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# YANK COLUMNS BREAK INTO BRITTANY

## Montreal Tram Workers To Strike 7,812 Prisoners Taken In One Day

### Definite Move Made To Prepare For Election

OTTAWA, Aug. 1 — (CP) — The Government, making a definite move to prepare for a general election, has named seven special returning officers to superintend voting among members of the fighting forces overseas, it was announced today.

The announcement has tended to revive rumors in circulation since days ago that Mr. King would indicate when the next election would be held when he addresses a complimentary dinner given in his honor next Monday night on the 25th anniversary of his assuming national leadership of the Liberal party.

The seven special returning officers will cover most of the fighting forces in United Kingdom, France, Italy, the Middle East, the Far East including India and Australia, the West Indies and Newfoundland.

The returning officers and the young territories they will supervise follow: —  
Mr. F. R. Palmer, St. Thomas, Ont.—United Kingdom; Capt. J. R. Groux, Stratford, Que.—United Kingdom; Capt. W. R. Webster, Victoria, B.C.—United Kingdom; John R. Hill, Regina, Sask.—Africa and Libya; Mr. McPherson, Montreal, Ont.—Far East comprising Australia and India; Capt. Charles A. McLean, Toronto, Ont.—British West Indies; Lorne Cameron, Manistowick, N.S.—Newfoundland.

### Churchill To Speak Today

LONDON, Aug. 1 — (AP) — Prime Minister Churchill will deliver in the House of Commons tomorrow an address expected to be one of the most important of his career—his first comprehensive review of the war situation since the Allies smashed the Atlantic Wall and revolt broke out in the German Army.

Awaiting the comment of Mr. Churchill, a man with an unusual historical perspective who can describe today's events with words for the masses, is a world tensely aware of the tremendous change in the general war picture as a result of the Allied drive into France, the Army's latest thrust to the very threshold of Germany and the disclosure that at least some German generals apparently were ready to risk civil war to get peace.

It remains to be seen whether the Prime Minister will amplify or underscore his recent remark to the troops in Normandy that the war "might come to an end earlier than we have a right to say" but the Germans at least seem to fear that he is going to say that and more.

Nazi propaganda today swung full tilt into an effort to persuade the weary Germans that Mr. Churchill is so fearful of Germany's forthcoming new weapons that he is insisting that the war must be ended at all costs by the end of September or early October at the latest.

### Tropical Storm Hits No. Carolina

WILMINGTON, N.C., Aug. 1 — A tropical storm which brought winds of 60 miles an hour lashed the North Carolina coast today, inundating nearby beach resorts with thousands of persons were hastily evacuated.

At 10 p.m., four hours after the fury of the hurricane — force storm, the U.S. weather bureau said the blow had passed inland slightly south of Wilmington. The winds, at that time, were gradually diminishing.

At the height of the storm, with refugees crowding hotel lobbies and every available outdoor space, the city had a 30-minute power failure and was plunged into darkness. Every block of the city's streets were littered with fallen trees and debris.

### Four Airmen Killed In Crash

ST. THOMAS, ONT., Aug. 1 — (AP) — Four airmen from the No. 6 Bomber and Gunnery School, R.C.A.F., were killed today when the training plane in which they were flying crashed tonight about 10 miles west of here.

Next-of-kin have been notified and names of the men will be released shortly.

### Dorothy Dix Injured

ASHEVILLE, N.C., Aug. 1 — (AP) — Mrs. Elizabeth "Dix" Gilman, known to newspaper readers as Dorothy Dix, was injured today when struck by a bus while crossing an Asheville street.

She was treated for cuts, bruises and shock at a hospital. Doctors said her condition was not serious and that she was expected to be discharged in the morning.

### Turkey Approaching Rupture With Germany

LONDON, Aug. 1 — (AP) — Turkey tonight solemnly approached an apparently imminent rupture of her relations with Germany, according to reports here, on the chance that the Nazis are shocked sufficiently by European developments to prevent a pledged reprisals and hoping to win cheaply a place at the peace table.

Turkish action, irrevocably widening the breach caused three months ago by halting shipments of steel-hardening chrome to the Nazis, was expected within the next 30 hours. The decision is generally expected to come at the Wednesday meeting of the Grand National Assembly, when the People's Party Deputies will approve the course of action set by President Inmet Inonki and Prime Minister Ismet Inonki.

A clean Turkish break with the Axis probably would provide the powder for a general blow-off in the Balkans, where the Nazis have been forced to use vitally needed troops to force continued allegiance from their war-weary satellites.

The German position in the Balkans became more tenuous with

### War Situation Last Night

By Kirke L. Simpson, Associated Press War Analyst

American armor has broken through the Avranches gateway into Brittany to fan out in a new advance which is as significant in military possibilities, if not in size, as the Russian crush in the east that has gripped Warsaw and is boring unchecked through Nazi defenses both north and south of that central bastion on the Vistula.

German demolition activities in Warsaw foreshadowing its ultimate abandonment by the foe as untenable are reported with the fall of the eastern front must become as fluid and unstable as that in northwestern France under sustained Anglo-American pounding.

Further sweeping Nazi retreats on both fronts are to be expected if not already in progress, but with no clear indication yet as to where Hitler's reorganized and completely retrained high command hopes to make its next stands.

Development of Warsaw seems in progress both to the north and the south. The surge up the east bank of the River that carried the Russians in within gun range of its suburbs has pushed on beyond Praga toward the angle of the Bug-Vistula confluence northwest of the Polish capital.

At Radezyk, a Russian spearhead that appears to be by-passing Warsaw is within close striking distance of the crossing of the lower Bug that would if Russian-forced, mean outflanking from the south of the whole German front north of the Bug and east of the Narce.

A Russian break-through at that point to plunge north-westward along the corridor that leads to Danzig, the old Polish corridor fashioned out of Germany's last retreat, would threaten isolation of all east Prussia.

### Canada Taking Over U.S. Airports In North

#### To Extend Runways

NEW GLASGOW, Aug. 1 — (CP) — Runways at the local airport will be extended to make the length of the runways equal to those at the Charlottetown airport. Air services for both mail and passengers was inaugurated between the two centres several weeks ago.

### President Of Philippines Dies

SARANAC LAKE, N.Y., Aug. 1 — (AP) — Manuel Quezon, 66, exiled President of the Philippines and Commonwealth who fought unceasingly for the freedom of his native land, died today at his summer home.

Cause of death was given as pulmonary tuberculosis, from which Quezon suffered for years. At the bedside were members of his family who escaped with the President in a submarine Feb. 20, 1942, as the Philippines fell before Japanese invaders.

Plans for burial were not completed tonight but it was indicated services would be held in Washington, D.C.

Sen. Osmeña, Philippine Vice-President, took the oath of office today in Washington.

— Long a prominent figure in Philippine politics, Quezon was speaker of the first Filipino Assembly in 1907 and continued in that post until 1935.

Formerly on opposite sides of the political fence, Quezon and Osmeña joined forces in the Nationalista party.

### Soldier Fatally Injured At St. John

SAINT JOHN, N.B., Aug. 1 — (CP) — A soldier stationed in this district died in hospital tonight of burns and shock suffered when an aerial signal set touched a high-power wire near Dipper Harbour.

Two other soldiers were slightly injured in the same accident. Their next-of-kin have been notified and the names will be released shortly.

### HONOR NORWEGIAN TEACHERS

PRETORIA — (CP) — The Transvaal Teachers' Association has sent a cable to the Norwegian government in London paying tribute and solemn homage to the teacher and soldier, whose heroic sacrifice will occupy an historic place in the annals of the profession.

Pro-Russian Bulgaria also showed signs of final withdrawal from her Axis partnership. Unofficial reports reaching here said Russia and Bulgaria were getting together on an agreement for reopening Russian consulates at Varna and Burgas and withdrawal of German forces from the Black Sea coast. Bulgaria has never severed diplomatic relations with Moscow.

It was considered likely here that the Turkish action might coincide with Prime Minister Churchill's appearance before the House of Commons tomorrow with his latest diplomatic and military report.

### Walkout To Be Effective At Midnight

MONTREAL, Aug. 1 — (CP) — J. E. Maguire, National Secretary of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees, announced tonight that employees of Montreal Tramways would go on strike at midnight tomorrow.

The workers held a strike vote last night and today came out in favor of a walkout by a vote of 3,620-76.

It was not immediately known whether the union would accept any further effort at conciliation before the deadline of the strike tomorrow night. No announcement was immediately available from officials of the Tramways Company.

The strike vote was called after a conciliation board rejected by a majority report the workers' request for a union shop clause in the bargaining agreement. This request was twice turned down by the board.

The first strike in March 1943 brought union recognition to the C.B.R.E. and the second strike in February of this year resulted in the appointment of the conciliation board which settled all points of the dispute except the union shop clause.

The strike was precipitated when the C.B.R.E. members refused to take out cars with members of an Amalgamated Federation of Labor Union.

Ballot boxes remained open all night for union employees to cast a vote for or against the strike. A crowd of tramway workers gathered around the hall where the ballot boxes were counted and cheers broke out when the result was announced over a public address system.

A. R. Mosher, president of the Canadian Congress of Labor, announced that government officials at Ottawa and Quebec had been advised of the result and added that all workers had been instructed to stay at their posts "until advised otherwise."

With the announcement that the strike would begin tomorrow night, the union immediately appointed strike committees to organize the workers of the various divisions of the company. However, traffic tonight continued normal.

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### Two German Armies Trapped In Baltic

LONDON, Aug. 1 — (AP) — The Russian 1st Baltic Army tonight dashed the last road and rail communications between the North Baltic States and East Prussia, isolating two German armies in Estonia and Latvia, while two other powerful Soviet Army groups captured Kaunas, pre-war capital of Lithuania, and closed a steel artery around the Baltic.

The trap in the Baltic was being closed by Gen. Ivan G. Bagramian's men who seized Tukums, rail centre nine miles south of the Gulf of Riga and 30 miles almost due west of the city of Riga. Six other railway stations were among more than 100 taken in that drive, the Soviet communique announced, describing the thrust as a "catastrophe in a single sentence."

"Thus our troops have cut all roads leading from the Baltic to East Prussia," the communique said.

How many Germans remain there is uncertain, but their numbers are believed to be large, as both the 16th and 18th armies, one totalling 350,000 men, were assigned to the Estonian — Latvian defence and gave no indications of pulling out, even as the escape routes narrowed daily.

### Allies Drive Nearer Florence

ROME, Aug. 1 — (AP) — Five German divisions drawn in a tight arc south and southwest of Florence lashed back bitterly today at British 8th Army forces punching their way methodically toward the great capital through a succession of enemy strongpoints.

"It is clear the enemy is determined to make a real stand as long as he is able," an Allied spokesman said. The Nazis have cleared Florence an open city, are expected to withdraw without a fight once their last defenses south of the Arno River are plowed under.

### 335 Contest 91 Seats In Quebec Election

MONTREAL, Aug. 1 — (CP) — Three hundred and thirty-five candidates placed their names on official nomination papers today in the fight for 91 seats in Quebec general elections Aug. 8—the greatest number ever to enter a provincial election battle in Quebec.

When nominations had been completed in 90 of the ridings this afternoon the Liberal government was represented in every riding except Charlevoix — Saguenay — where nominations remain open until Aug. 10 — while the Union Nationale had candidates in every constituency except Montmorency.

It was presumed the Liberals would place a candidate in Charlevoix — Saguenay later in the remote northeastern riding Aug. 24. The seat went to the Liberals by acclamation in the 1939 general elections.

### Other Parties

Following closely behind the Liberals and Union Nationale in numerical strength is the Bloc Populaire, which has 24 candidates. The C. C. F. has entered 24. Quebec's Social Credit party 11 and Labor Progressives four. In addition, there are 17 Independents, seven Independent Liberals, two Independent Labor candidates, two

### ALLIED SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, Aug. 1 — (CP) — American armored columns pointed at the heart of France broke into Brittany at four points today, smashing 10 miles from captured Avranches in two directions. Infantry forces, taking over the brunt of the offensive along a wide front, bagged a one-day total of 7,812 prisoners from the broken ranks of the retreating Germans.

While the armor drove down the coast beyond Avranches, the infantry came into Tessa Sur Vire, seven miles northeast of Percy. Along the whole inland side of the break-through German resistance was crumbling.

At the same time, east of the Vire River, British troops swept into the German stronghold of Pe Beny-Bozage and pushed beyond it, joining with American forces south of Torigny for a steam-roller drive against the key city of Vire, lying about five miles farther south.

In the sector around Caumont, the British forces were enveloping Villers-Bois, seven miles east of Caumont, and Roger D. Greene, Associated Press Correspondent, reported they were squeezing German forces in a powerful vise.

In the Canadian sector on the eastern fringe of the 60-mile Allied line a new offensive erupted southwest of Caen. Tilly La Campagne

### Mannerheim Becomes President Of Finland

#### Czech Hopes To Be Home Christmas

OTTAWA, Aug. 1 — (CP) — Dr. L. Felerabend, Czechoslovakian Finance Minister, said today in an interview he was "firmly convinced" he would be home in a liberated Czechoslovakia for Christmas.

"I hope that normal life in our country will be quickly resumed after her liberation," said Dr. Felerabend, who came here from the Bretton Woods Monetary Conference to discuss post-war trade matters with Trade Minister MacKinnon.

### England Has Lull From Buzz-Bombs

LONDON, Aug. 1 — (CP) — With at least two flying-bomb launches in the night, the German commission between Calais and Cap Gris Nez, southern England had a lull today in the buzz-bomb attacks, broken by only a few of the bombs.

The unmanned missiles sent coast-to-coast in a series of action but a few reached southern England, including the London area. The German tactics of sending salvoes or clusters to reach the Channel coast simultaneously appeared in abeyance.

### Jap Advance At Hengyang Stopped

CHUNGKING, Aug. 1 — (AP) — The Chinese High Command announced tonight that "an enemy advance" was stopped by "troops of our inner ring" at besieged Hengyang.

The communique said that troops on the outer ring of the city had gained both to the east and west, and added that fighting still was in progress in other sectors of the Hunan Province front, with no changes reported in position.

### STOCKHOLM, Aug. 1 — (AP) — President Risto Ryti of Finland resigned tonight and was succeeded by aged Marshal Baron Carl Gustaf Mannerheim in a move which may lead to an end of Finland's war with Russia.

Mannerheim took over the Presidency after parliament had adopted a special decree legalizing his succession without an election, an announcement in Helsinki stated.

The manoeuvre recalled the French switch from Premier Paul Reynaud to Marshal Petain, who promptly surrendered France to the Germans in 1940. In this case Finland may reorganize her government as a neutral preliminary to a peace with Russia.

Mannerheim, who heretofore has declined to assume political responsibility in Finland, preferring to confine his authority to the military, was reported tonight to have declared upon being asked whether he would take the Presidency:

"I am prepared to place myself at the disposal of the country in its difficult hour."

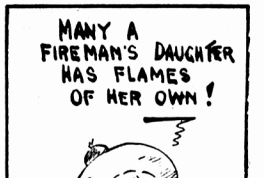
Finland, torn and bleeding after three years of war as a German ally against Russia, is newly and closely threatened by the Soviet march to the Baltic, which threatens to isolate her and leave her an easy mark for the continuing Red Army pressure on her southeastern flank.

### Here To Attend Legion Convention

Professor C. B. Lumsden of Acadia University arrived in the city last night to attend the Canadian Legion Convention to-day at the Charlottetown hotel.

Professor Lumsden will participate in the wreath-laying ceremonies at the Soldiers' Monument, and will also address the Legion members at the dinner, to be held at the Charlottetown hotel, this evening.

Mrs. Lumsden accompanied her husband to the city.



High tide this morning at 8.40 and tonight at 10.42. Sun sets this evening at 8.27 and rises tomorrow morning at 5.47. Full moon August 4th 8.30 A. M. Summer tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

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