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GREAT ALLIED VICTORY IN NO. AFRICA

Yesterday's Sales Ahead Of Thursday

Prince Edward Islanders took another strong step yesterday toward realization of the fourth victory loan objective for the province when they subscribed a total of $151,900. It was an increase over the previous day when bonds totalling $103,250 were purchased but was still slightly below the figure for Wednesday.

The grand total for the province last night was $1,821,600. The provincial objective is $2,500,000.

By districts the totals were: Charlottetown, $618,600; Queen's County outside Charlottetown $230,500; Summerside, $508,450; Prince County outside Summerside, $305,400; and King's County, $158,650.

OTTAWA, May 7 (CP)—The National War Finance Committee announced tonight that subscriptions to Canada's fourth victory loan have averaged $63,084,350 daily in the first 10 days of the three weeks' drive for a minimum objective of $1,100,000,000.

Should today's receipts approach the average, the National total tomorrow would come within striking distance of the $700,000,000 mark, the committee said. The 10-day total of subscribers to the fourth loan, namely 782,246 compared with 563,695 at the same stage of last autumn's third victory loan, objective of which was $750,000,000.

The headquarters statement said 126,252 individual subscribers invested $66,737,100 on the 10th day of the campaign, and the cumulative numerical total of individual subscriptions now stands at 782,246, a daily average of 78,224.

Thursday's returns included $15,000,000 subscribed from the funds of the Unemployment Insurance Commission of Canada.

First returns on subscriptions by overseas units of the Canadian Army total $564,750 to date from 4,910 subscribers. This figure compares with a total subscribed during the third victory loan of $402,600. The grand total of subscriptions so far from all Canadian Army units at home and overseas, stands at $8,301,600. The grand total subscribed in the third loan was $3,062,950.

350 Nazi Planes Destroyed By Reds

LONDON, May 7 (CP)—The Russians announced tonight that 350 German planes massed along the front were destroyed or damaged in a great attack by the Russian Air Force Thursday. Russian losses were 24 planes.

COMING EVENTS

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"Vernon River Play in Fort Augustus postponed until Wednesday, May 12. 5—7—2i

"Dance and Auction, Pisquid East School, May 12th. Ice Cream. 5-8-11.

"Unloading car of feed wheat and barley at York Station. Hardy & Matthew. 5-8-11.

"Buying Sucker Pigs daily. $15.00 pair for good pigs. M. E. Coffin, Webster's Corner. 5-8-11.

"Vernon River Players present "Dora Dean"in Corran Bann Hall, Monday, May 10th at 8.30. Dance after. 5-6-21.

"Concert by Hampshire Players, Kingston Hall, May 21st. Admission 15c and 25c. 5-8-21.

"Seed Barley for sale. $1.25 per bushel. Bert Warren, Cornwall. 5-8-11.

"Pantry Sale at Holman's Saturday, May 8th, three o'clock, Princess Elizabeth Group, Baptist Auxiliary. 5-8-11.

"Girl Guide Rummage Sale, St. James Hall, Fitzroy Street, on Saturday, May 15th at six o'clock. 5-8-11.

"We Did It Before And We Can Do It Again. York Y. P. U. concert and Box Social on May 14th. Ladies with boxes free. 5-8-11.

"Special prices on Regal Flour while unloading Monday and Tuesday, $2.50 a bag. S.O.P. Chicken starter, $3.25 a bag. R. L. Dickieson, New Glasgow. 5—8—11

"Buying Pigs at Fredericton Monday, Tuesday 1 P. M. York, 3 Mt. Stewart, 4 Watervale, 6 Vernon River, 7 Pownal, Wednesday 10 A. M. New Glasgow, 11 Wheatley River, 1 Brokfield, 3 New Haven, 4, Kelly's Cross, 7 Emerald. Thursday 10 A. M. Kensington Cattle Pen, 11 Clifton. Paying $13.00 a pair for good pigs over 30 lbs. each, $12.00 over 15 lbs. $1.00 a pair for pigs delivered at Fredericton before 11 A. M. Monday. Knud Jorgenson.

War Situation Last Night

By GLENN BABB
Associated Press Analyst

The United Nations have won a great and historic victory in Tunisia. Their troops completed last night the capture of Tunis and Bizerte, the capital and naval stronghold. So swiftly are events moving that it appears it is only a matter of days, perhaps only hours, before the last hold of the Axis on the world's second largest continent is ended.

The British and American forces and their French Allies have inflicted on Hitler a defeat that ranks with Stalingrad. It may prove even more complete and ignominious for the enemy and of equal strategical significance. At Stalingrad at least, Von Paulus and his 6th Army fought on for weeks after all hope was gone and the remnant yielded only after the tactical job was finished. It appeared last night that the Germans and Italians in Tunisia were on the verge of collapse, incapable of buying with their blood any more time for their master.

The turn in the campaign of 1943 has come when the Allied command can consider its work in Africa done and devote all its planning and preparation to the European phase. The battle of Tunisia soon will become the battle of the Mediterranean, which probably will merge quickly into the battle of Sardinia, Sicily or Italy itself.

It is possible, of course, that Axis resistance will continue for some days. Despite the breakup of its defences in the north its forces still were counter-attacking yesterday near Zaghouan, suggesting that that stronghold was to be held at all costs to keep open an avenue by which the large forces still facing the British 8th Army in the south could retire into the peninsula running out to Cape Bon.

It remains to be seen whether a Dunkerque will be attempted.

Into the chorus of Allied triumph the news from China injects a jarring, sobering note. There the fortunes of the United Nations, so hopeful elsewhere, are in grave eclipse. The Japanese landing on the south shore of Lake Tungting, announced last night by Chungking, suggests strongly that the enemy may be launching that long-feared attempt to knock China out of the war. This time it may be pushed to the hilt, and there is so little that the Allies, despite all their rising power, their overwhelming production of weapons, can do about it.

The Japanese firmly hold the Burma back door to China and there is no indication that we shall be in a position even to try to pry it open for the next six months. Meanwhile China's resistance, nearing the end of its sixth heart-breaking year, may be beaten down. If it is, the United Nations will suffer a disaster that will counterbalance the triumph in Africa, one that may add years to the Pacific war.

"Forward Then To Victory"

LONDON, May 7—(CP)—The text of Gen. Sir Harold Alexander's order of the day signalizing the start of the current offensive in Tunisia, as broadcast from Algiers:—

"Soldiers of the Allies:—

"Two months ago when the Germans and Italians were attacking us I told you that if you held fast final victory was assured us.

"You did your duty and now you are about to reap its full reward.

"You have reached the last phase of this campaign. We have regrouped our victorious armies and are going to drive the enemy into the sea.

"We have got them just where we want them—with their backs to the wall.

"That final battle will be fierce, bitter and long and will demand all the skill, strength and endurance of each of us.

"But you have proved yourselves masters of the battlefield and therefore you will win this last great battle which will give us the whole of North Africa.

"The eyes of the world are on you and the hopes of those at home.

"Forward then to victory!"

Reds Press Closer To Novorossisk

LONDON, May 7—(CP)—A tremendous Soviet artillery and air barrage was reported tonight to have knocked out another German defence line bfore Novorossisk in the Caucasus as the Russians killed nearly 1,000 more Axis troops and shot down 77 enemy planes in the drive to the Black Sea.

Driving slowly through hilly terrain northeast of the Black Sea port of Novorossisk, Moscow dispatches said, the Red Army methodically destroyed German-Rumanian military units and cut many of the invaders' surviving land communications between Novorossisk and the Kuban River Valley in the Taman Peninsula to the north.

Roosevelt Stalin To Confer?

WASHINGTON, May 7 (CP)—A conference between President Roosevelt and Premier Joseph Stalin of Russia appeared to be in the making today.

The President disclosed he is sending a secret letter to the Kremlin to be taken by Joseph Davies, former American Ambassador to Russia who is leaving almost at once.

The letter's contents are known only to the President and his secretary, Grace Tulley —not even to Davies—but the disclosure today raised immediate speculation that it contained an invitation to a conference, probably including Prime Minister Churchill as well.

The President announced the Davies trip—the second "Mission to Moscow"—at his press conference and turned aside every question relating to the contents of the letter.

New Air Base

WASHINGTON, May 7 —(AP)—United States troops have put into operation a new air base on Amchitka Island, only 70 miles southeast of Kiska, and Navy Secretary Frank Knox said today this advance into the western Aleutians is a new blow in America's program of "aggressive, offensive war."

Knox declined to be drawn into speculation as to the uses of the new base—including the possibility that it might be a takeoff place for bombings against Tokyo itself but he said "the military situation up there in the Aleutians has certainly been improved."

Gas Rattles

HALIFAX, May 7 —(CP)— Gas rattles—like the proverbial warning of the rattle snake—will be sounded in Halifax should there be a gas attack on this war-strategical port.

Major O. R. Crowell, Director of Civil Defence for the city, announced last night that a supply of gas rattles have arrived here and are being distributed to A.R.P. wardens. In the event of a gas attack the wardens, each to his own district, will immediately sound the rattles to warn the populace.

Receives Silver Wolf Award

SAINT JOHN, N. B., May 7 (CP)—The Silver Wolf of the Boy Scouts Association, highest award for Scouting in the Empire, was presented to Chief Justice J. B. M. Baxter tonight by John A. Stiles, O.B.E., chief executive commissioner of the Association in Canada. The Chief Justice is New Brunswick president of the Association. The presentation was made at a dinner tendered to Mr. Stiles by the Provincial Association.

Fine Contribution To Victory Loan By Service Men

Determined to "back the attack" to the limit the men in training at No. 62 C.A. (B.) T.C. have come through the victory loan drive thus far with the resounding record of $14,250 subscribed, representing 220 per cent of the objective set for the Centre.

Their enthusiasm for this season's campaign is indicated by the fact that sales have far exceeded last year's very creditable showing, while fewer men are in training at the moment than during last November.

With inter-platoon competition still going strong, the platoon commanded by Lieut. J. R. Nicholson leads with subscriptions of $3,050 from 22 out of 29 men in the group. Five other platoons are challenging this record. Two new platoons recently arrived from outside the province were already canvassed before leaving, but some of the men have been able to subscribe again.

Out of 149 applications for bonds, 126 have been made on the payroll deduction plan. When one considers that a $50 purchase by the private soldier on this plan leaves him with $11.60 a month for some time to come the full extent of his sacrifice in the matter of personal

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Step Nearer To Invasion

LONDON, May 8 —(Saturday)—(CP)— News of the fall of Tunis and Bizerte to Allied African forces swept swiftly through London early today despite the hour, and the chief reaction was:—

"The faster the cleanup, the sooner the European invasion."

Bizerte Is "Gibraltar"

By The Canadian Press

The capture of Bizerte and Tunis gives the Allies access to one of the world's outstanding naval and air base positions, and reduces the Axis bridgehead in Tunisia to a narrow peninsula flanked by the Gulf of Tunis on the northwest and by the Gulf of Hammamet on the southeast.

Bizerte's fall gives the Allied forces a "second Gibraltar" in the Mediterranean commanding the narrow and strategic water gates between the central and western Mediterranean, leading to Great Britain's Gibraltar.

Less than 150 miles separate this port of about 28,500 population from Italy's big fortified islands of Sardinia on the northwest and Sicily on the northeast. Across a stretch of open sea lies Rome, only about 350 miles from Bizerte.

Tunis, capital of Tunisia and chief commercial port of the French protectorate, is centuries old and many times battle-scarred even before she was battered by modern armor.

Big N.S. Power Dam Endangered

HALIFAX, May 7—(CP) The dam and power plant of the Nova Scotia power commission at nearby St. Margaret's Bay were threatened early this week by a 40-hour rainfall that raised the reservoir level to the highest point since 1922. Censorship regulations permitted disclosure of the storm only today.

Driven by a 35-mile-an-hour wind, 3.57 inches of water fell during the two-day period, seriously weakening the dam structure. Small dams in the vicinity burst and flooded large areas of farmlands.

MAJOR A. S. ROBERTSON

Officer Commanding No. 62 C.A. B.T.C.

City Victory Loan Standing

$850,000

Monday	$427,000
Tuesday	$472,000
Wednesday	$516,700
Thursday	$576,850
Friday	$618,600

Only Two Days To Complete City Drive

In this Fourth Victory Loan drive, all the heavy artillery has been concentrated on breaking the ground and seeing to it that the "big" investor prepared the way for the lighter fighting elements by setting an example in patriotism and liberality.

In the City of Charlottetown drive, the merchants and others have done great things towards establishing this encouraging situation but it must be obvious that the saturation point has just about been reached and the time is now ripe for the light artillery, machine gun sections and hand grenade units to close with the enemy "time", and bring this fight to a successful termination.

There is always a tendency when hundreds of thousands are spoken of, to forget the modest $50 Bond which almost everybody who is gainfully employed or has a few dollars set aside, can take in his or

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D.N.B. View Of Tunisia

NEW YORK, May 7 — (AP) — Shortly before the Allied announcement tonight of the capture of Bizerte and Tunis, the German agency D.N.B. said in dispatches to occupied Europe that Axis resistance was "unshaken" and that, anyway, those strategic ports were really not very important.

The D.N.B. telegraphic-code transmissions were reported by the United States foreign broadcast intelligence service.

CHURCH MEETINGS

TORONTO, May 7 (CP)—Dates for the annual meetings of the 11 conferences of the United Church of Canada, announced today by Dr. Gordon Sisco, secretary of the General Council of the United Church include: Bay of Quinte, June 1-4, at Gananoque; Ottawa and Montreal, June 7; Maritime, June 3 at Sackville, N. B.; Newfoundland, June 8-14 (meeting place unspecified).

Back the Attack with Victory Bonds

"SALADA" TEA

Both Tunis And Bizerte Captured

Smashing Advance By British And American Armies Sends Axis Forces Reeling.

By EDWARD KENNEDY
(Associated Press Staff Writer)

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, May 7—(AP)—Tunis and Bizerte were captured in mid-afternoon today by triumphant Allied troops striking in overwhelming force by land and by air.

The naval base in the north fell to United States troops at 4:15 p. m. (12:15p.m. E. D. T.—1:15 p.m. A. D. T.) and the Capital was conquered five minutes later by British 1st Army troops in the blazing co-ordinated drives climaxing two days of fierce battle.

AXIS TROOPS IN FLIGHT

Roads from both cities were choked tonight with German and Italian troops and tanks and trucks fleeing to the coastal hills below Bizerte, and to Cap Bon Peninsula.

Allied planes pounded and slashed relentlessly at the retreating columns.

Rear guard troops still were fighting in the Capital but fierce struggles on the outskirts of cities failed to halt the Allied drive to destroy the Axis in Africa.

CLIMAX TO EL ALAMEIN

The fall of Tunisia's chief cities after a shattering two-day offensive came as a climax to the El Alamein drive launched by Gen. Sir Bernard Montgomery's 8th Army last Oct. 23, 1,400 miles to the east.

The fall of the Tunisian Capital and the big Mediterranean seaport and naval base was announced by Allied headquarters late tonight.

BRITISH AND YANKS

The British 1st Army vanguard smashed its way 14 miles to wrest Tunis from its Axis defenders who reeled back under the greatest combined land and air offensive Africa has seen, and American troops drove into Bizerte after advancing nine miles during the day.

Thus collapsed the Axis defence throughout North Tunisia except for strong elements still entrenched in the hills between the plain of Tunis and Enfidaville in positions already menaced by the British 8th Army.

LAST DITCH STAND

At 9 p.m., headquarters announced that fighting still was continuing inside both cities, but the remaining resistance was expected to be wiped out soon.

This last-ditch defence apparently was designed to give the fleeing bulk of the enemy a chance to escape to the hills of the Cap Bon Peninsula in the northeast.

Large numbers of prisoners were taken in both cities and in the fighting outside.

Gen. Henri Giraud immediately named Gen. Charles Mast as resident general of France in Tunisia.

The Americans of the 2nd Corps encountered strong opposition in their push to Bizerte, but after taking Ferryville at 1 p.m. today, their columns converged upon the naval base in a tremendous drive by armor and infantry.

Nazis Fight Fiercely

In the final battle before Tunis, British armor and infantry smashed the positions which the Germans had hastily erected. The Germans fought fiercely there.

Just before the break into Tunis itself the 1st Army took Le Bardo, home of the Bey of Tunis, but it has not yet been determined whether the Bey was there or was taken to Europe by the Germans, who had elevated him to "King of Tunisia."

Allied air forces were again complete masters of the skies today. The Axis air force was almost non-

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Clinton Man Dies Suddenly

Coroner Orders Inquest Into Death of Harry L. McGuirk.

Coroner Dr. Ira J. Yeo last night ordered an inquest into the death of Harry L. McGuirk, farmer from Clinton, P.E.I.

A jury was sworn in and the hearing adjourned to await the findings of a post mortem examination. It was considered probable that the stomach contents would be sent to Halifax for analysis.

McGuirk died yesterday afternoon on the road enroute to his home from Kensington.

From information available last night it appeared that McGuirk, who was between 35 and 40 years of age, went to Kensington yesterday morning with a load of potatoes. Before he left the town for home he complained of feeling unwell and became critically ill on the road and shortly after unconscious. A neighbor boy, George Pickering drove the McGuirk team home.

Dr. J. K. Beer of Kensington was summonced. He pronounced the man dead and notified Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

The coroner's jury took no evidence, it was learned. They viewed the body and then adjourned to await developments from the autopsy.

Ernest Pickering of Clinton is jury foreman. Other members include, Justin Woodside, William Warren, James Paynter, Elmer Woodside, Wilfred Pickering and Hugh Glover.

The post mortem examination was conducted at Frank Hennessey Funeral Home in Charlottetown by Dr. J. D. MacGuigan and Dr. C. F. Dewar.

McGuirk was married but had no family.

INTERNATIONAL AT A GLANCE

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

TUNISIA — British 1st Army captures Tunis, Americans take Bizerte.

RUSSIA — Red Army knocks out Axis defence line before Novorossisk with artillery and aerial barrage, killing 1,000 more troops and shooting down 27 aircraft in addition to 350 destroyed Thursday.

CHINA — Chinese report new Japanese landings on southern shores of Tungting Lake, indicating new drive against Changsha, capital of Hunan Province.

NORTHWEST PACIFIC—American forces moved into Amchitka Island, 15 minutes flying time from Kiska in the Aleutians last January, U.S. Army announces.

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC — Allies bomb Babo, Netherlands New Guinea, and Madang, New Guinea, dropping heavy loads of explosives.

High tide this afternoon at 3.36 and tomorrow morning 3.19.

Sun sets this evening at 8.12 and rises tomorrow morning at 5.39.

First quarter moon May 12, 5.59 a.m.

Summerside tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

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Leave Cape Tormentine—11 a.m 3.05 p. m. and 6.30 p. m.

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(EXCEPT SUNDAY)

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Leave Charlottetown 8.30 a. m, 12.30 p. m. 4.30 p. m.
Arrive Charlottetown 1 p. m, 5.45 p. m, 7.05 p. m.