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CANADIAN UNIT IN SHARP NIGHT RAID

Churchill Makes Rousing Speech On Policy Of Intervention In Europe

LONDON, Dec. 8 — (CP) — Prime Minister Churchill's speech in the House of Commons today, following the release of Sir Richard Acland's report on the Greek situation, was a rousing and extremely complex one. He made a very large number of assertions, some of which, according to my information, are the reverse of what I address myself to the amendment as a whole.

I must point out that it does not only deal with Greece, but with the suppression of these popular movements which have vigorously resisted the attack of the enemy in other countries besides Greece.

The House will therefore be asked to permit me to deal with the whole of this question of our intervention in Europe—the tone, the character, the temper, the object of our intervention where we have to intervene by dealing with other countries besides this one.

Where I come to particular countries and cases, let me present to the House the charges which are made against the friends of Democracy.

It is that we are using His Majesty's forces to disarm the friends of Democracy in Greece and in other parts of Europe and to suppress these popular movements which have vigorously resisted the attack of the enemy. Here is a pretty direct issue and one on which I should like to have the House to pronounce before we separate this evening.

Clearly the British government would be unworthy of confidence if His Majesty's forces were being used to disarm the friends of Democracy in Greece and in other parts of Europe.

Where, however, arises and where is the issue? It is not the friends of Democracy and also how do we use His Majesty's forces to disarm the friends of Democracy?

My idea of it is that the plain, common man who keeps a wife and family, who goes off to fight for his country, is in a position to be asked to go to the poll at the appropriate time and puts his cross on the ballot paper. He is not interested in the details of the debate. He wishes to be elected to parliament—that is the foundation of Democracy. I salute and work for it.

Mr. Churchill, labor, interested in a reference to Spain, I am not at all afraid to go into the discussion but I have a great deal of ground to cover. I have these great misrepresentations which have said pleasant words about the friends of Democracy. All the British politics did not really concern in drawing race cartoons about the friends of Democracy. I have a friend to screw his face up and he was taking a nasty dose of medicine.

Mr. Churchill, that is precisely what I and many people in the House are really no use to my honest friends to follow.

We stand upon the foundation of Democracy.

War Situation Last Night

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON
(Associated Press War Analyst)

Frontline reports from the Aachen sector of the Western Front telling of impending German retreat from the Roer Line to the Erft or even behind the Rhine itself still lack full confirmation although they cause little surprise.

The Erft River, a tributary of the Rhine, flows for some miles parallel to and midway between the Roer and the Rhine across the Cologne plain, then bends to flow into the Rhine near Dusseldorf.

The progressive attrition of German ranks and the urgent need of sending strong reinforcements south to meet the Allies' two-army sweep into the Saar Basin are tending to force the foe into "disengagement" action in the north. That is the face-saving German military phrase for an orderly retreat from an untenable position. The Roer fast is becoming just that.

The point is that German delay in falling back until Allied forces fronting the Roer from Düren to Linzich or along the Meuse in the north or even Rhine near Cologne are forcing the foe into a retreat before they could get there.

The obvious one for withdrawal in such circumstance is while the Roer and the Meuse still afford screens behind which main forces could be retired with little danger of the retreat being turned into a rout. Regardless of die-at-your-post orders which may have been handed down from German headquarters, the commander in the west is being forced to choose between escaping now or soon to secondary defensible positions in the north or risking such losses as to leave him unable to hold the Erft Line or even Rhine near Cologne.

There is no evidence in current battle reports from the Saar region, however, that any substantial number of German first-line troops have yet been shifted southward from the Aachen-Arnhem area to fend off the steady advance of the United States 3rd and 7th Armies. Neither official Allied bulletins nor press accounts indicate that the foe has been able either behind the Saar or along the Saarbrücken-Rhine sector to mount any formidable counter-attacks as yet.

Ch'town Officer Awarded D. S. O.



LT. COL. J. D. STEWART, D.S.O.

Another Islander in the person of Lt. Col. John David Stewart, Charlottetown, son of the late Premier J. D. Stewart, has won military distinction for gallantry in action overseas in addition to the Efficiency Decoration, which was awarded Col. Stewart a few months ago. He has now been awarded the Distinguished Service Order.

Col. Stewart was a Captain in the militia before the outbreak of war and at the beginning of hostilities enlisted with the P. E. I. Highlanders. On June 20, 1940, he was promoted Lt.-Colonel and placed in command of an Ontario Highland regiment.

Prior to the outbreak of war, Col. Stewart was the provincial representative for the McColl-Fontenay Oil Co. His wife, former Miss MacArthur, is the daughter of the late Senator Creelman MacArthur and Mrs. MacArthur of Summerside. They have two children.

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Nazi Defense Post Receives Mauling

WITH THE 1ST CANADIAN ARMY IN HOLLAND, Dec. 8 — (CP Cable) — A small Canadian Infantry force Thursday night beat up a German defence post east of Nijmegen, killing an estimated 27 Germans, capturing one and wounding between 35 and 50.

The raid, carried out by a company from an Eastern Canada Highland Battalion, took the infantrymen about half a mile into no man's land and was supported by field artillery, mortars and machine-guns.

Inquest Ordered Into Death Of Mr. Roy Rose

Mr. Roy Rose, 38, found seriously injured on the road near his home at Red Point, died yesterday morning at the Prince Edward Island Hospital without regaining consciousness, it was discovered about 2 a. m. Thursday with head injuries and a fractured leg.

Coroner Dr. J. J. Yeo of Charlottetown ordered an inquest and a jury was impaneled last night. The hearing adjourned until Monday evening at 7:30, without taking evidence. Last night an autopsy was held at the Curleigh Funeral Home, conducted by Dr. J. D. MacGuigan, assisted by Dr. H. H. Pierce.

William Flynn is jury foreman. Other members include: Byron Brown, Major J. A. MacKenzie, Harry L. Hardy, Reg Jenkins, James Brown and George McLeod. Royal Canadian Mounted Police from the Souris detachment, assisted by headquarters at Charlottetown are conducting an investigation. It was learned that Mr. Rose may have been injured by being struck by a car, and it is believed some clothes hanging might have been operated by a hit and run driver.

Meeting Protests Layoff At Local Plant

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6th Division Is Reorganized

OTTAWA, Dec. 8 — (CP) — The 6th Canadian Division of home defence troops and general service personnel, stationed on the Pacific Coast, is being reorganized and reduced in size, Defence Headquarters announced today.

Reorganization of the division follows passage of an order-in-council last month making 16,000 home defence troops available for service overseas. The division includes a large number of draftees and a great portion of them already have been withdrawn and sent to concentration areas in Eastern Canada.

The announcement said that military units of the division, originally formed in August, 1941, "together with several other unbrigaded battalions" of the division, will be dispatched overseas as reinforcements.

Units of the division, including home defence troops, were among forces sent to Kiska in 1943.

No change is contemplated in the functions of Pacific Command Headquarters, the announcement said.

The Divisional Commander, Maj.-Gen. H. N. Ganong, St. Stephen, N. B., has been posted to another appointment.

International At A Glance

(By The Canadian Press)

Western Front — U. S. 3rd, 7th armies push northward on 60-mile front, deepening their hold in Saar, nearing Palatinat.

Russian — Berlin reports Soviet armor reaches Danube 15 miles north of Budapest, heightening danger to Hungarian capital; declares 2nd and 3rd Ukrainian Armies link at Erzsi, 13 miles southwest of Budapest.

British — Churchill will overwhelm vote of confidence in House of Commons on foreign policy.

Italian — Disclosed 1st Canadian Corps back in line after rest period; 8th Army bridgehead across Lamone River southwest of Faenza deepened.

Greek — Fighting continues between Greek factions in Athens; Greek strike in Salonika; truce negotiations reported underway.

Chinese — Chinese troops recapture rail town of Tuhshan 75 miles southeast of Kweiyang.

Japan — Quake and tidal wave damages Osaka war industries; also Hamamatsu and Shizuoka areas.

Members Of Parliament Return To Their Homes

Still Have No Information About The Time Of Next Election.

OTTAWA, Dec. 8 — (CP) — Members of Parliament packed their bags and wished one another Christmas greetings today as they prepared to leave Ottawa until the end of the year.

With the special meeting of Parliament over, the Government's safe with a vote of confidence and measures under way to step up the flow of infantry reinforcements overseas, their minds began to turn forward to the next election.

They had no more information about the time of the election than when they came and for a considerable number there was more uncertainty about the re-election in the Canadian House of Commons than there was in the House of Commons.

Prime Minister Mackenzie King reaffirmed his previously expressed intention not to extend the life of Parliament and, if possible, not to have an election when the war was on. The only new light he shed was the intimation that for election purposes the end of the war did not necessarily mean the end of the war.

He said while fighting might go on for some time there would come a time when, on the strength of decisive battles, it would be possible to say the war had been won.

If precedent established in other war years is followed when Parliament meets again on Jan. 31 it will be for the prorogation of a new session on the following day.

In his last word to the Commons Friday morning, however, Mr. King declined to give any assurance this would happen. When asked by Gordon Graydon, Progressive-Conservative House leader, he said:

"It will all depend upon circumstances as they exist at the time. My friend may rely on the Government doing what it believes to be in the best interests of the country."

It is not thought likely any variation will take place unless it is decided to hold an election before another session and it is necessary to pass some legislation. If legislation is not necessary, an election is to be held before the next session it is likely Parliament will be dissolved before Jan. 31 so that members would not be called on to make a trip to Ottawa for the formal ceremony of prorogation.

So far members have received neither pay nor travelling expenses for the recent special meeting in resolution was passed to authorize payment but it is possible for the Government to pay

4 Children Are Burned To Death

WESTLOCK, Alta., Dec. 8 — (CP) — Four children, the oldest six years old, were burned to death last night when fire destroyed their farm home while their mother was visiting neighbors. Westlock is 45 miles northwest of Edmonton.

Dead are: Irene Paulson, six; Helen, four; William, two, and Ronald, one.

Their father, Paul Paulson, is in the Canadian Army, stationed at Debert.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police said Mrs. Paulson had lit a fire in a small stove and it was believed some clothes hanging near the stove caught fire.

Mrs. Paulson returned to find her home blazing. The flames prevented her from entering the house to save the children.

R.C.M.P. said an inquest would probably be held.

Enlistments Reported Up

OTTAWA, Dec. 8 — (CP) — The Defence Department announced tonight that enlistments for general service in the Canadian Army totalled 2,246 in the week ended Dec. 2, against 1,890 in the week ended Nov. 26 and 1,306 in the week ended Nov. 18.

An official announcement said enlistments in the week ended Dec. 2 were made up of 849 from the Reserve Army and 1,397 "conversions" from the Home Defence Army.

War Plants In Japan Damaged By Earthquake

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8 — (AP) — Tokyo acknowledged tonight that factories in Osaka and other war industry sections of the main Japanese island were damaged by an earthquake Thursday so severe it caused a tidal wave.

A Domei Agency dispatch, picked up by the Federal Communications Commission, said factories and homes in Osaka, Hamamatsu and Shizuoka areas were damaged, but claimed that "on the whole" the destruction was light.

The centre of the earthquake was in the Sea of Inshu, lying off Shizuoka and Nagoya prefectures on Honshu Island.

The quake was recorded by seismographs all over the world, and J. J. Shaw, veteran West Bromwich, England observer, said it was one of the greatest to come to his attention.

Churchill Gets Confidence Vote

LONDON, Dec. 8 — (CP) — Prime Minister Churchill today won an overwhelming vote of confidence in the House of Commons for a foreign policy of intervention against "mob rule by murder gangs" in liberated Europe after a vigorous defence of steps taken by Britain in Greece, Italy and Belgium.

A tense, often turbulent House supported him by 275 votes to 30 when the Prime Minister, in a back-me-or-sack-me stand, forced the issue to meet a clamor of criticism.

The crisis was provoked by the use of British troops to combat fraternal strife in Greece, by British refusal to approve Count Sforza as Italian Foreign Minister, and by armed demonstrations in Belgium and by rumblings of unrest in Holland.

WARRINGTON, Lancashire, England, Dec. 8 — (CP-Reuters) — Quadruplets, all girls, were born here today to Mrs. Ethel Brenda Green, 25-year-old wife of a bus conductor. All were well tonight. The quads are Mrs. Green's first children.

Reported Missing, Is Safe At Home

VANCOUVER, Dec. 8 — (CP) — AB Ken Child was asleep at home here his mother, Mrs. William Child, was notified the 19-year-old seaman was missing at sea with 90 officers and men of the Canadian Corvette Shawinigan.

AB Child had arrived home the day before Mrs. Child was informed he was missing. He had left the ship on a 28-day leave a few hours before she left on the Atlantic voyage from which he never returned.

11 Islanders Arrive On Hospital Ship

By JOHN LEBLANC
HALIFAX, Dec. 8 — (CP) — Bearing the initial compliment of the new hospital ship Letitia made port today with more than 700 casualties from the European battlefronts.

Most of the big group carried by the transformed Donaldson Atlantic Line ship—largest contingent of casualties ever to reach Canada—were army men wounded on the Western Front, though there were many veterans of the Italian campaign and a few R.C.A.F. and Navy men.

Others arriving included men injured in training or invalided home because of sickness or disability. One Army Nursing Sister and two members of the Canadian Women's Army Corps were among those on the mercy ship.

Though the Letitia was making her maiden voyage as a floating hospital and the patients had been prepared to undergo a certain amount of discomfort until things got shaken down, there was a surprising amount of satisfaction at the comfort of the trip, the food and the medical service on the well-appointed craft.

Though the Letitia's two operating rooms were not busy on the first voyage, one major operation—an appendectomy—was performed on the way over. Patients found the 13,000-ton vessel—almost twice as large as the No. 1 hospital ship Lady Nelson—had considerably more spare room, including several lounges for various classes of personnel. The Letitia also boasts a soda bar, which provides "room service" for bed-ridden cases.

Returning casualties, eager above all to get home for Christmas, questioned reporters eagerly about their departure. The No. 1 question of earlier arrivals: "How the liquor ration?"—was subordinated this time to anxiety about the re-employment question.

Observations generally ran along the same theme—that reinforcements were badly needed by Canadian units in Italy and France—but none of the officers or men wished to be quoted by name on the subject.

Islanders returning included: Pte. G. S. Beaton, Winsloe; Pte. W. E. Doucette, Ch'town; Pte. E. A. Heckbert, Summerside; Pte. P. P. Knockwood, Lennox Island; Pte. B. Munn, Murray River; Pte. K. E. Murray, Northam; Pte. R. L. McLean, Richmond; Pte. I. E. O'Brien, Elmsdale; Pte. L. C. Perry, Alberton; Cpl. J. E. Perry, Tignish; Pte. L. R. Smallwood, Mount Stewart.

Yanks Reach Edge Of Ormoc

MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, PHILIPPINES, Dec. 9 — (A.P.) (Saturday) — United States ground forces have advanced to the outskirts of Ormoc, Japanese port on the western coast of Leyte Island, headquarters announced today.

LONDON, Dec. 8 — (CP) — Squadron Leader Joseph Berry, R.A.F. fighter pilot, whose destruction of 60 flying bombs during the robot blitz won him the title of Britain's ace buzz-bomb killer, is missing and believed killed. An R.C.M.P. was killed by the Air Ministry announced tonight.

- #### Coming Events
- Stuffed School Concert, Dec. 12-9-16
 - Unloading car and Sydney Coal at Caville, today, John Edwards, 12-9-16
 - Next shipment dressed goods will be December 15th, Book McGowan & Boyle, 12-5-10
 - New Haven Christmas Concert Wednesday, December 20th, 12-9-14
 - Playing live and dressed poultry on market prices, Isaac and Sons Ltd., 11-17-17
 - The Pleasant Grove School concert will be held December 15th, 12-9-11
 - O. D. E. Rummage Sale, Trinity Church Hall, Saturday, December 16th, at 6:30, 12-5-9
 - Annual Meeting, Kingston Rummage Co. Ltd., Kingston Hall, Saturday, December 16th, 8:00 P.M., 12-9-11
 - Receiving bids at Orpad until Tuesday, until eleven, while bid is possible, R. N. Dawson, 12-2-9-16
 - Shipping Horses Mondays and Tuesdays only, Lemuel Nell, Mill, 12-8-21
 - Sigma Phi Rummage Sale, Trinity Church Hall, Saturday, December 9th, at 6:30, 12-7-9
 - Meeting will be held in Clyde School, Monday night, Dec. 11th, 12-9-11
 - Annual Meeting of the Federal Rummage Co. will be held in the hall at 7:30, J. R. McWilliams, 12-9-21
 - Dance, Emerald Hall, Monday, Dec. 11, Proceeds for St. Arsenius, returned from overseas, 12-9-21

13 MORE SHOPPING DAYS

OF TWO EVILS A SMALL BOY WILL ALWAYS CHOOSE THE ONE THAT MAKES THE MOST NOISE!

FORECASTS

MARITIME WEST: Strong winds and moderate gales with rain, part sleet or snow in New Brunswick.

MARITIME EAST: Strong winds and moderate gales with rain, possibly part snow in northern districts.

High tide this morning at 5:51 and tonight at 6:50.

Sun sets this afternoon at 5:19 and rises tomorrow morning at 8:26.

New moon December 15th, 11:34 A.M.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

DAILY AIR SERVICE

Charlottetown — Summerside — Moncton

Leaves Charlottetown 7 A.M. 11:30 A.M., 5:15 P.M.

Arrives Charlottetown 12:45 P.M. 5:45 P.M., 7:30 P.M.

SUNDAY SERVICE

Leaves Charlottetown 11:30 A.M. and 4 P.M.

Arrive Charlottetown 2 P.M. and 5:45 P.M.

CHARLOTTETOWN — NEW GLASGOW

(Daily except Sunday)

Leave Charlottetown 1 P.M.

Arrive Charlottetown 5:30 P.M.