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SOVIETS CONVERGE ON ROSTOV TO TRAP NAZIS

Jap Convoy Moves To Land Men On New Guinea

Two Transports Sunk, 18 Zeros Are Shot Down

Awarded D.F.M.

SGT. PILOT H. LEAVITT, D.F.M.

Mr. and Mrs. William Leavitt of Alberton have been informed their son, Sgt. Pilot Herbert Leavitt (above) has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal. He is serving overseas with the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Sgt. Leavitt was educated in the public school at Alberton and at Prince of Wales College and Mount Allison University. He left the latter institution to enlist in February, 1941. He received his wings at Moncton in November of the same year and went overseas shortly after.

He is 22 years old.

Canadian Staff To Soviet Russia

OTTAWA, Jan. 7 —(CP)— L. D. Wilgress, who leaves shortly for his post as Canadian Minister to Soviet Russia, will be accompanied by a staff of five and two of them, like himself, speak Russian.

The staff members will be:—

First Secretary, R. M. MacDonnell, 33, at present second secretary of the Canadian Legation in Washington.

Military attache, Brig. H. Lefebvre, 54, of Montreal, recently returned from service overseas.

Assistant military attache, Maj. G. J. Okulitch, 34, a native of Russia who recently returned from Active Service with the Canadian forces overseas.

Third secretaries, A.C Smith, 28, Toronto, now on a special mission in Cairo; and J A McCordick, 27, Toronto, recently returned from Service with the Canadian Intelligence service overseas.

DARLAN'S ASSASSIN?

BERLIN, (From German Broadcasts), Jan. 7—(AP)—Advices from Vichy said today the assassin of Admiral Jean Darlan, (who was executed after the Christmas Eve shooting of the French High Commissioner for northwest Africa) was Bornier De La Chapelle, a student and the son of a journalist.

Coming Events

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**West Royalty Vs. Royals, East Royalty Friday night. Skate after. 1-8-1i.

**Notice — Car of mixed feed now unloading. G. C. Green, Emerald. 1-8-1i

**Loading hogs for Davis & Fraser, railway, Murray Harbour Monday, January 11th. Murray River 12th. John J. Beck. 1-8-1i.

**We are buying live and dressed chickens and fowl daily, paying top market value. Phone or write for prices. Island Cold Storage, Ltd. 12-15-tf.

**Next receiving date for hogs. Albany Thursday 14th. Emerald Friday 15th A. M. until 11.30. Signed G. C. Green & A. C. Green. 1-6-3i.

**Moase Bros., Freetown, loading hogs at Summerside every Monday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Kensington each Tuesday 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and at Freetown each Tuesday 12-3 p.m. This loading schedule will be followed until further notice. Livestock Marketing Board. 1-2-8-15-22-29

By C. Yates McDaniel
Associated Press Staff Writer

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Jan. 8—(Friday)—(AP)—Two large transports, one heavily loaded with troops, sunk and 18 Zeros shot down was the heavy price paid by the Japanese in the first 24 hours of their seventh major attempt to land reinforcements in northeastern New Guinea.

While planes of the southwest Pacific command of Gen. Douglas MacArthur kept up a virtual nonstop blasting of the 10-ship convoy off Lae, Australian and American ground forces completed envelopment of the Japanese at Sananandа.

The spokesman said regrouping of Allied land forces for the final clean-up assault at Sananandа is nearly completed with sharp patrol activity heralding the smashing of the enemy's last foothold on Papua.

Jap Losses

Emphasizing confidence in an early windup of the Papua campaign, Gen. MacArthur detailed the units which had comprised the Japanese army and gave these losses for the enemy in that battle area, including Rabaul, New Britain, since the Japs landed at Buna last July: 333 Jap aircraft destroyed, 81 probably destroyed and 117 damaged; six cruisers, 13 destroyers, a destroyer tender, two seaplane tenders, two gunboats, 44 large to medium merchant ships, 39 small to medium merchant ships and between 150 and 200 landing barges sunk, destroyed or seriously damaged.

British Lose Captured Ridge

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, North Africa, Jan. 7—(AP)— British 1st Army veterans have been driven from the dominating Jebel Azzag heights commanding a road to Mateur, 15 miles to the east, after capturing and holding the position for a day, an Allied communique said today.

A lull in recent heavy rains allowed British troops to attack Tuesday. The Germans counter-attacked successfully yesterday, regaining all the ground they had lost. Mateur is 20 miles southeast of Bizerte, the naval base which is a prime goal of the British, American and French allies;

(The British 8th Army in Libya remained virtually motionless before the fortified German position in the Wadi Zem-Zem, about 180 airline miles east of Tripoli. Air activity increased slightly and patrols were active. British bombers with the 8th Army started railway and waterfront fires at Sousse on the Tunisian east coast, a Cairo communique said

(Fighting French headquarters in London announced a force of Brig.-Gen. Le Clerc's forces had captured the main Axis outpost of Umm-El-Araueil in the Fezzan area in the Libyan desert 600 miles south of Tripoli.

(These troops under the legendary Fighting French General were said to have advanced northward to the fight more than 1,000 miles from their bases near Lake Chad. Several hundred prisoners, guns and other booty were taken in the fierce attack, the Fighting French reported.)

N. S. Woman Lost at Lisbon

LISBON, Jan. 7—(AP)—Police said today they had found the handbag of an American woman, formerly a Canadian, on a rock in "the mouth of hell," a huge rock crater at Cascais Estoril near Lisbon, last night, and said she probably fell accidentally into the sea or was washed away by a wave.

She was identified tentatively as Hazel Helen MacKaye, 47, a native of Nova Scotia, and recently of New York city, who came here with a group of the United States committee for the care of European children.

She was identified at the children's welfare federation in New York at the daughter of Mrs. Catherine MacKaye of Stellarton, N.S. She was said to have been at one time employed by the international Grenfell Mission in Labrador.

FIRES IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Jan. 8 —(CP)—Two explosive fires—one in a crowded bowling alley last midnight and the other in a truck-repair plant today—brought death to six persons and sent 40 others to hospitals.

Seven workers were injured when flames and three explosions swept through the repair shop of the Heil Company late today.

Manion Seeks A.R.P. Support

OTTAWA, Jan. 7 —(CP)— Municipalities should be more ready than many of them appear to be to spend municipal funds on air raid precautions, Hon. R. J. Manion, A.R.P. Director, said in a speech prepared for delivery tonight over the National Network of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

He appealed to citizens to join the civil defence forces of their communities and warned that Canadian cities may yet be attacked from the air with bombs or gas.

The passive civil defence of their communities offered citizens unable to serve in the active forces an opportunity to do their duty, just as soldiers, sailors and airmen did theirs.

One Million Gas Masks For Quebec

MONTREAL, Jan. 7—(CP)—To be made available to the general public should war conditions warrant, 1,000,000 gas masks have been forwarded to the province of Quebec Civilian Protection Committee for distribution to areas vulnerable to enemy attack, it was learned officially here tonight.

P. N. Soden, Deputy Provincial C.P.C. Officer, said that seven carloads of the masks already have been sent to the Gaspe Peninsula and the north shore coastline of the St. Lawrence River.

Big Increase In Collections Of Income Tax

OTTAWA, Jan. 7 —(CP)— Income tax collections during the first nine months of the current fiscal year—up to Dec. 31—totalled $1,008,191,903, a net increase of $563,015,459 over the same period of 1941-42 when $445,176,444 was collected, Revenue Minister Gibson announced today. It was indicated then that total revenues by the year-end next March 31 would total more than $1,500,000,000.

During the nine months ended Dec. 31, all 19 income-tax districts showed increases.

Collections from districts, with increase in brackets: Ottawa $54,261,963 ($24,195,320); Halifax $23,080,907 ($12,740,795); Quebec $15,200,542 ($8,101,685); Saint John, N.B., $13,317,681 ($7,178,831); Charlottetown $1,271,747 ($639,409.)

Kinsmen Hold Annual Meeting

$3,264.51 has been sent to Milk for Britain during the past year by the Kinsmen Club of this city, it was reported at the annual meeting of the club held in the Charlottetown Hotel last night

Professor Lorne C. Callbeck was elected President for the coming year at last night's meeting.

The Charlottetown Kinsmen Club during 1942 has had the most successful year in its history, Past President E. S. Lord stated in his report which praised the work of the few members remaining in the Club.

He expressed most feelingly the loss of the Club in the death of its most valued member, the late John C. A. Gordon.

One of the most important steps forward was stated to have been the formation of the Kinette Club during the past year. This sister club has had a most successful beginning and great things are ex-

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Old Aviation Magazines Needed

OTTAWA, Jan. 7—(CP)—Old aviation magazines containing pictures of aircraft are wanted by the R.C.A.F. Today it issued an appeal to citizens to mail back copies of magazines to the Director of Air Training at Ottawa.

The air force doesn't want the magazines as reading matter for the men. It wants to cut out the plane pictures and use them to teach aircraft recognition.

LANDLORD FOUND GUILTY

HALIFAX, Jan. 7 — (CP) — In the first Nova Scotia conviction of its kind, Ella Rosborough was found guilty today of failing to provide a tenant with heat at reasonable temperature levels. She was fined $15 by Magistrate R. E. Inglis.

War Situation Last Night

(By Kirke L. Simpson, Associated Press War Analyst)

If a monster Japanese amphibious expedition against New Guinea, Guadalcanal or some other point is assembling, as Australian reports have it, it is doing so under trying conditions.

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Rabaul, in New Britain, is said to be the nerve centre of the enemy mobilization, although shipping for the expedition is reported widely dispersed to avoid air detection. Within a few hours after publication of the report in Australia, Allied bombers were on the job over Rabaul for the sixth time in 30 days. They bagged an estimated 50,000 tons of Nipponese troop and cargo space and brought to 21 the number of ships sunk or wrecked in that area in the half-dozen bomber sweeps.

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That does not necessarily forbid a new Japanese effort to retrieve lost ground or strengthen defensive outposts on the Solomons-New Guinea-Timor perimeter. However, it stoutly supports Navy Secretary Knox's statement that Japanese doings in the Rabaul area are being scouted regularly by the Americans.

A follow-up bombardment of the enemy's Munda airfield on New Georgia by units of an American surface task force tended to show that American sea as well as air patrols are widely and aggressively on the alert. If a mass Japanese sailing from the Rabaul region is impending, it is confronted with the grim menace of American air and surface attack along the way. It could bring a sea-air fight even more decisive than the Midway battle which changed the face of the war in the Pacific.

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The logic of the situation for the Japanese points primarily toward defensive rather than offensive manoeuvring in the Southwest Pacific. The Allied threat against that vulnerable corner of the Nipponese conquest sphere is real and growing.

Giraud Very Sure Of Allied Victory Now

Fight Will Be Very Hard; Says Nazis Considered Him Enemy No. 1.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7—(AP)—Gen. Henri Honore Giraud disclosed today that the Germans—from whom he escaped—regarded him as "enemy No. 1" and had shot one of his young relatives in France because a German non-commissioned officer had been attacked in a theatre, the Dakar radio said in a broadcast heard here by CBS.

The broadcast also reported that the French High Commissioner in North Africa had said he was certain that "Germany is defeated" but that the fight "will be hard, very hard."

Giraud was quoted as saying he had good reason for being so sure of a German defeat.

"I was a prisoner in Germany," he said, "a prisoner visited by high officers and army generals because I had the honor of being considered by them enemy No. 1.

"Through these contacts I could observe closely the decline of German might, a formidable might at the time when it defeated us, but which, in 1942, already showed clear signs of exhaustion. I had until then believed in a German victory and now I am sure of the contrary.

"Germany today has had 2,500,000 of her men killed. ...However, I will not lull you into blissful optimism. I am sure of victory but I am also sure that the fight will be hard, very hard. The German army today is very strong and Germany's internal structure is undoubtedly much stronger than in 1918. Let us not fancy that we will march into Paris tomorrow."

Giraud also was quoted as saying that he knew the fate of prisoners and of hostages.

"One of my young relatives was arrested one day for not having painted his bicycle lamp in blue. A few days later he was shot as a Communist because a German non-com had been attacked in a theatre. I could cite many such examples. It is in order to put an end to all of this that we are fighting.

"I am not a political man. I know only that I want one thing, one thing alone. Chase the Germans out of France. I want the union of all Frenchmen. We have one program alone ahead of us. Liberate our fatherland and avenge the infamous treatment inflicted by the Germans on the French people."

War—25 Years Ago Today

(By The Canadian Press)

Jan. 8, 1918 —President Wilson in message to United States Congress laid down his 14 points for world peace. Prime Minister W. M. Hughes tendered resignation of Australian cabinet following defeat of conscription proposals.

To Send Ice-Breaker To Magdalens

OTTAWA, Jan. 7 — (CP) — Transport Minister Michaud tonight told The Canadian Press that as soon as an ice-breaker is available it will be used to deliver from 4,000 to 5,000 tons of merchandise to the people of the Magdalen Islands who, because of seasonal and wartime conditions, face a shortage of commodities.

Commenting upon a statement at Quebec by Hormisdas Langlais, member of the Quebec Legislative Assembly for the Magdalen Islands, that the population faces a near-famine, Mr. Michaud said his department was notified of the situation before Christmas, but unfortunately had no ice-breaker available to overcome it.

"I have received appeals for help from the Red Cross nurse and clergymen, both Roman Catholic and Protestant," Mr. Michaud said. "With the co-operation of the Maritime Central Airways, we took more than 63 people stranded at Charlottetown to the Islands before Christmas.

"During November, the boat serving the Islands made one trip a week. In December it started from Pictou but was held in the ice and couldn't go further. I have not been informed that there is any danger of starvation.

"The people there must have from two to three weeks' supplies on hand. We will send in an ice-breaker when one is available."

MINERS STRIKE

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Jan. 7 (AP)—The number of striking miners in Pennsylvania's anthracite fields—sole source of hard coal in the United States—rose to nearly 15,000 today in the face of demands from John L. Lewis, Chief of the United Mine Workers of America, Interior Secretary Harold Ickes and other Government and Union officials that the men return to work.

WATT JOINS R.C.A.F.

MONTREAL, Jan. 7— (CP) — Laird Watt of Montreal, Quebec's No. 1 tennis star and a former Davis Cup player, will report at Lachine Manning Depot of the R. C.A.F. tomorrow. Watt retained his top ranking in the Province last season although he did not take part in tournament play.

WIN BAKING LAURELS use BLOSSOM OF CANADA THE ALL PURPOSE FLOUR

Food Shortage Reported From Magdalen Is.

QUEBEC, Jan. 7—(CP)—Hormisdas Langlais, member of the legislative assembly for the Magdalen Islands, said here today that following a number of storms and wartime conditions that affect maritime shipping, the population of those islands in the St. Lawrence Gulf faced a near-famine, particularly a shortage of butter, sugar and flour.

Mr. Langlais said that the company that serves the islands from Pictou, N.S., was making one trip weekly instead of the usual four because of the weather conditions and naval needs.

He added that there were some provisions on the wharves of Souris, P.E.I., and Pictou, N.S., but that they could not be shipped to the Islands because the boat that serves the islands is unable to make its regular trips.

Mr. Langlais said that he has asked the federal government to send an ice-breaker in that region to assure the shipping of the stock on hand.

No Sugar

Residents of the Magdalen Islands, in the Gulf of St. Lawrence more than 100 miles north of this province told Capt. Carl Burke of Maritime Central Airways here there was not a pound of sugar in the Islands. There is still some flour available but not enough to last until the opening of navigation in the spring. Capt. Burke operates the winter air mail service to the Islands. He was there last several days ago.

It was understood here that 300 bags of sugar formed part of the cargo of supplies the S.S. Lovat unloaded at Souris when weather conditions closed navigation unexpectedly in December.

Capt. Burke, local manager of Maritime Central Airways said the Gulf was filling rapidly with ice. On his last trip there appeared to be heavy ice one-third of the way out from the north shore of this Province, although the water was still open at the islands.

The Airways firm has not been approached to carry food supplies to the Islands. But since the winter mail service opened several tons of mail and 63 passengers have been carried from here. They were stranded at Souris when the last trip of the steamer was cancelled.

Installation Ceremony At K. of P. Lodge

Mr. Irving G. MacLaren was installed as Chancellor Commander at the semi-annual meeting of the Empire Lodge, Knights of Pythias, held last night.

Other officers installed last night included:

Vice Chancellor Wm. J. Hillier
Prelate Gordon Lord
Master of Work H.C.B. McKee
Keeper of Records and Seal B. F. Tinney
Master of Finance J. H. Williams
Master of Exchequer H. E. McLean
Master at Arms J. A. Brady
Inner Guard Wm. McEachern
Outer Guard A. R. Gillis

The Installation of Officers was conducted by Deputy Grand Chancellor Chas. W. Rowe, assisted by Past Chancellor Lloyd Yeo as Grand Prelate and Past Chancellor C.W.S. Bentley as Grand Master at Arms.

The semi-annual reports sub-

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Germans Admit Retreat From Forward Areas

Soviets Are Within 75 Miles Of Rostov; Dozen Villages Captured Yesterday.

LONDON, Jan. 8—(Friday)—(CP)—Russia announced that the Red Army converging on Rostov to trap the Nazis in the Caucasus is less than 75 miles from that bottleneck point today after capturing more than a dozen villages yesterday, and for the first time the Germans acknowledged formally that their southern forces are withdrawing before the massed might of Soviet tanks.

At least five Red Army columns are sweeping directly or indirectly toward Rostov, at the mouth of the Don River, while 300 miles south of that Caucasian "hinge" the Germans were falling back northward in an apparent effort to escape encirclement.

The regular Thursday midnight Soviet communique, as heard by the Soviet Monitor here in a Moscow broadcast, declared 13 populated points and a railway station had fallen to the advancing Russians yesterday on both sides of the lower Don River. The Reuters News Agency Monitor, hearing the same communique listed 17 points, with different spelling in some cases. Although confusion thus existed over the details, a study of Russian maps gave this picture:—

If the Germans cannot hold the Russian columns bearing down on Rostov all their Caucasian armies will be cut off from retreat except by ship across the Black Sea. And the Russian naval forces in that sea are still intact as far as is known.

Three hundred miles south of Rostov in the Caucasus the Russians were pushing northward along the Baku-Rostov railway, and were 25 miles or more beyond the railroad junction of Prokhladnenski.

The communique as heard by the Soviet Monitor listed the large populated places of Wolomenskaya, Svetaya-Padina, and Seversyi as falling to the Russians in this area. Some of these points were taken in hand-to-hand fighting and in two engagements the Germans were said to have lost 600 men. Altogether 40 inhabited localities, large and small, were said to have been occupied.

For the first time Berlin announced a Nazi withdrawal in the Caucasus. A German radio broadcast said:—

"German troops in the eastern Caucasus completed, according to schedule, the shortening of their front line by withdrawing from advanced strongholds, it became known in Berlin Thursday night.

"Soviet attacks on German rearguards were frustrated despite the Soviets' massed employment of tanks."

For several days British observers have expressed belief the Nazis were withdrawing northward toward Rostov because of the threatening Russian push along the lower Don.

BRITONS CHEER

LONDON, Jan. 7—(CP)—British Government circles tonight declared unofficially that President Roosevelt's speech to Congress today was one of his best and Britons generally cheered the address, which was heard clearly throughout Britain on the BBC radio relay.

D.F.M. Award Announced

LONDON, Jan. 7—(CP Cable)—The Air Ministry today announced award of the Distinguished Flying Medal to Flt. Sgt. George Edward Teasdale Nichols of Alberton South, P.E.I., a member of the R.C.A.F.

(No trace of a Nichols family could be found last night in the Alberton district and it was considered possible either the name or the address was in error.)

Maximum Loading Made Compulsory

OTTAWA, Jan. 7 —(CP)— Maximum loading of freight cars has been made compulsory under an order issued by Transport Controller T.C. Lockwood, published today in the Canada Gazette.

With a few limited exceptions, no railway will be allowed after Jan. 18 to accept, anywhere in Canada except the Yukon Territory, any carload freight unless the car is loaded to maximum capacity.

Capt. Storey Promoted To Rank of Major

Word has been received of the promotion overseas of Capt. Frank J. Storey, 3rd Divisional Signals, to the rank of Major.

Major Storey enlisted for active service at the outbreak of war and went overseas as a Lieutenant. He was appointed a Captain last November.

He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Storey, Charlottetown. His wife and family reside at 280 Grafton St.

Great Offensives Planned For '43

President Roosevelt Makes Speech To Wildly-Cheering Congress.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7—(CP)—President Roosevelt told a wildly-cheering Congress today that victory for the United Nations is sure and inevitable and declared that hard blows against the Axis, in Europe and the Pacific, will be struck in 1943.

Standing on the raised Speaker's rostrum in the House of Representatives and addressing the assembled Senators and Congressmen at the formal opening of the 78th Congress, the President predicted victory for the United Nations not only in the war but in the peace to follow. He declared, too, that 1943 would see "a very substantial advance along the roads that lead to Berlin and Rome and Tokyo."

Demanding permanent disarmament of Germany, Italy and Japan, Mr. Roosevelt counselled the United Nations to remain united so as to achieve a degree of world economic stability that will result in universal freedom from want.

In this post-war effort, the United States must play a full part, he said. A return to isolationism is impossible because "we cannot make America an island in either a military or an economic sense."

Social Security

With vigor, he "dissented" from the view that wartime is no time for a discussion of domestic reforms. In very general terms he called for an expansion of the social security system and for planning that will give our fighting men permanent employment, when the armed forces of the United States are demobilized.

It was the President's annual address to Congress on the state of the nation and tonight it led

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High tide this afternoon at 1.35 and tonight at 1.

Sun sets this afternoon at 5.35 and rises tomorrow morning at 8.37.

First quarter moon Jan. 13, 3.46 a.m.

CAR FERRY SERVICE DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY

From Borden—Leave 9.05 a.m. 11.40 a.m. 2.00 p.m., 4.30 p.m. 7.00 p.m..

Leave Cape Tormentine — 10.30 a.m. 1.15 p.m. 3.05 p.m., 5.45 p.m. 8.15 p.m.

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Leave Charlottetown 8.30 a. m. 12.30 p. m., 4.30 p. m.

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