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"REDS" LAUNCH OFFENSIVE

Reveal Move To Build Up Foreign Credits For Goods

Chamberlain Turns Down Labor Proposal For Economic Minister With Wide Powers.

(By J. F. Sanderson) (Canadian Press Staff Writer) LONDON, Feb. 1.—(CP)—An export drive to build up Britain's overseas trade in wartime and speed up accumulations of foreign currency, particularly dollars, was announced by Prime Minister Chamberlain today in the House of Commons.

The Prime Minister turned down the Labor party's suggestion that he appoint a Cabinet Minister with wide powers over the economic side of the nation's war effort. The House supported his decision, rejecting the Labor motion calling for such an appointment by a vote of 185 to 90.

Mr. Chamberlain predicted "very considerable" results would develop in export trade as a result of the appointment of an export controller under the president of the Board of Trade, Sir Andrew Rae Duncan.

Day's Developments

Other developments of the day included:

- The list of casualties of the war at sea was swelled by the addition of the 460-ton Norwegian ship *Prigal*, which went down off Scotland after an explosion; the 4,450-ton British steamship *Bancroft*, torpedoed and sunk last Saturday; and the 1,524-ton Swedish freighter *Sylvia*, bombed and sunk last Saturday.

2. The war office announced that "certain overseas defence battalions," composed of men from 35 to 50 years of age, "will shortly be proceeding overseas" to guard bases and ammunition dumps and perform other duties.

3. A financial agreement between the Government and the Railways is expected to be completed soon after which the terms will be outlined in a white paper.

Mr. Chamberlain pointed to delays, disagreements and other dangers that might result if a super-minister had roving control over their ministers in charge of various departments, even over the treasury.

"It seems to me the existence of a minister who would be the dictator over all economic departments would change the position of the Prime Minister," Mr. Chamberlain said, "and I do not see what the Prime Minister would have left to do by the time this gentleman had given his orders to all departments."

Poles Charge New Nazi Persecution

ROME, Feb. 1.—(AP)—The Polish envoys to the Vatican and to Italy issued a new chapter on alleged persecution of Poles by Germany today, charging the Nazis with kidnapping Polish women for forced labor on farms in the Reich.

A second pamphlet, amplifying a first which alleged persecutions of priests and Catholics, the Polish government charged 15,000 Polish leaders had been executed in German-annexed Poland in a mass "extermination" aimed at the entire population and that 500,000 had been deported.

Detailing many stories of alleged cruelty and starvation, the pamphlet said "the most frequent practice is to kidnap Poles and send them to forced labor on farms in Germany. For this purpose raids on the streets are organized, and all who cannot show working permits are arrested."

"Sometimes the trucks stop in front of the queues outside stores, emptied mostly of women. Those in the line are forced to get into the trucks, and are taken to work in the fields."

Hostages taken by the Germans, it was learned, were in continual danger of execution on the least excuse such as the tearing down of a Nazi flag by some person un-

British Airmen Plan Reception For Nazi Planes

LONDON, Feb. 1.—(CP)—The men who direct Britain's air defence have rushed preparations to meet any German attack they believe may develop with improving weather and longer days of spring.

Discussing British aerial progress, an informed aviation source said today the new Defiant fighter could fly alongside a formation of enemy bombers and "rake them with gunfire from nose to tail."

"There is evidence the Germans are pressing construction of fast, long-range bombers," this source said.

"A new medium-sized high-speed bomber is being produced in Germany is likely to be used in considerable numbers in any full scale air attacks the Nazis may attempt."

The new German plane is described as the Ju 88, a twin-motor speed junker built primarily for speedy performance at high altitudes. It carries a crew of three or four and three guns—one in the nose and one above and one below the fuselage.

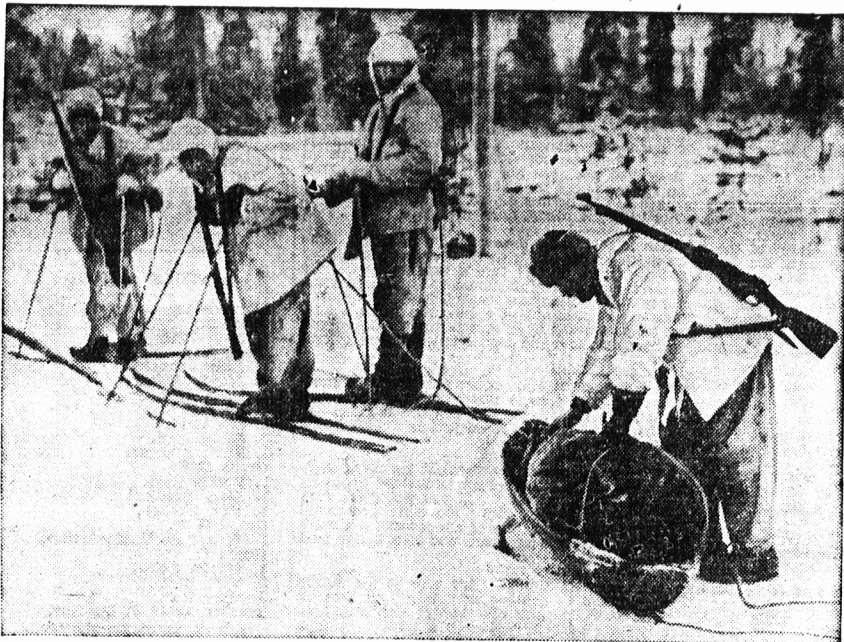
"This craft, however, has no gun in the tail, which Britons regard as a vital 'stinger' in their Wellingtons, which have twice the 1,300-mile range on the Ju 88 but possibly less speed than its maximum of 315 M. P. H., which British authorities concede is 'good for a bomber.'"

Coming Events

Rate for Notices in this column 3 cents per word.

- Horse Racing Saturday at 2 P.M. New Glasgow River. L-50-2-2-11.
- Powall Rink Friday February 2nd. P. A. vs. Mt. Stewart. L-18-2-1-21.
- Salvation Army Rummage Sale, Friday, February 2nd, 1:30 P.M. L-17-2-1-21.
- Poultry Wanted. We need large quantity Fowl and Chickens. Prices are good. (The Royal Packing Co.) L-950-1-30-61.
- Emerald Hall—Monday, February 5th. The Women's Institute present their four-act play. Dance after. If no fire, Tuesday.
- Borden Rink tonight. Tip Top League. Middleton vs. Cape Traverse. Three Stars. L-60.
- East Royalty Rink tonight. York Rangers vs. Dunstaffnage Red Wings. League game. Moccasin dance after game. L-61.
- Mt. Stewart vs. Montague at Montague rink Monday, Feb. 5th. Admission 25 and 15. L-63-1-2-21.
- New Glasgow tonight. Hunter River and Mayfield schools 7 p. m. Two hours skate. L-62.

Teamwork In The Arctic



Ski-shod Finns produce the pulling power for this boat-like supply sledge sailing across the snows to camps on the northern front. Exclusive picture showing unique method of transport was taken by Eric Calcraft, NEA staff photographer traveling with the Finnish armies.

Japan Makes Ready For "Red" Trouble

TOKYO, Feb. 1.—(AP)—A seven-year arms program costing \$671,000,000 was presented by Japan's military leaders today to a Parliament stirred by the warning that the army is maintaining a close watch on Soviet Russia's borders because of "scores of illegal acts" committed by the Russians.

The warning was sounded by War Minister General Shunroku Hata amid growing demands for regulations to alleviate fuel and food shortages and step up Japan's war time organization behind the guns.

Hata said the "illegal acts" occurred on borders other than the disputed frontier between Manchoukuo and outer Mongolia, where five months of sporadic but bitter fighting was ended Sept. 16 by a truce between Moscow and Tokyo.

Manchoukuo, Japan's protectorate, has a border of more than 1,000 miles with Soviet Siberia.

Widow, Daughter Postmaster Found Slain

MONTREAL, Feb. 1.—(CP)—A 56-year-old widow and her daughter, their heads battered in, apparently by an axe, were found slain tonight in the basement of their suburban Pointe St. Charles home.

The victims, Mrs. Mary Fahey and her 26-year-old daughter, Lorette, were found at the foot of the cellar stairs by another daughter, Winnifred, when she returned home from work. Police believe the women had been attacked during the afternoon and that their bodies then were thrown down the stairs.

Postmaster In Cape Breton Is Slugged

GLACE BAY, N. S., Feb. 1.—(CP)—An unknown assailant today slugged postmaster Angus MacLeod of nearby Dunkin and robbed the village postoffice of about \$400. Beaten into unconsciousness MacLeod was found on the floor of the building by a man calling for mail.

MacLeod said he was bludgeoned as he went to the front of the building to remove the shutters from the windows this morning. Apparently his attacker had entered through a back window.

The postmaster was not seriously injured.

NEWS BRIEFS

PARIS, Feb. 1.—(CP Havas)—Heavy guns blazed away across the Rhine today as French and German artillery sought weak spots in each other's steel and concrete defences. The artillery duel brought to life an otherwise static western front. The French communique said this evening: "The day was calm on the whole. There was artillery fire from casemates of both sides of the Rhine."

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—(AP)—Preliminary negotiations for a North Atlantic air route from the United States to Scandinavia opened at the State Department today with representatives of Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Finland.

AUBURN, N. Y., Feb. 1.—(AP)—Captain Ivan Poderjay, bigamous husband of a bride who vanished on her honeymoon seven years ago, awaited with ill-concealed annoyance tonight his deportation to Yugoslavia. Emerging from Auburn prison almost as dapper and well-groomed as when he was imprisoned on the bigamy charge in 1935, he was promptly detained at Cayuga county jail pending his removal from the United States.

BELGRADE, Feb. 1.—(AP)—Rumania, Yugoslavia, Turkey and Greece, their Balkan entente strained by the war, prepared tonight to discuss a plan for "economic neutrality" to save them from becoming involved in the conflict. First session of the entente was called for 6 p. m. (1 p. m. AST) tomorrow.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—(AP)—The United States Army took the wraps off one of its newest air weapons today, a cannon-carrying pursuit plane designed to make 400 miles an hour, but delayed giving it complete tests.

LONDON, Feb. 1.—(CP)—Crews of two vessels, one telling the story of a "nightmare voyage" in open life boats in which 13 froze to death, and another describing the sinking of a German submarine were landed at Elre and west coast ports tonight.

Utmost In Quality

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Use New Tactics In Unexpected Attack On Finns

Swarming Warplanes Back Armored Sledges In Fierce Offensive Against Mannerheim Line.

(By Wade Werner, Associated Press Staff Writer) HELSINGFORS, Feb. 2.—(Friday)—(AP)—The Russian army struck unexpectedly at the Mannerheim Line today employing a new offensive technique with armored sledges supported by a swarm of 130 airplanes. The attack began last night as Finland's President was issuing an appeal for an "honorable peace."

The Red Army, which has been inactive on the Karelian Isthmus since mid-January while fierce battles were waged along the Arctic Circle and north of Lake Ladoga, suddenly came to life with an onslaught aimed at Viborg (Viipuri), Finland's second largest city.

The attack was made at Summa, 20 miles inland from the coastal fortress of Koivisto, which has withstood nine weeks of hammering from land and naval artillery and aerial bombardment.

ATTACK CONTINUING

Advices from observers with the Finns' Karelian army said the attack was continuing, with the entrenched Finns holding doggedly to their positions 20 miles south of Viborg.

The Russians began digging in on the Karelian Isthmus front last month, and on Wednesday General Hugo Ostermann, Finnish Commander-in-Chief, said the war there had been reduced to a "war of position."

The Karelian attack coincided with a Finnish communique which indicated the Russians were attempting to resume the offensive all along the line, from the Arctic to Lake Ladoga.

REPULSED IN ARCTIC

The communique told of the repulse of Russian attacks in the Arctic Petsamo area, on the Salla front, and on an island off the northeastern shore of Lake Ladoga, in which the Red Army suffered "heavy losses."

The Russian land attacks were strengthened by increased bombing attacks on Hangoe (Hanko), Kotka and Abo (Turku) in southern Finland, and Rovaniemi in the north.

Helsingfors' first midnight air raid chased the citizens out of bed into their bombproofs at 12:05 a. m. today. No planes were sighted, however, and the alarm was ended after 20 minutes.

Buildings Fired

Several buildings were set afire by incendiary bombs at Rovaniemi, but early reports indicated few persons were killed.

President Kysti Kallio's appeal to end this "barbaric, senseless attack" was firmly qualified by the assertion Finland would not cringe before "imperialistic aims."

The President used the final, solemn session of the war diet as a sounding board for his plea, but it was addressed really to the Soviet Government which does not recognize his government and which does not even admit it is "waging a war against Finland."

Russia invaded Finland two months ago.

The only reply was an authorized Moscow statement which said the Soviet-proclaimed "people's government" was the only one Moscow recognized in Finland and that Russia's relations with this so-called regime were "peaceful and friendly."

Soviet statements usually refer to the Kallio Government and its armies as "Finnish white guards."

N. S. Triplets Observe 50th Anniversary

YARMOUTH, N. S., Feb. 1.—(CP)—Today was the half-century mark for Nova Scotia's LeBlanc triplets, though they didn't get together for the occasion.

Now scattered from their birthplace in Church Point Village, the three are Dr. Emile LeBlanc of West Pubnico, near here; Mrs.

Yesterday Was Exciting For Canadian Troops

(By Edwin Johnson, Canadian Press Staff Writer) ALDERSHOT, England, Feb. 1.—Four developments made this day an exciting one for the Canadian troops encamped here.

First, a heavy shipment of mail arrived from home; then it was pay day; weekend leaves were restored after temporary suspension due to the severity of the weather, and finally a generous gift provided the camp with radio entertainment.

Garfield Weston, Canadian manufacturer who now is a member of the London House of Commons, made a special visit to the divisional headquarters to present 500 radios to officers, non-commissioned officers and men.

In presenting the first set to Major-General A. G. L. McNaughton, general officer commanding the Canadian Active Service Force, Weston, a former Torontoian, expressed hope the gift would bring cheer to "this splendid body of men." He announced that additional sets would be forthcoming with the arrival of further Canadian forces on this side.

General McNaughton thanked him for the gift. The sets were distributed among the units and until "lights out" sounded, music issued from almost every billet.

SOME DUMB-BELLS THINK 'FISCAL YEAR' MEANS THE BOXING SEASON

Thermometer Extremes

High	Low
40	40
30	30
20	20
10	10
0	0
-10	-10
-20	-20
-30	-30

Council Seeks Increased Aid For Orchardists

J. W. Boulter Elected Chairman Of Potato Committee Of Canadian Horticultural Council.

OTTAWA, Feb. 1.—(CP)—Substantially increased aid in 1940 for Canada's \$50,000,000 annual apple industry—in "desperate" shape now because of the reduction of exports since the war—was urged today by the Canadian Horticultural Council at its annual meeting.

More assistance for the industry this year was recommended because of the anticipated disappearance of the export market in 1940. Approximately half the nation's apple production is exported ordinarily. Late fall exports were cut in half because of the war and it is expected they may disappear entirely this year.

George H. Mitchell of Thornbury, Ont., was elected president of the Canadian Horticultural Council for 1940 today at the conclusion of the council's annual meeting.

Other officers are: H. A. Slipp, Keswick, N. B., first vice-president; A. K. Lyod, Kelowna, B. C., second vice-president; F. A. Lewis, Vernon, Honorary president; M. V. McGuire, Vernon, past president; L. F. Burrows, Ottawa, secretary.

Directors: E. B. Luke, Montreal, chairman; C. J. Sanders, North Bay, Ont.; George H. Wil on, Falmouth, N. S.; and R. E. Godbout, Montreal, Committee chairman; publicity and marketing, W. J. Tawse, Montreal; plant registration, M. B. Davis, Ottawa; transportation, M. V. McGuire, Vernon; economics, W. H. Robertson, Victoria; research, Dr. Arthur Gibson, Ottawa; legislation, H. L. Craise, St. Catharines, Ont.; finance and membership, A. K. Lyod, Kelowna, potato; J. W. Boulter, Charlottetown.

Yesterday's highest and lowest thermometer readings are indicated above.

TORONTO, Feb. 1.—(CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures, Dawson 3 12 Vancouver 3 46 Ottawa 4 19 Montreal 11 21 Quebec 10 19 Saint John 16 30 Halifax 18 27 Charlottetown 19 25

Maritime east: Fresh to strong northwest winds; partly cloudy and cold with snowflurries.

Synopsis: The weather has been comparatively mild today in Ontario with light snow in many districts, while in the western provinces it has been fair and somewhat colder.

High tide this morning at 5:56 and this afternoon at 5:18.

Sun set: this afternoon at 5:08 and rises at 7:19.

New moon Feb. 8, 3:45 a. m.

Summer tide 8 minutes later than Charlottetown.

THE CAR FERRY SAILINGS

Leaves Borden, 9:45 A.M., 1:00 P.M. Leaves Tormentine 11:00 A.M., 3:05 P.M.