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# NAZI GAMBLE DESPERATELY IN ITALY

## Famous Tank Expert Escapes Prison Camp

LONDON, Jan. 24 (CP)—The British tank expert who was captured in the 1940 Libyan drive which liquidated the bulk of Mussolini's North African Army is back in Britain with another distinguished General and an Air Marshal after all three had been prisoners of the Italians.

The tank expert, Lt.-Gen. Sir Richard Nugent O'Connor, Lt.-Gen. Philip Neame, V.O., and Air Marshal O. T. Boyd were among thousands of British prisoners who got away from the camps after Italy's surrender in September.

All were at a camp five miles from Florence when the capitulation came but they did not disclose details on their long journey through Italy to the Allied lines.

Gen. Neame, captured April 7, 1941 at Derna with Gen. O'Connor, said: "All I can say is that I spent the last three months of my life in a camp and that I took up quite a time to get away."

Air Marshal Boyd was on his way to take up a new post as De-



Gen. K. A. Meretskov, above, commands Soviet armies in the Volkhov river-Novgorod sector, lower part of Russians double thrust against Germans in Leningrad area. Noted as ace strategist, he was former Red army chief of staff.

## War Situation Last Night

By Kirke L. Simpson, Associated Press War Analyst

Caught flat-footed by the Allied sea-borne flanking attack just south of Rome, the Nazi high command is confronted with the same sort of dilemma in Italy that it faces on a larger scale in Russia.

It must decide, and decide now, before it is too late, to run for it in Italy, abandoning Rome and substantially all of the Italian Peninsula south of the Livorno line, or fight it out at the risk of disaster. That choice probably has been made, although the decision is not yet discernible.

This first indicated Nazi reaction to the Allied blow came in furious counter-attacks against 5th army positions on the Cassino-Minturno line to the south. They served to blunt somewhat the Anglo-American-French thrust to the Liri valley, interior land route to Rome. Yet they may turn out to be only rearguard operations to screen a wholesale Nazi retreat northward.

The extent of the Allied beach holdings is not clear. It is reasonably certain from both Allied and Berlin accounts, however, that the objective is not Rome directly, but the roads and railroads that fan south and eastward from that transportation hub.

Messrs. J. M. MacPhadyen and G. Claude Smith, joint chairmen of the boys committee of the Y. M. C. A., presided at the meeting. Other organizations represented included: Women's Institute, Catholic Women's League, School Improvement League, I.O.D.E. and Knights of Columbus.

Prof. J. H. Blanchard, vice-principal of Prince of Wales College, gave a very interesting and informative address on the education of the teachers of Prince Edward Island and the youngest, the most inexperienced and the best paid in Canada; and that likewise the average pupil attendance in schools in this province is the smallest in the Dominion.

The speaker strongly advocated, as perhaps the biggest aid to an improved system of education, the independent Board of Education, similar to those in other provinces.

After some discussion the following motions were adopted:

"That a permanent standing committee be appointed to study work in education for the betterment of education in this Province." The resolution was moved by Dr. George Hart.

"That the committee take up as its first study the question of an independent Board of Education." This motion was seconded by Mr. J. J. Trainor.

## Expects German Counter-Attacks

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN ITALY, Jan. 24 (AP)—Gen. Sir Henry Maitland Wilson said today Allied troops were racing to build up the Nettuno beachhead against expected German counter-attacks which might develop fighting as fierce as the battle of Salerno.

The Allied commander in chief told correspondents "It is more than possible that you will see a repetition of Salerno again."

"But we have this advantage," he added, "Salerno was much farther away from our air bases than we are today."



Mihail Antonescu, above, Rumanian vice premier, is reported being considered as successor to his brother Ion Antonescu, dictatorial chief of state reported seriously ill.

## Seek To Repair Earlier Epic Staff Blunder

By Edward Kennedy

ALGIERS, Jan. 24 (AP)—The most powerful German army ever massed in Italy lashed savagely at Allied positions along the main 5th army front today in an effort to repair the epic staff blunder that permitted British and American troops to land almost unopposed near Rome on Saturday.

The Nazi high command evidently hoped to deal a devastating blow to Anglo-American forces on the Cassino and Garigliano front and then to turn and smash the amphibious force back into the sea.

It appeared to be a desperate gamble, as Allied landing troops were officially disclosed to have captured the port of Nettuno, 30 miles south of Rome, and to have driven four miles inland. This brought the Apennine Way, a main coastal highway between Rome and the Germans' southern front, within effective range of Allied artillery.

(The German radio reported Allied troops had been encircled northwest of Nettuno, somewhere between that port and the mouth of the Tiber River, 16 miles from the heart of Rome.)

Field Marshal Albert Kesselring threw nine divisions, representing an estimated 100,000 men, against the Allies along a 30-mile line running from Santa Elia, four miles northeast of Cassino, to the Tyrrhenian Sea. Three of them were crack armored grenadier divisions, re-equipped and fresh after a long rest in the Rome area. American troops who had crossed the Rapido River south of Cassino on Saturday against stiff resistance, were the brunt of the Nazi hammer blow.

American rearguards, after

## Lord Halifax Discusses Dominions' Post-War Role

TORONTO, Jan. 24 (CP)—Viscount Halifax, Britain's Ambassador to the United States, said tonight the Dominions "could hardly claim equal partnership with the United States, Russia and China after the war without the rest of the British Commonwealth and Empire, and he urged that the Dominions, the colonies and the mainland 'fortify our partnership' not draw apart."

"We do so because the need is for a unity of action as well as thought in all vital issues in the international sphere."

"We are certain only, but the British Commonwealth and Empire must be the fourth power in that group upon which, under no circumstances, the peace of the world will henceforth depend," Lord Halifax said in an address prepared for delivery before the Toronto Board of Trade, celebrating its 100th anniversary.

His reference to unity of action, he said, was "the most important in the sphere of defence."

"I suggest," he said, "that in the years of peace it was a weakness, which we should try to cure, that the weight of decision on so many problems of defence was not more widely shared."

In 1888, a year before Lord

## N. B. Youth Fatally Injured In Accident

WOODSTOCK, N.B., Jan. 24 (CP)—Zenas Dunlop, 17, of Coleridge, suffered fatal injuries Tuesday when an automobile crashed into a slowly moving freight train at Pinder. Another occupant of the car, Mrs. Ada McElwain of Waterville, was taken to hospital here.

## Joint Discussion On Educational Problems

Educational problems affecting both City and Province were discussed at a representative meeting held at the local Y. M. C. A. last night. The meeting was called for the purpose of presenting to the members of the various clubs the problems of the educational system and to set up an organization to study the situation.

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## Prices For Fox Pelts Being Maintained

MONTREAL, Jan. 24 (Special to the Guardian)—The Canadian Fur Auction Sales Co. Ltd., opened its January auction sale of silver fox and new type fox pelts this morning at 10 o'clock. The quantities listed on sale for the four days total almost 24,000, which is about 15,000 less than the same sale last season. There was a large attendance of buyers present, and considerable orders were placed from both America and Mexico.

First pelts sold were the regular one half to three quarter silvers. These were 47 per cent sold at an average of \$40.24. Selected full silvers were 77 per cent sold at an average of \$69.37.

The New Brunswick show pelts, consisting of 40 skins were 67 per cent sold at an average of \$109.88. These consisted of platinum silvers, pearl platinum, white marked and standard silvers. Two very class platinum silvers sold for \$285 each.

During the afternoon selling consisted largely of full silvers, bold selected, ordinary and inferiors.

It was considered that the prices realized throughout the day were about on a par with those at the December sale.

Tonorrow (Tuesday) morning the selected one half to three quarter silvers and regular full silvers will be auctioned and at 2 p. m. the Canadian National Silver Pelts Association will offer 904 pelts, consisting of platinum, platinum silvers, pearl platinum and white marked silvers, received from ranchers all over the Dominion, and including the new type show pelts of Prince Edward Island and Ontario. Great interest is taken in this collection and it looks as though there will be some lively bidding.

The above was supplied by Mr. George A. Colbeck of Summerside, manager of the Fur Marketing Department of the Canadian National Silver Pelts Association.

## News Briefs

LONDON, Jan. 25 (Tuesday)—(CP CABLE)—Hope for a common empire foreign policy after the vote in the House of Commons today by British morning papers commenting on the speech.

LONDON, Jan. 24 (CP CABLE)—Sir Stafford Cripps, speaking today at a Midwestern factory, said the only thing which could prevent the United Nations finishing the war in Europe in 1944 would be failure of people on the factory floor to provide the fighting men with the implements needed.

TORONTO, Jan. 24 (CP)—Realization of Canada's part in the United Nations war effort has been slow in drawing on the world "but I believe every one realizes now what Canada has done and is doing," Lord Halifax, British Ambassador to the United States, said in an interview here today.

LONDON, Jan. 24 (CP)—The Budget radio said tonight that the Government had decided to attempt to break into Bosnia and Serbia, where they were engaged on the offensive front, and that fierce fighting was in progress.

OTTAWA, Jan. 24 (CP)—The Prices Board tonight announced appointment of Henry Brown, Toronto, and H. S. Leybourne, Montreal, as administrators and deputy administrators, respectively, of the wool and wool products administration.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 24 (CP)—The number of long distance telephone calls made annually in Canada has risen almost 400 per cent since 1939, it was reported at a conference of telephone executives here today.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 (AP)—The United States refused today to recognize Bolivia's revolutionary Junta, charging that it is linked with a widespread plot to undermine the Allied war effort in the western hemisphere.

OTTAWA, Jan. 24 (CP)—The Royal Canadian Mounted Police has increased its recruiting quotas for ordinary seamen and stokers and has resumed recruiting for the Canadian naval service. Shipyard writers, a spokesman for naval service headquarters revealed today.

OTTAWA, Jan. 24 (CP)—Award of the Distinguished Service Cross to Lieut. Jack Eardley Key in the first landing of troops on the mainland of Italy was announced tonight by naval service headquarters.

LONDON, Jan. 24 (AP)—United States heavy bombers returned in their old hunting grounds in Western Germany today, bombing unspecified targets while hundreds of medium and fighter bombers attacked the French invasion coast for the 23rd time in 25 days.

## Canadian Forest Engineers Meet

MONTREAL, Jan. 24 (CP)—A message from the Governor-General, the Earl of Athlone, President of the Empire Forest Association, read today at the opening meeting of the Canadian Society of Forest Engineers, which national conference described the forest industry as "one of the most important in Canada."

"Our forests," the message said, "are a great national asset and it is for this reason in particular that the greatest care and attention should be paid by those in the vicinity to prevent damage of all kinds, particularly from fire."

## COMING EVENTS

- "Dance in Emerald Hall Friday night, January 28th. 1-26-21.
- "Dance Graham's Road Hall, Wednesday, January 26. Luncheon. 1-26-11.
- "Hunter River Farmers will not be holding Dressed Hogs this week. 1-26-21.
- "Bingo and Dance in St. Andrew's Hall, Friday, January 28th. 1-26-21.
- "Anker Holy Communion Separators have arrived A. Horne & Co. 1-22-31.
- "Annual meeting P. E. I. Jersey Club Wednesday, January 26th. 12 p. m. at Dept. of Agriculture. 1-26-26-31.
- "Wanted to buy live and dressed chickens and turkeys. Paying top market prices. Island Cold Storage Co. Ltd. 8-26-11.
- "Just arrived, car asphalt shingles and roofing; also buying shingles every day. P. J. Noy and Sons. 1-26-27-28-31.
- "Will be unloading car bulk wheat and barley today Tuesday and Wednesday. W. I. Bowman, Hunter River. 1-26-21.
- "Loading hogs for Davis & Fraser Murray River Monday, January 31st. Fodina Tuesday, February 1st. John J. Beck. 1-26-11.
- "Card Party, Auction Forty-Five Holy Name Hall Wednesday, January 26th, 8 o'clock Auxiliary, Tickets 25c. Luncheon. 1-26-21.
- "For seed and feed oats, feed wheat, bulk and bagged barley meal, washed wheat, straight and mixed flour. Consult A. O. F. Oils, Charlottetown. 1-26-31.
- "Loading hogs for Davis & Fraser every Thursday afternoon at Albany and Emerald. Every Friday forenoon until further notice. 1-19-41.
- "Commencing Thursday, Jan. 27, will be loading live Hogs weekly for Davis and Fraser, as follows: Summerside 10 A. M. to 1:30 P. M.; Kensington 11 P. M. to 1:30 P. M.; and Baginall Hunter River. On Friday noon, Maurice Casse will be in charge of loading at Summerside, Dominion Gov't. Note: Effective beginning this week. E. A. McEwen. 1-24-31.

## Chinese Clear Way For New Supply Road

NEW DELHI, Jan. 24 (CP)—Chinese troops have captured Mirog in their offensive against the Japanese in Northern Burma designed to clear the way for the new Ledo supply road into China, Allied Southeast Asia Headquarters announced today.

"These troops under Lt.-Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, have been on the offensive since Dec. 26 and are pushing the Japanese back toward Talpa Ga; terminus of a road connecting with the main Burma highway system."

When the area is cleared of Japanese, United States engineers intend to make the Ledo road through the steep hills and dense jungle to the old Burma road a double lane highway.

## Two British Vets With Lord Louis

LONDON, Jan. 24 (CP)—Two veteran British campaigners have been named to lead armies in the fight against the Japanese under Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten's Southeast Asia Command, the War Office announced today.

Sir George Clifford Brudenell, a veteran of more than 30 years in British Colonial armies and the man credited with mobilizing West Africa's appointed Commanders-in-Chief of an army group under Mountbatten.

Lt.-Gen. W. J. Slim, who fought under Gen. Harold Alexander in the first Burma campaign, was named to lead the 14th Army in coming operations against the Japanese.

Slim, 52, has been in continuous service in East Africa, Iraq, Syria, Iran and Burma since 1940 and probably has seen as much jungle in command as any General in this war.

## Air Force Awards Are Announced

OTTAWA, Jan. 24 (CP)—The R.C.A.F. tonight announced award of the Distinguished Flying Cross to P. O. J. W. Binaron, of Shellbrook, Sask., in further recognition of his work as a bomber pilot. Binaron was awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal while a Flight Sergeant last April.

Headquarters also announced award of the D.F.C. to P. O. A. W. Parry, of Amazon, Sask., and D. F.M. to Sgt. F. J. Dennis of Fort William, and Sgt. J. H. L. Quessel of Whanateke, Ont.

Binaron has flown in five attacks on Berlin. On the last of these his bomber was heavily damaged by enemy anti-aircraft fire, but despite this he flew it safely back to a base in England.

Dennis and Quessel served in the same R.C.A.F. squadron as pilot and rear gunner, respectively. Dennis was in a raid on Berlin last November, and had to evade attacks of three night fighters to reach the target and return to base.

Quessel is credited with shooting down an enemy plane in October, and is cited for giving his skipper directions which enabled them to avoid three night fighters during another raid in November.

P.O. Parry, serving with an R.A.F. squadron as navigator, has participated in raids on many "important and well-defended targets."

## State Dept. To Control U.S. U.N.R.R. A Funds

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 (AP)—The House of Representatives voted today to lodge control of any United States funds spent for foreign relief in the hands of the State Department instead of the President.

Adoption of this plan was on a 116-102 tie after the President was subject to a roll call later. The division of the vote was along party lines, although Rep. John Forney (Rep.-Ohio) in introducing the proposal said it was not intended "as a slight" to the President but merely a routine matter.

This was one of a series of onslaughts by a group of Republicans for a top limit of \$1,360,000,000 for the United States share in the United Nations relief and rehabilitation administration. All the others were struck down.

## 40 MOST OF US IT'S A POOR RULE THAT WON'T WORK NINE OR TEN WAYS

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## Newsman Escapes Nazi Prison Camp

NEW YORK, Jan. 24 (AP)—A YOKEL dispatch received by International news service today indicated that Lowell Bennett, 24 year old war correspondent, escaped from a German prison camp in December.

The dispatch, signed by Bennett, described his descent by parachute from a prison camp near Berlin in Dec. 2 was hit by anti-aircraft and burst into flames.

The dispatch said he escaped from a prison camp near Berlin during a transfer, and described him as hiding "somewhere inside Nazi Europe."

Bennett is a resident of South Orange, N. J.

## Dairymen In Session

QUEBEC, Jan. 24 (CP)—Representatives of every province in the Dominion today attended the opening of a two-day meeting of the Dairy Farmers Association of Canada here. The convention is presided over by P. D. McArthur, of Bowville, Que., President of the Association.

Today's session was taken up with discussion on the production of whole milk, concentrated milk, cheese and butter.

Dr. A. R. Richards, secretary of the Dominion Agricultural Foods Board, will address the delegates tomorrow after the presidential address of Mr. McArthur and a report on the year's activities presented by D. S. Milbourn of Toronto, secretary of the Association.

## Boy Drowns In Swimming Pool

MONTREAL, Jan. 24 (CP)—Twelve year old Lawrence Talon of Clark City, Que., was drowned tonight in the Notre Dame de Grace Community swimming pool.

Young Talon, a student at Loyola College here, was attending a college swimming class at the time of the accident.

## Cut Nazi Escape Line Reds Advance 7 Miles;

LONDON, Jan. 24 (AP)—The Red Army smashed ahead seven miles today to cut the only east-west escape line for perhaps 250,000 Germans pocketed southwest of Leningrad and Moscow announced that "under threat of encirclement" it was sustaining great losses in manpower and equipment."

Gen. Leonid A. Govorov's troops, who freed Leningrad from siege in an offensive launched Jan. 14, struck to the southwest to cut the railway at a point between Krasnogvardeisk, 25 miles south of Leningrad, and Narva on the Estonian border.

Sixty miles to the south another army under Gen. K. A. Meretskov raced to within 20 and 30 miles, respectively, of Batekaya and Luga, secondary rail junctions through which the Germans must withdraw

## Pope Pius Declines To Go To Germany

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High tide this morning at 11:56 and tonight at 11:15. Sun sets this afternoon at 5:58 and rises tomorrow morning at 8:28. First quarter moon Feb. 1, 4:04 a.m. Summerside tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

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