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2,000 PLANES RESUME AIR OFFENSIVE

King Peeved At Statement Of Mr. Bracken

By JAMES McCOOK
(Canadian Press Staff Writer)

OTTAWA, April 18 — (CP) — The Commons today spent a harmonious afternoon in approving Canadian participation in the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation program, after Prime Minister Mackenzie King and Gordon Graydon, Progressive Conservative House Leader, had a brief, spirited spat.

When the sitting opened, Mr King said the attitude of John Bracken, Progressive Conservative National Leader, in failing to take a seat in the Commons "amounted to contempt of Parliament and Parliamentary institutions."

The Prime Minister said he had never made a statement which would justify Mr. Bracken saying, as he had in a statement last night, that "the Prime Minister has said that Lord Halifax (British Ambassador to the United States) asked us to make a commitment to fall in line, in any event, with a common policy for the Commonwealth on all matters of our external relations." Mr. Bracken said Lord Halifax made no such suggestion.

Mr. Bracken should be in the House to substantiate statements he made, continued the Prime Minister. National affairs should be discussed finally between parties facing each other in the House.

He said he hoped the condition would not be allowed to continue indefinitely under which affairs of the nation were discussed "in a way that may be taken as official and responsible by individuals who have no seat in any part of the country."

Mr. Graydon's Reply

"I would say to the Prime Minister that he has strained himself pretty far in trying to find an issue upon which he could again make some reference to the leader of the Progressive Conservative party," said Mr. Graydon.

A chorus of protest came from Government benches.

Mr. Graydon said he would have to appeal to Speaker J. A. Glen for protection regarding his position as Opposition leader.

"I used last night the word 'bully', I hope I shall not have to use it again, because all I am doing and shall continue to do is to demand my rights . . ."

Government members protested again.

"A mechanical majority," commented Hon. R. B. Hanson (PC—York Sunbury).

"'. . .in putting our position before the country," continued Mr Graydon.

He said the Prime Minister was

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Nazis Pin Faith On Roosevelt Defeat

LONDON, April 18 — (A P) — The London News Chronicle said in an editorial today that the Germans "are pinning their faith on the defeat of Mr. Roosevelt in the forthcoming presidential elections."

"If they can only hold the invaders and stave off a decisive defeat until Mr Roosevelt has been turned out (which they seem to regard as a certainty)" the paper said, "then they calculate that his Republican successor will be less interested in prosecuting the war in Europe and so will be ready to talk peace."

COMING EVENTS

**To arrive bulk barley. Book now McGuigan & Boyle. 4-13-10i.

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**Bingo and Dance, St. Andrew's Hall, Friday night, April 21st. 4-19-11.

**To arrive May 1st carload asphalt shingles, roofing, etc, good assortment colours and quality. R. L. Dickieson. 4-12-12-15-19—20—22

**To arrive another car Victory Registered Seed Oats, book now. McGuigan and Boyle. 4-17-10i

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NAZIS GUESS INVASION MIGHT BE NEXT WEEK

As One V. C. Winner To Another

On hand to greet Major Paul Triquet, V.C., of Cabano, P.Q., when the hero of the Moro River battle in Italy arrived in Quebec City was Gen. Sir Richard Turner, V. C., of Quebec City, who won the Empire's highest award for gallantry in the South African war. The two Victoria Cross winners are shown as they met, and exchanged greetings with a hearty handshake. — (Canadian Army Photo).

Balaklava Captured By Russian Troops

Red Armies Closing In Steadily On Sevastopol; Nazis Resisting Fiercely.

LONDON, April 18—(CP)— Gen. Andrei I. Yeremenko's coastal army of tough marines cracked Sevastopol's southern defence anchor today with the capture of the Crimean port and the strongpoint of Balaklava, linked with the larger city by a seven-mile highway and trailine, Moscow announced tonight.

Balaklava's fall opened up the valleys leading into Sevastopol from the south and outflanked German troops putting up a stiff fight on Malakov Hill and Inkerman heights against Gen Feodor I. Tolbukin's 4th Ukraine army attacking on the eastern side of Sevastopol.

Thousands of trapped German and Romanian troops now have been hurled into a 50-square-mile pocket around Sevastopol, a communique disclosed.

It was increasingly apparent that the core of Axis resistance around Sevastopol is that of German troops who sacrificed thousands of Romanians as rearguards in their flight back into the natural and long-prepared fortifications surrounding their last toe-hold on the southwestern tip of the 10,000-square-mile peninsula.

Behind them they laid dense minefields, felled trees and built other blocks over the roads leading into Sevastopol.

German Troops In Three Heavy Jabs In Italy

NAPLES, April 18 — (CP)—German forces made three heavy jabs at Allied lines in Italy in the last 24 hours while Allied aircraft continued their attacks on Axis targets in the Balkans.

The enemy attacks were of the type the Germans have been using for a long time in an effort to throw an adversary off his balance and disrupt any approaching offensive. The Germans struck against the Canadians in the Adriatic sector and 5th Army forces on the Anzio beachhead south of Rome and north of Cassino. All attacks were beaten back.

After heavy preparatory artillery fire, the Germans with tank support attacked the Canadians in the Crecchio area, about seven miles southwest of the Adriatic Port of Ortona. In a bitter night fight, the Canadians repelled the Germans, inflicting casualties.

Bonds Disregarded, Nylons Draw Offers

VANCOUVER, April 18—(CP) — Edythe Myers said today nobody has been after the $15,000 in war bonds she won in a navy league draw here last Saturday but hundreds of visitors have begged for the nylon stockings and 12 bottles of whiskey included in the treasure chest, which accompanied the award. The 21-year-old rivet-passer said she had received offers up to $10 a pair for the nylons.

Navy Award

OTTAWA, April 18 — (C P) — The Navy announced today the award of bar to the Distinguished Service Cross to Lt.-Cmdr. J. Plomer of Winnipeg for "good service against enemy submarines in October and November last."

There were no details.

Prior to enlistment, Cmdr. Plomer lived at Winnipeg. His next of kin is his wife, Mrs. P. Plomer of Saint John, N. B.

GRANTED DIVORCE

FORT WORTH, Tex., April 18 — (AP) — Mrs. Ruth Goggins Roosevelt was granted a divorce yesterday from Col. Elliot Roosevelt second son of the President.

Custody of the three children, Ruth Chandler, Elliott, and David Boynton Roosevelt, was given to the mother.

Impressive Ceremony At Airport

"For highly meritorious service in the execution of his duty" Flying Officer E. C. Gowsell, R. C. A. F. yesterday had the ribbon of a Member of the British Empire pinned to his tunic by Air Commodore Adelard Raymond, Air Officer Commanding No. 3 Training Command.

The impressive ceremony was held on the R.C.A.F. parade ground before a full station parade drawn up in inspection order. Air Commodore Raymond who came from Montreal to present the ribbon, congratulated FO Gowsell on his award.

Prior to the presentation the long lines of airmen were formed on the parade ground in front of Group Captain H. N. Hampton, D.F.C., Officer Commanding, and the name of FO Gowsell was called. The young Foxboro, Ont., officer stepped out of position and marched forward to a smart salute in front of the Air Officer Commanding.

Questioned following the ceremony FO Gowsell would make no statement as to the reasons for his award, but other officers said it was in connection with organization work he had done across Canada.

Mystery Of When, Where Is Live Topic

By ALAN RANDAL
(Canadian Press Staff Writer)

LONDON, April 18 — (CP Cable) —While Germany appeared apprehensively involved in the guessing game of the century the Allies tonight stood pat on the answer—the date of and the place for D-day.

With the Russians pressing on the eastern front the Nazis have been forced to draw cards between two "bumpers." They have evidence of the strength of the Russian holdings but the Allies in the west, meanwhile, are not tipping their hand in any way.

French Told Time Near

Nothing from official British sources eased the German worries —nothing except the poker-faced silence in the wake of new security measures and Allied warnings to the people of France that "the time is getting short."

The French were told they should prepare against the time of liberation by storing food, at a time when the Germans were guessing the invasion might be as early as next week.

A Berlin spokesman, apparently intensifying the "fishing-for-information" campaign, said the invasion largely depended on the weather, at the same time suggesting "that the next week's weather is favorable for gigantic operations."

This island now is a great arsenal and fortress whence invasion forces are preparing to lunge against Europe, but the United Nations are going no farther than Prime Minister Churchill's remark in the House of Commons today when asked if he could arrange an inspection of German and British tanks for comparative purposes.

The Prime Minister said: "after this year's campaign has reached a suitable phase it may be possible to parade not only the two tanks mentioned, but all tanks used in the forthcoming battles and specimens of those which are captured from the enemy."

The constant Allied pounding of vital communications points in Europe and particularly the defences along the English Channel —the aerial offensive was resumed today after a brief lull—was seen in Berlin as a precursor of imminent invasion.

The German spokesman, referring to the possibility of an invasion surprise, went so far as even to concede "the Anglo-Americans might be able to win the first round."

The Berlin correspondent of the German-controlled French news agency said he was told by a high German military official "the German high command takes the Allied measures on the Atlantic coast so seriously that invasion operations now are regarded here as about to begin."

Britain's clamping of restrictions on all but American and Russian diplomats ruffled the feelings of the representatives of some countries but informed British circles said there had been no official reaction.

Canadian Navy To Back Loan

OTTAWA, April 19 — (C P) — The Royal Canadian Navy has undertaken to raise not less than $3,500,000 in the sixth victory loan, an increase of $1,000,000 or 40 per cent over the fifth campaign quota, it was announced today.

A navy statement said the money will be subscribed by approximately 80,000 uniformed and civilian naval personnel. Quotas have been set for each command in Canada, Newfoundland and Britain.

War Situation Last Night

By Kirke L. Simpson, Associated Press War Analyst

The victory guns of Moscow may roar out before the week-end to signal the recapture of Sevastopol and the end of the Nazi invasion of southern Russia, but it is west of the Dnestr that an even more critical situation is fast shaping up for the defeat-ridden German high command.

The battle of the Galati gateway to the Balkans in southeastern Romania is approaching a crisis. The Russian air attacks on Galati seems the certain preliminary to a two-army Russian drive down the Siret and Prut Valleys and from the breached lower Dnestr to break through into the Danube Valley without awaiting the final cleanup in Crimea.

A Russian surge through the Galati gap to Ploesti and Bucharest and on westward in the Danube Valley would cut Bulgaria off from her Nazi associates. Since she is not at war with Russia, it is questionable to what extent the Nazi command can even now count on Bulgarian rail and road connections for a round-about service behind the front of Romania.

Open Bulgarian aid to Germany against Russia would invite Russian retaliation. Moscow is obviously avoiding that as long as possible in hope of a Bulgarian break-away from the tottering Axis Balkan satellite regime.

Bulgaria's case is growing desperate and it could cause little surprise if Bulgaria becomes the first Balkan associate to desert Germany and even join the war against her. The beginning of Axis collapse in the Balkans might well come that way, with Allied bombers helping it along.

Important Work Done By Test Unit Under Wing Cmdr. McLean D.F.C.

London Has One Hour Air Alarm

By JACK BRAYLEY
(Canadian Press Staff Writer)

LONDON, April 19—(Wednesday)—(CP)—London had a one hour air raid alarm early today, its first in four nights as German "dark of the moon" raiders hit the capital.

Shortly after the sirens signalled the enemy approach planes droned overhead and ground fire broke into a sustained roar.

Vari-colored flares cascaded from a great height, followed by incendiaries and a few high explosives.

Residents in outer London reported they had heard two planes approaching the capital shortly before the warning.

Britain Prohibits Strike Fomenting

LONDON, April 18—(CP Cable) — Strike fomenting was prohibited for the duration today by the Government under a new defence regulation, effective immediately, providing imprisonment or fines for all but union-organized walkouts.

The new regulation, firm answer to strikes which twice this year crimped the invasion front output and made March the worst strike month of the war despite efforts of union leaders to keep men at work, was not intended to interfere with the unions' strike privilege. However, they have voluntarily renounced their strike rights because of the war.

This regulation, providing penalties ranging up to five years' imprisonment and a $2,000 fine gave effect to Labor Minister Bevin's warning that imminence of the second front and the great stakes involved left no room for stoppages in key industries.

DENY MUSSOLINI ILL

LONDON, April 18 — (A P) — Berlin Radio broadcast a report by the D. N. B. German News Agency today claiming that reports of Benito Mussolini's ill health have been branded "sheer invention" by informants close to the German Government. These informants insisted "there is proof that Mussolini is enjoying the best of health."

Awarded Medal For Service In Tank Car Fire

Flying Officer Raymond Adolphus Picard of Toronto was invested with the British Empire Medal at an impressive ceremony yesterday morning at No. 10 B. and G. School at Mount Pleasant. Air Commodore Adelard Raymond, air officer commanding No. 3 Training Command pinned the medal on the officer's breast and read the citation before the entire station personnel assembled on the parade ground under command of Squadron Leader G. Vadboncoeur. Present also was Wing Commander F. E. Groce, Acting Commanding Officer of the station in the absence of Wing Commander Mair.

The citation reads: "This airman under the leadership of P. O. J. F. Williams proceeded to a point where a train of tankers was on fire. Several of the tankers filled with gasoline had already exploded adding to the conflagration. This airman assisted in extinguishing the flames of five tankcars and uncoupling to safety. The disregard of the extreme danger and the resourcefullness of this airman resulted in saving of a valuable part of a highly explosive and combustible trainload of war material."

Present at the ceremony was F. O Picard's wife.

After inspecting the station air Commodore Raymond left for the mainland—S

News Briefs

OTTAWA, April 18 — (CP) — Air Minister Power said tonight in the Commons that Canada by the end of this month would have trained the 100,000th air crew member under the British commonwealth air training plan. Maj. Power said losses of pilots had not been as heavy as had been expected and a surplus of pilots had been built up.

WIRKSWORTH, ENGLAND, April 18—(CP)—Hon. Mrs. Edith Mary Gell, 84, author of many novels of the Victorian and Edwardian eras died here today at her home, Hoodson Hall.

LONDON, April 18 — (CP) — Cross-channel shipping from the southern Irish port of Cork to Britain is suspended and Eire passenger trains will be permitted to run only Mondays and Thursdays beginning next week, it was announced today.

MONTREAL, April 18—(CP) — The S.S. Gaspesia, which operates on a St. Lawrence River and Gulf run, arrived at Victoria pier today, the first ship of the season to enter Montreal Harbor.

Bitter Battles Are Fought Over German Capital

By W. W. Hercher

LONDON, April 18 — (AP) — A powerful fleet of probably 2,000 United States heavy bombers and fighters—one of the war's largest daylight assault armadas—attacked Berlin and other German military targets today, fighting bitter battles over the scarred Nazi capital in which the Axis Radio claimed "a large number" of American airmen parachuted into the city from blazing planes.

Strong forces of medium and light bombers joined the assault against Nazi continental targets late this afternoon, bringing the number of Allied aircraft in operation from British bases to more than 2,500. Tonight the Bordeaux Radio left the air, raising the possibility of another night expedition from Italian bases against southeastern Europe.

The day raids followed an R.A.F. Mosquito raid on Cologne and R. A. F. and R. C. A. F. minelaying.

One of the American heavy bomber forces blasted the Heinkel bomber production centre at Oranienburg, 25 miles northwest of Berlin, while another tackled an aircraft component factory at Rathenow, 35 miles west of Berlin.

Savage Air Battle

One group of heavy bombers which penetrated to the Berlin area brought back accounts of a savage battle with about 200 Nazi fighters. Other groups reported meeting between 50 and 75 enemy fighters as they moved in on their objectives.

As the main bomber stream roared into Germany from the north, another force droned across the English Channel and resumed its pounding of the Pas-de Calais anti-invasion fortifications studding the French coast. Allied medium and light bombers also attacked across the Strait.

Italy based R. A. F. heavy bombers last night attacked the important Bulgarian rail hub of Plovdiv, 80 miles southeast of Sofia, capping a blistering 72 hour offensive against the Balkans in which British, American and Russian bombers joined.

Berlin said "despite bad weather" over Northern Germany swarms of Axis fighters engaged the invaders at noon and inflicted heavy losses on them.

R. A. F. and R. C. A. F. planes have made 16 heavy assaults on the capital since the new "Battle of Berlin" began Nov. 18, 1943, and it is estimated the Allies have dropped more than 23,000 tons on the shattered city since that date.

In the medium and light bomber operations today, American medium bombers hit military objectives in Northern France and the Charleroi rail yards in Belgium.

BUYS DEHYDRATED ONIONS

LONDON —(CP)— The British Ministry of Food is negotiating a deal to buy dehydrated onions from Nigeria.

Victory Loan Ceremony At Ottawa Sat.

OTTAWA, April 18 — (CP) — Formal recognition of pledges by the provinces to support Canada's Sixth Victory Loan Campaign will be made Saturday in a ceremony on Parliament Hill.

Prime Minister Mackenzie King, Members of the Cabinet and Maj. Triquet, V.C., of Cabano, Que., recently returned from Italy, will take part in the ceremony from which copies of the insignia of the campaign will be started on their way to the provinces.

The program has been set for noon Saturday to enable the insignia, made of silver and mounted on wooden bases, to reach all the provinces before the $1,200,000,000 campaign starts April 24.

Short addresses will be delivered by the Prime Minister, Finance Minister Ilsley and Justice Minister St. Laurent, and then George W. Spinney, Honorary Chairman of the National War Finance Committee, acting on behalf of 150,000 campaign workers will receive the Insignia from Maj. Triquet. They will be turned over to members of the armed forces for courier who will immediately start them on their way to the provinces.

Government offices will close at noon Saturday to enable civil servants to attend the ceremony.

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Japs Stopped Cold In Imphal Plain Fighting

KANDY, Ceylon, April 18 — (A P) — Allied infantry and tanks are locked in heavy fighting against Japanese invasion troops around the entire jungle perimeter of the rich Imphal Plain in Eastern India, with the Japanese either being stopped cold or thrown back at every point of contact, Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten's headquarters disclosed today.

The Japanese, shorn of the protection of the jungles and hills through which they infiltrated from Western Burma, were estimated to be suffering 10 casualties to each one for Mountbatten's troops as they tangled with the powerful Allied defences around Imphal, the Manipur State capital. Allied authorities consider Imphal's fortifications impregnable.

In the offensive northeast of Imphal, Allied forces were reported in today's communique to be making "satisfactory progress." Other counter-attacking British and Indians threw the Japanese from a commanding position near the Bishenpur-Sinchar jungle trail some 8-20 miles southwest of Imphal and were reported staving off enemy efforts to retake the point.

Fighting ranged in the mile high Naga hills a short distance northwest of Kohima, 60 miles to the North of Imphal.

Mountbatten's communique conceded that Japanese pressure was increasing in the Kohima area.

(A Tokyo broadcast claimed that Japanese units, "released by the occupation of Kohima," had penetrated within six miles of Dimapur and were on the verge of cutting the Bengal-Assam railway.")

Renewed indication that Japanese forces fighting around Imphal are in danger of being cut off from their Burma supply bases came in an announcement that Allied airborne forces operating from the Burmese interior had blown up a bridge on a main route supplying the enemy invasion troops.

PARALLEL VALLEYS

Burma consists of parallel river valleys, running from north to south, separated by ranges of mountains.

High tide this morning at 8.46 and tonight at 8.56.

Sun sets this evening at 7.54 and rises tomorrow morning at 6.08.

New moon, April 22, 5.43 p.m.

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