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MERE MAN

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## DEEP CONCERN OVER SYRIAN CRISIS

### TANKS FACED WITH SHIP REPAIR PROBLEM

#### Hoffmeister to Lead Canucks in Far East

OTTAWA, May 30 (CP) — Gen. Bert M. Hoffmeister, 38, D.S.O. of Vancouver, led the Seaforth Highlanders in Italy and later became commander of the 6th Armored Division, before being appointed commander of the Canadian far east force, officially identified for the first time as the 6th division, it was announced today.

The announcement of the name of the commander of the 30,000 men who will fight against the Japanese in the Far East was made by the office of the Minister of National Defence, Mr. Mackenzie King.

The 6th division, which will be organized along American lines, will wear a distinctive tunic and a patch made up of the colors of the shoulder patches of the five overseas divisions and the black of the independent armored brigades.

An official statement recently issued said the division would be an infantry division and include armor and artillery units. It likely will wear Canadian uniforms.

Pacific Volunteers  
Volunteers for the Pacific force will be given top priority home leave during the next few months by brigades in Canadian rear areas. Later they will cross to the front.

Coming Events  
Show — Eldon Friday, 5-30-21.  
Dance — Montague Friday, 5-29-21.  
Show — Murray Harbor Saturday, 5-31-21.

Dance — Morell Hall, Friday, 5-31-21.  
In stock seat oats \$2.50 per ton. McQuigan and Boyle.

Variety Concert, Clyde River, Friday, June 1st. Sale of 500 tickets.  
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Opening Hospital Dance, St. Ann's, Wednesday, 5-30-21.  
Unloading Thursday and Friday, car asphalt shingles. P. J. and Co.

Notice — Loading hogs at Alton, Thursday, May 31, is postponed until Tuesday, June 5, 5-31-21.

Wanted — Extra large number of young pigs shortly. Paying extra same. Write this column for more notice. Knud Jorgensen.

Hog prices are at a new high. Take advantage now and contact your regular dealer for pick up service. Signed Davis & Fraser.

Loading hogs every Friday for Davis & Fraser Ltd. Phone 5123. Trucking service to N. A. Cullinane, Fredericton. D. L. Macdonald, Fredericton.

Turnip Seed. We would urge farmers and dealers to book their turnip seed requirements while present stocks last. Associated Shippers Incorporated.

Kennington, today, (Thursday) National Film Board movies, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Featuring Mr. Jack Campbell's film on "Safety Driving." Edited by this form 5-29-21.

Loading hogs at Charlottetown Thursday and Friday of this week. If shipping, bring in your pigs. Livestock Marketing Board.

Hogs about ready for market. To be held over until first of June. We do not know, but there's no danger of a DROP in prices. Week-end coming to us at Charlottetown. We will qualify for any price increase next week. Livestock Marketing Board.

#### Pattern Of Jap Strategy For The Showdown



The chips are down on Japan's great gamble for victory in the Pacific. The enemy raked in some fat profits in the early days of the war, when the Allies thought he was bluffing, but found he held many an ace. Now, with his luck running out, the Jap is playing 'em close to his vest. Troops withdrawn from central China will solidify northern defenses for strongest possible stand there. Forces several hundred thousand strong in southeast Asia and the East Indies may be left to their fate, with orders to fight suicide stands and impede Allied advance as much as possible. U.S. aerial, submarine and surface forces, cutting their vital sea-borne "life-line" at many points, have virtually isolated them from Japan, anyway.

#### White Paper On Employment In Australia Tabled

CANBERRA, May 30 (CP Cable) — A white paper tabled in the House of Representatives today by Australian Labor Government pledged peace-time work for all Australian servicemen and women and war workers, totalling about 1,000,000. Entitled "Full employment in Australia," it listed a National Works Council program of \$200,000,000 (about \$67,260,000) and declared that for these purposes there must be a continuance during the transition period from war to peace of controls over prices, materials and supply of capital for both public and private investment and imports.

#### ACTRESS RECOVERING

NEW YORK, May 30 (AP) — Stage and screen actress Mary Martin, who received fifth blood transfusion after giving birth prematurely to a baby expected in December, was "off the critical list" at the vivisection hospital tonight, her husband, Richard Halliday, announced.

Mrs. Martin suffered severe shock about two weeks ago when a large dog attacked her while she was visiting relatives in Huntington, W. Va. Halliday said. She was taken to the hospital here May 29.

#### Iran Demands Allied Troops Be Withdrawn

TEHRAN, May 30 (AP) — With the European war ended, Iran has demanded that the United States, Britain and Russia live up to their agreement to remove all troops from the country, it was announced today.

The tripartite treaty by which Allied forces operated in Iran stipulated that they would leave within six months after hostilities ceased, and Iranian authorities viewed the period as dating from the German surrender.

Foreign Minister Sepahbod told the Iranian Parliament that identical notes had been sent to the Big Three Allied powers. "We demanded that in view of cessation of European hostilities and in order to restore a normal situation in this country, British, American and Russian troops evacuate Iran," he reported.

Russian and British troops entered the rich oil country of Iran Sept. 19, 1941, after joint notes had been sent to the Iranian Government protesting against the activities of German agents in the country.

Reza Shah Pahlavi rejected the protests and refused to surrender or expel all Axis nationals. He abdicated Sept. 16 in favor of his son, Shahpur Mohammad Reza, and three days later British and Russian armies drove in from the north and the south.

Americans joined in sending forces to Iran in 1942, when lend-lease supplies began moving across Iran to Russia, and for the next two years a stream of tanks, trucks and aircraft poured into the Soviet Union by the Persian Gulf route.

Rich In Oil  
Iran is one of the Arabian bloc of states estimated by oil experts as equal to the United States in petroleum deposits. Britain has a

#### Naval Leaders Worried Over Help Shortage

WASHINGTON, May 30 (AP) — With the Japanese stepping up their aerial attacks as the war approaches their shores, the United States navy gravely announced today that the home-front "battle of the ship repairs" is not progressing satisfactorily.

Naval leaders called an unusual news conference to make known that they are worried. They said workers are quitting their jobs in west-coast repair yards in the face of existing manpower shortages and growing war loads.

The appeal came as the Japanese again boasted that their suicide planes continued to crash dive on vessels off Okinawa.

Only the necessity for keeping valuable information from the enemy, it was emphasized, prevented revelation of facts and figures to back up the urgent appeal of the Department's heads for shipyard workers to stay on the job and for others to accept the call.

In lieu of any precise disclosure of numbers of ships involved, Secretary Forrestal cited that 4,270 vessels were repaired or repaired in the battle for Okinawa between March 15 and 22, and compared that with 5,822 for the ground forces in the same action.

Admiral Frederick J. Horns vice chief of naval operations, commented that it could easily be seen "what that meant in ship damage."

#### Increased Catch In Maritimes

HALIFAX, May 30 (CP) — A sizeable increase in the catch and value of fish landed in the Maritimes during the month of April as compared to the same month in 1944 was shown in the report of the eastern division of the Department of Fisheries.

Principal varieties of fish taken in order of value to fishermen were lobsters, cod, haddock, scallops, sardines, herring and halibut. The total quantity amounted to 37,980,500 pounds valued at \$2,099,840, which was an increase over April, 1944, of 7,955,900 pounds and \$375,468.

Quantity of fish landed in Nova Scotia during the month was 29,481,000 pounds compared with 26,927,700 pounds in 1944. Value was \$1,843,121 and \$1,273,268 last year. The catch of lobsters brought in the largest single return and the bulk of this catch was taken in western Nova Scotia.

New Brunswick showed a drop in the total catch which was found largely in the sardine and cod fisheries. The total quantity of fish landed was 1,166,000 lbs with the value of \$126,650, which was a decrease of 1,100,100 pounds and \$36,309 from 1944.

Serries and eels were the only fish caught in Prince Edward Island during the month of April, totalling 300,900 pounds and valued at \$3,680. In April, 1944, 196,300 pounds were landed with the value of \$2,010.

### British Cabinet In Emergency Session

LONDON, May 30 (CP) — Foreign Secretary Eden told the House of Commons tonight that the British Cabinet was in emergency session on the warlike situation in the battle-torn Syrian Capital of Damascus where he said French-Arab fighting had caused "a serious loss of life and destruction of property."

With the situation in the Levant "greatly deteriorated," Mr. Eden said the British Government was "in actual communication with the United States Government."

(In Washington, Joseph C. Grew, acting Secretary of State, said "developments in Syria and Lebanon in recent days are causing the United States Government deep concern. We are employing every means to assist in finding a peaceful solution and preventing further bloodshed and disorder.")

Mr. Eden disclosed that "there has been considerable shelling of Damascus."

A dispatch from the Syrian Capital said the French were pouring almost unceasing machine-gun, mortar and artillery fire into the city. It added the French also were bombing the ancient Capital.

Rushing from an emergency session of the Cabinet, Mr. Eden told the House of Commons sharply: "The British Government deplores these events."

Mr. Eden said the cabinet was considering an action that may be required as a consequence of new outbreaks.

After his statement in the House the Foreign Secretary rushed back to the cabinet meeting which lasted well into the night.

Mr. Eden's disclosure of gunplay brought outbursts of protests from members of Parliament, who jumped to imply rapid succession to criticize French policy in the Levant and to demand "strong steps" by the British Government.

"It is time they were told quite straight where they get off," angrily declared R.R. Stokes, Labor. "The French are behaving as if they had won the war."

Mr. Stokes, who recently returned from the Middle East, said: "There is deep suspicion in the hearts of every politician in the Middle East, of the discussions that took place in Paris between the Secretary of State and the British Ambassador in October or November last year."

"There has been no clear declaration of what took place and the disasters that are now taking place are the direct result of complete indecision as to policy following upon that meeting."

Eden Takes Issue  
Mr. Eden intervened to declare: "I must take the strongest issue with the last sentence of the honorable member's speech. The honorable member seemed to imply that all that has happened in Syria was due to some discussions between the Prime Minister and myself. There is not a vestige of justification for that."

The Syrian and Lebanese legations in London said the French had bombed Damascus all last night. Intervention of the British Minister stopped the bombardment, a statement said, but firing continued.

#### Canadian Cruiser In Action Against Japan

(OTTAWA, May 30) — Advance guard of Canada's Pacific fleet of 30 ships, the Canadian cruiser Uganda fired her first broadsides against Japanese soil in a recent daylight operation with the British fleet against Sukama airfield on Miyaka Island, just south of Okinawa, naval headquarters announced tonight.

Sixteen six-inch guns hurled 188 rounds of high explosives at Sukama in the space of a few minutes and each gun poured a ton of ammunition on the airfield with reconnaissance planes reporting the salvos were "on target."

So close was Uganda to the enemy territory that small houses, barracks, installations and telephone lines were easily discernible through binoculars. Shell bursts were visible to the naked eye, smoke and dust rising high in the sky.

No enemy opposition was encountered from shore batteries, sea or air, throughout the bombardment, although in other operations throughout the day 10 Japanese aircraft were destroyed by ships and planes of the British Pacific Fleet.

Commanding officer of the Uganda, Capt. E.R. Massey of Duncan, B.C. said he was "well satisfied with the results of his ship's first bombardment."

The Uganda went into the operation with a message from their executive officer, Cmdr. H.F. Pullen of Oakville, Ont., which added zest to their firing:

#### Viscount Bennett In The Maritimes



SACKVILLE, N.B., May 30 (CP) — Viscount R. B. Bennett arrived here last night from England by way of New York, to visit his brother, R.V. Bennett. This is his second visit here since the beginning of the war. Today the former Prime Minister of Canada is resting, seeing only old friends. It is not announced how long he plans to stay.

Since he was last here, his brother's wife, Mrs. R.V. Bennett, passed away and their two sons gave their lives overseas in the war. His visit is chiefly on family affairs.

#### Monty's Objective

(By The Canadian Press)  
LONDON, May 30 (CP) — Field Marshal Montgomery in his first proclamation to the German people since his appointment as British representative on the Allied Control Commission has promised to give first attention to food, housing and disease.

"My immediate object," he said, "is to establish a simple and orderly life for the whole community. The first step will be to see that the population has (a) food, (b) housing and (c) freedom from disease."

#### New Commissioner For Girl Guides Ass'n

TORONTO, May 30 (CP) — Mrs. John S. Corbett of Montreal has been appointed Chief Commissioner of the Canadian Girl Guides Association succeeding Winnifred Kydd, it was announced at the annual meeting.

#### SACKVILLE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

SACKVILLE, N.B., May 30 (CP) — A hospital under construction here will be called the Sackville Memorial Hospital in memory of men and women from Sackville and vicinity who lost their lives in the Second Great War. Capt. R.V. Bennett, who lost two sons in the invasion of France, has been invited to lay the cornerstone, probably late in July.

#### Japs Admit Heavy Loss At Yokohama

SAN FRANCISCO, May 30 — Radio Tokyo acknowledged today that the great American Superfortress fire bomb smash at Yokohama Tuesday, Japanese time, left 250,000 homeless and an unestimated number dead and injured. It said 60,000 houses were destroyed and that hundreds of doctors and nurses were rushed into the burned port city.

#### TEXT-BOOK SHORTAGE

LONDON (CP) — School teachers report a serious shortage of text-books for use in secondary schools and old scholars are being asked to return French, Latin and mathematical books.

#### METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE

TORONTO, May 30 (CP) — Minimum and maximum temperatures Vancouver 57, 69; Edmonton 45, 61; Regina 34, 75; Winnipeg 41, 57; Toronto 39, 59; Ottawa 38, 54; Montreal 48, 57; Quebec 40, 59; Saint John 47; Moncton 47, 55; Halifax 45, 52; Charlottetown 45, 54.

#### FORECASTS

Lower St. Lawrence: Strong northwest and north winds mostly cloudy and cool with light scattered showers.  
Lake St. John: Strong north to northwest winds, cloudy and cool with scattered showers.

Maritimes: Strong northwest to north winds partly cloudy and cool with light scattered showers.

High tide this afternoon at 1:54 and tonight at 3:42.  
Sun sets this evening at 8:31 and rises tomorrow morning at 5:17.

Last quarter moon June 3rd 9:15 A.M.  
Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

#### SUNDAY SERVICE

Leave Charlottetown 12:15, 5:45 P.M. Arrive Charlottetown 3:20, 8:10 P.M. CHARLOTTETOWN — NEW GLASGOW (Daily Except Sunday)

Leave Charlottetown 1:10, 4:00 P.M. Arrive Charlottetown 2:55, 5:30 P.M. N. S. — P. E. I. FERRY SERVICE (Daily, including Sundays)

SCHEDULE MAY 1—SEPT. 30  
Leave Wood Islands 7 a. m., 11 a. m., 3 p. m.  
Leave Carleton Place 9 a. m., 1 p. m., 5 p. m.  
(On authority of the Oil Control, on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays during May and June the 11 a. m. and 1 p. m. sailings will be cancelled unless there is evidence that the other crossings will not carry the traffic offering.)

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