourg has been eliminated along with the big coastal guns the Germans had been manning around it.

British Near Lovely Open Tank Country

AT THE BRITISH FRONT IN FRANCE, 8:05 P. M., June 27 — (AP) — British troops smashed through to the Odon River five miles southwest of Caen late today, cutting the highway and railway between that German stronghold at Avranches at the southern base of the Normandy Peninsula.

Just ahead of the advancing troops is what an officer described as "lovely open tank country."

The tank-supported British forces chalked up a gain of 2,000 yards in a day of hard fighting in some sectors and now are mopping up enemy remnants at Tourville, Colleville and probably Mouen, five miles southwest of Caen.

Upswing In Army Recruiting

OTTAWA, June 27 — (CP)— Defence headquarters reported today a "definite upswing" in recruiting for the army, with the intake for the week ended June 17 totalling 1,769, highest for this year to date.

An official statement said the invasion was "a factor" in the increase.

High tide this afternoon at 4.35 and tomorrow morning at 5.29.

High tide this evening at 8.50 and rises tomorrow morning at 5.16.

First quarter moon June 28, 2.27 A. M.

DAILY AIR SERVICE

Charlottetown — Summerside — Moncton

Leave Charlottetown 7.35 a. m. 12.00 noon. 4.30 p. m.

Arrive Charlottetown 1.10 p. m. 5.45 p. m. 7.05 p. m.

SUNDAY SERVICE

Leave Charlottetown 12 noon.

Arrive Charlottetown 5.45 p. m.

P. E. I.—N. S. FERRY SERVICE DAILY INCLUDING SUNDAYS

Leave Wood Islands—7.00 A. M 11.00 A. M. 3.00 P. M.

Leaves Cariboo—9.00 A. M. 1.0 P. M. 5.00 P. M.

During May and June the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 11.00 A. M. and 1.00 P.M sailings will be cancelled.

Navy Men Wonder Where Nazi Fleet Was On D-Day

By FRANK LOWE

LONDON, June 27—(CP)—Failure of the Nazi air force to hurl itself against invasion forces has been puzzled over by many, but naval men here are wondering just why the small but efficient German fleet never made a serious attempt to cut down the second front armada. And, they admit readily, they are just as glad the enemy fleet stayed at home.

Not that it would have stopped invasion ships, but had the German fleet of E-boats, U-boats and destroyers been used properly, naval men agreed they might have made the landings much more costly.

True they wouldn't have been able to do much fighting—Allied destroyers and M.T.B.'s would have seen to that—but they could have roared to shore with the news of what was coming, thus taking away the surprise which leaders here admit was one of the biggest elements in the invasion's initial success.

Let Army Do Fighting

Since that first slip-up, too, the German navy seems content, like Luftwaffe, to let the land troops do the fighting.

U-boats did turn up, but not in the wolf-packs expected. Had they done so they certainly could have been dealt with.

German destroyers also have been extremely coy, seldom venturing into the channel. A couple did, and H.M.C.S. Haida and H.M.C.S. Huron slipped on their knuckle dusters and gave them a going over that has discouraged any similar attempts.

Depended on Mines

The German navy, apparently, depended on mines to keep the invasion fleet away. But it looks as if they forgot to take into account the cold courage of the Royal Navy and the Royal Canadian Navy Minesweepers.

These little ships with the big hearts chugged along at the head of the invasion fleet as coolly as on a naval review, gathering up the mines so efficiently that within a matter of hours they had neutralized the weapon in which the Germans were placing their greatest faith. And the long-awaited invasion was a reality. ... ...

Bitter Struggle Rages For Key To Marianas

Japanese Base At Mogaung Captured

KANDY CEYLON, June 27—(AP)—British and Chinese Chindit forces have captured the Japanese stronghold of Mogaung in North Burma and trapped a large force of Japanese between there and Kamaing, 20 miles to the northwest, Allied southeast Asia headquarters announced today.

Crop Outlook On Prairies Promising

OTTAWA, June 27—(CP) — The Dominion Bureau of Statistics said today the "general promising outlook" for crops in the Prairie Provinces was maintained during the last week.

PEARL HARBOR, June 27—(AP)—A bitter struggle raged today for Saipan, key to the Marianas Islands, and its capital of Garapan with heightened Japanese resistance indicating an all-out infantry battle may be at hand.

Front-line dispatches pictured desperate street fighting in Garapan. American marines and infantry held the southern outskirts of the town, which had a peacetime population of 10,000.

Patrols cautiously probing into the city met the fire of snipers and machine-gunners. Every house and cellar was the hideout for enemy soldiers. Every street and alley was littered with the dead. The town was a pile of wreckage.

The Island-wide battlelines hinged at the centre of Mount Tapotchau, now in American hands, from that dominating height at the Island's centre the front reached westward to coastal Garapan and eastward to Donnay village.

Japanese resistance had stiffened all along the front, said front dispatches.

Complete air and naval superiority aided the invaders.