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GOVT TO REDUCE RETAIL COST OF FOOD ITEMS

16 Allied Vessels Are Lost Out Of 850

Island Girl Killed— Tragic Crash Takes 5 Lives

HALIFAX, Dec. 3—(CP)—Two girls were killed and a plane crashed today when the three-man crew of a bomber when it crashed into the water, with engines roaring 35 feet off the tip of a break-water at the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron.

The girls, employees of the Clark Ruse Aircraft, Limited, who operates a part in this area, had won the flight in a competition for bond sales among company employees in the recent third victory loan campaign. The plane in which they died was one of the company had been repairing for the R.C.A.F.

The dead included:
Fit. Lt. J. H. Prentice of Toronto, chief test pilot for the aircraft company, on loan from the R.C.A.F.
T. Arthur Cahill of Chapeau, Que., flight test engineer for the company.
Gwen K. McAulay of Sydney, N.S., company mechanic.
Miss Jean M. Curran of Dartmouth, N.S., daughter of the pilot.
Miss Mary MacQueen, Dartmouth, formerly of Wood Islands, P.E.I.

Both girls were 22 years old. Miss MacQueen is a daughter of William A. MacQueen, a veteran of the first great war. He served overseas with the Canadian Army. His home community and her untimely death will be deeply mourned. In addition to her parents she was survived by several brothers and sisters.

A sudden snow-flurry was blamed for the crash. The heavy plane had taken off from the R.C.A.F. airport and it had not had time to gain altitude when the small truck, which was carrying the plane, machine left the airport at 124 p.m. It was just a few minutes later when a few soldiers near the scene of the crash saw it come down out of the snow and into the water.

The bomber sank immediately. The three bodies drifted to the surface with some wreckage. The bodies were those of the pilot—only man aboard in uniform—Miss Curran and Cahill.

Vessels from the R.C.A.F. and the navy searched the spot for hours in the hope of locating the other bodies, but were halted by darkness. The search was to resume tomorrow.

Officials of the Clark Ruse company were to hold an inquiry into the crash tomorrow. It was stated that the company office tonight the machine was in good flying condition when it took off. Repairs had been completed, and it had been flight tested.

The pilot, Fit. Lt. Prentice, had been with the company as test pilot for about two years. Before the war he was a passenger airplane pilot in the United States, and at the outbreak of war he returned to Canada to join the R.C.A.F. His wife lives in Dartmouth, across the harbor from here.

42,000 Moved From Cologne To Paris Suburbs

Neutral Diplomat Does Not Think War Will End In 1943.

TORONTO, Dec. 3—(CP)—The Toronto Star today quoted an unnamed Neutral Diplomat, who has just arrived in Toronto from Berlin, as saying that 42,000 people have been moved from Cologne to the suburbs of Paris because of air raids.

The paper said the Diplomat—who arrived here by way of Paris, Madrid, Lisbon and Baltimore—could not be named because his country's embassy is still open and staffed in Berlin.

Recalling an announcement by Hitler Oct. 9, 1941 that the Russian army had been crushed, the Diplomat said:

"The greatest shock the German people have known in this war was when they did in Greece, and at an hour when the Nazis need their greatest efforts elsewhere."

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Admiralty Tells Of New Blow At Axis

Four Enemy Trans- ports and Two Des- troyers Sunk Off Africa.

LONDON, Dec. 3—(AP)—Sixteen Allied naval vessels were lost out of an estimated 850 participating in the occupation of North Africa nearly a month ago, announcements here and in Washington disclosed today, but casualties were described as "very small."

The delayed disclosures of Allied losses came almost simultaneously with an admiralty communication of another smashing blow at Axis supply lines to Tunisia—the sinking of four Axis transports and two destroyers last Tuesday by a British naval force that included three cruisers.

Allied warships lost in the original Allied movement on Morocco and Algeria, the Admiralty said, included the British aircraft carrier, three destroyers, two anti-aircraft ships, a depot ship and the corvette Gardania. The toll of the not fighting that occurred at several points was described by A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, as considerably smaller than expected and "far less than the enemy claimed."

The Avenger was the former American cargo-passenger liner Rio Hudson of 17,500 tons, launched two years ago at Chester, Pa. The ship accompanied a convoy to England last spring and was turned over to the Royal Navy.

The three destroyers listed as lost were the Broke and the Martin, both British, and the Isaac Sweeners, a Netherlands ship which had been towed half-completed to the lowlands.

Struck by a torpedo off Algiers, the Sweeners went down swiftly but 138 of the Netherlands crew of 220 were believed to have survived.

The cutters Walney and Hartland, two former U.S. Coast Guard vessels transferred to the Royal Navy in 1941, were sunk in what Mr. Alexander said was "a gallant attempt to prevent the scuttling of blockships in Oran harbor."

Although burning, the cutters smashed through the harbor boom and penetrated to the inner harbor to land troops before they went down, he said.

U.S. Transports

The U.S. transports listed as sunk were the Tasker H. Bliss, the (Continued on page 7, Col 3)

War Situation Last Night

(By Kirke L. Simpson, Associated Press War Analyst)

Naal and Russian versions of the situation on the eastern war front from the Leningrad area to the Caucasus range agree in only one respect. It is that the Red Armies still are on the offensive in all sectors mentioned, and German reports credit them with an attack even in regions to which Moscow makes no reference.

In the Caucasus, for example, the German high command noted that fighting was impeded by "floodwater and impassable ways" but added that there had been action, nevertheless, "with the tenaciously attacking enemy." That presumably breaks the mountain pass operations in the Caucasus range.

On the Kalmyk steppe west of Stalingrad, in the Don-Volga corridor, on the Kallin-Lake Ilmen sector, the German account was the same. Strong Red forces were met "in incessant and heavy defence fighting" and halted or thrown back "partly by counter thrusts."

For whatever reason, it seems clear that the Nazi high command is concerned with emphasizing to the German public that it is confronted with attacking Russian armies all along the front.

That Hitler hopes to stem the Russian attack tide everywhere and settle down for the winter on his present front does not seem possible. It is too irregular in contour, too ill served in places with road and rail communications and too exposed to Russian winter forays not to expect a Nazi readjustment of some sort in Russia at an early date.

It may be that the high command is seeking to prepare public opinion in emphasizing Russian attacks on far-separated sectors. Hitler did not risk leaving his advance troops in exposed salients they had wedged into Moscow defences both north and south of the city last year. This winter, with two-front war an ominous fact for him in Africa and the Mediterranean, he urgently needs to shorten his Russian front and conserve manpower.

Brave Needs, Good Work Recognized

OTTAWA, Dec. 3—(CP)—Brave deeds and good work on the part of 69 persons in far-scattered places received formal recognition at Government House today when the Earl of Athlone held the largest investiture of honors and decorations ever to take place in Canada.

High-ranking officers and humble privates, airmen and seamen as well as two civilians stepped before the King's representative to receive personally the honors they were granted previously.

The investitures of war were also in evidence since 10 of the honored men are dead. Their medals were received by relatives—a father, a brother and a black-garbed widow and mothers.

The ceremony took place in the presence of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Weir, whose wife, Mrs. W. E. Weir, lives at Charlottetown. He is serving with the Royal Canadian Air Force and has received the British Empire Medal.

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Ilseley Reveals Outlines Of New Proposals

Moves Made to Offset Increase in Cost Of Living; Will Cost Gov't 40 Million.

OTTAWA, Dec. 3—(CP)—Finance Minister Ilseley announced tonight that the government proposed, "by reduction of duties and taxes, and by outright subsidy," to reduce the retail cost of "a number of imported and domestic foods of widespread consumption."

He said the full details of this proposal, which he estimated might cost the public treasury up to \$40,000,000 a year, would be announced by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board but gave the following brief details of price reductions:

1. Reduction in the price of coffee by four cents a pound.
2. Reduction in the price of tea by 10 cents a pound.
3. Reduction in the price of oranges to "about the levels of September and October, 1941."
4. A reduction in the price of milk, "the general objective" being two cents a quart to consumer.
5. Reduction of profit margins on beef taken by some retail dealers to "reasonable limits."

Mr. Ilseley said these moves, to offset increases in the cost of living due to price rises in spite of the ceiling control, will be aimed to bring the cost of living "at least part of the way back to the level of the basic period."

The Finance Minister spoke over the national network of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, extended to include virtually all independent stations in Canada.

He said the consumer will benefit to the full extent of the subsidies and remission of taxes. The producer and dealer will not be affected.

"The government has decided on direct action to bring the cost of living to the level of the basic period," he said.

"It does not propose to attempt to bring all prices back nor even to limit its concern to prices which have risen. It is sufficient if by the reduction of certain prices the total cost of the consumers budget is moved back."

Mr. Ilseley said the cost of this policy might reach \$40,000,000 a year "but in the light of the great objectives for which we are striving, this cost, which after all is only one cent per person per day, is small indeed."

He said the subsidies will be paid in such a way as to ensure that the price is decreased by at least a like amount and that the Wartime Prices and Trade Board will take special precautions to see that the whole benefit of the subsidies and remissions goes to the consumer.

Regarding beef he said the board was convinced "that in recent months the profit margins of some retail dealers have widened unreasonably and that the cost of living has thereby been unnecessarily increased."

The board was being instructed to examine measures for reducing these margins to "reasonable limits" for the benefit of the consumer.

This program, the Minister said, (Continued on page 7, Col 3)

Nazis Will Not Permit Italy To Quit

BERNE, Dec. 3—(AP) Italy's exposed position and the strain placed on her morale by continuing aerial bombardment and military reverses have forced the Germans to come to her aid for a second time, as they did in Greece, and at an hour when the Nazis need their greatest efforts elsewhere.

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Tanker, 18 Crew Lost On Lake Erie

CLEVELAND, Dec. 3—(AP)—A tanking tanker, carrying Cleveland, carrying 24,000 barrels of fuel oil for Eastern United States war plants, apparently broke up with loss of all 18 crew members, the owners announced tonight. The loss raised to 32 the toll of a double disaster on Lake Erie.

Const. Guard searching vessels, which lost contact with the Cleveland at 1 A.M. today, later found an oil slick, pieces of wreckage and six bodies.

"They were unable to determine then whether the bodies were from the Cleveland or from the tug Admiral Clark Kerr, which was towing the tanker here to Cleveland."

The Cleveland was a 250-foot lake freighter but carrying no propulsion machinery.

Producers Of Show Convicted

NEW YORK, Dec. 3—(AP)—Three officials of the Broadway show, "Wine, Women and Song," were convicted by a general sessions jury today on charges of producing an indecent stage performance.

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Conviction of the misdemeanor made the three liable to a maximum of a year in prison or an indeterminate sentence and maximum fine of \$500 or 50th. Those convicted were I. H. Herk, 59, producer; Samuel Punt, 43, Company Manager; and Herman Shapiro, Stage Manager.

City And Province Join In Welcoming Island Naval Hero

Lieut. Robert C. MacMillan, R.C.N.V., was tendered a public reception yesterday following his arrival home from active service in the Mediterranean.

The reception by the Provincial Government took place at 3 p.m. in the Confederation Chamber.

Those present included His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, W. LeFevre, Premier Thane A. Campbell, His Worship Mayor B. Roy Holman, members of the Provincial Government, officers in charge of the various military units, Chief of Police A. Birtwhistle, Lieuts. Saunders, MacKenzie and Shaw of the R.C.N.V., Judges Arsenault and the Dominion, Mr. W. LeFevre, M.P., and others. Lieut. MacMillan's parents and other relatives were also present.

Lt. Governor's Tribute

The following is the text of the tribute paid to the young naval hero by His Honour Lieut.-Governor LeFevre: "It is indeed an honour and a privilege to welcome you on your return from the scene of War operations in the Mediterranean to the quiet shores of your native Province and to shake your hand in greeting for the manner in which you have so nobly upheld the high traditions of the British Navy, and also to extend to you my hearty congratulations on your various military and naval decorations. The Distinguished Service Cross and Bar for outstanding heroic conduct and devotion to duty."

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Report Of Unidentified Ships In Error

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 3—(AP)—The reported presence of a "large number of unidentified ships" in the Pacific Ocean, a California coast brought an unprecedented alert today but the United States Navy announced later the report was "considered in error."

It came from a naval patrol at dusk last night, and led to a radio broadcast ordering all Allied naval vessels, the cutters, shore proceeding eastward. The resulting alert affected only service personnel and police, who were ordered to their posts.

A statement by Vice-Admiral John W. Sweeney, shortly before noon said a thorough search of the area did not confirm the presence of any unidentified ships. The broadcast to fleet personnel was discontinued.

Word of the naval patrol's report gave rise to considerable speculation as to whether the Japanese might be trying for a mainland attack on the first anniversary of the Pacific war, Dec. 7 but there was no official comment. There was no word of an alert other than this area.

Famous Destroyer Sunk Off Africa

LONDON, Dec. 3—(CP)—Eighty-two of the 220 crew members of the Netherlands destroyer Isaac Sweeners, sunk in the North African landing operations, were saved, the Navy News Agency announced tonight.

The Isaac Sweeners was a well-known craft since December 1941, when she took an important part in the British action that led to the destruction of two Italian cruisers.

Awaiting completion in a Netherlands shipyard when the Germans invaded in May, 1940, the Isaac Sweeners was towed to Britain and completed there.

Rotary Radio Auction Is Great Success

Final returns are not in yet but it was believed that last night's Rotary Radio auction was the greatest in the history of the club.

Not only was the bidding the keenest yet but the bids were actually higher according to word received from the Radio Auction Rooms early this morning. The Auction continued from 8 p.m. until 1:30 a.m. with two brief interruptions.

Auctioneers were Messrs. Walker S. Grant, J. Ernest Richardson, J. C. Mcintosh, George Hardie, B. Graham Rogers, Percy Turner, Hubert Morris, and Dr. Stirling Giddings.

Drawing for turkeys took place with the following results:

No. 1 Turkey was drawn by George Douglas, No. 2 by W. Morley, No. 3 by R. H. Jenkins. The Grand Prize Turkey was won by Mrs. Lloyd Head.

At the conclusion of the Auction the President, Mr. B. H. Rogers thanked the public for their cooperation and very generous response in making this Radio Auction such a success.

40 Attacks On Enemy Subs

OTTAWA, Dec. 3—(CP)—Half the 40 attacks carried out in the North Atlantic by R.C.A.F. coastal patrol planes on Axis submarines during the past year are presumed to have caused damage, with indications that in some of the U-boats were destroyed, Air Minister Power announced today.

His statement was in amplification of one issued yesterday in which he reported—without specific figures—that "many" attacks had been made and some submarines had perhaps been unable to get back to base.

Premier King Meets Former Internee

NEW YORK, Dec. 3—(CP)—Prime Minister Mackenzie King shook the lean hand of William George Jones, 25-year-old Vancouver sailor, today and welcomed him back from a filthy internment camp at Casablanca.

The meeting was unexpected. The Prime Minister, inspecting the Maple Leaf Fund Canteen on fifth Avenue, quickly spotted five young men with shaven heads and walked over to meet them. Jones was the only Canadian among the five.

"That's what I call a real welcome," said King, who had been described for Mr. King how his ship was torpedoed last September and he was taken to Casablanca for internment; then how he was freed by the invading United States forces and brought here.

News Briefs

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Dec. 4—(Friday)—(CP)—Allied aircraft, which on Wednesday scored a big aerial triumph by downing 23 Jap Zeros over northeast New Guinea, destroyed or damaged 21 more Jap planes in a raid on Durup at the southwest tip of Portuguese Timor, the high command announced today.

PRINCE ALBERT, Sask., Dec. 3—(CP)—John G. Diefenbaker of Prince Albert, member of parliament for Lake Centre, announced today he would be a candidate for Conservative Leader if he is nominated at the National convention in Winnipeg Dec. 9-11.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3—(CP)—The German radio reported tonight that air raid alarms had been sounded during the evening in Berne, Switzerland, and Sofia, Bulgaria.

Air alarms in Berne usually indicate that R.A.F. planes are en route to bomb Italy. The alarm tonight lasted 30 minutes.

SOMEWHERE IN NEW GUINEA, Dec. 3—(AP)—Jungle-toughened Australian and American troops divided the Japanese on the north shore of New Guinea into two contracting pockets around Buna and Gona today and fought so close to the enemy lines they could hear the curses of the dying Nipponese.

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 3—(AP)—The Argentine government tonight limited diplomatic code messengers to 100 words daily in drastically revised regulations which will operate to the disadvantage of Axis embassies.

International At A Glance

SOLOMONS — American naval forces destroy nine Japanese ships and perhaps 10,000 troops, losing one cruiser, just north of Guadalcanal Island.

MEDITERRANEAN — British naval force sinks four Axis merchantmen and three escorting destroyers, escaped unscathed but later lose destroyers to air attack; 48-hour Tunisian tank battle results in "about equal losses."

RUSSIA — Reds increased pressure on summer-clad Nazis who are reported abandoning frozen tanks; Russians destroy 40 more German transport planes.

NEW GUINEA — Allied aircraft down 21 Jap planes, bringing today total to 47 aircraft ground fighting in Buna area intermittent.

Coming Events

- *Talkies Montague, Saturday, One Foot in Heaven, 12-3-31
- *Talkies Souris, Monday, One Foot in Heaven, 12-3-31
- *Reserve Victoria Concert Tuesday, Dec 22, 12-4-11
- *Buying dressed poultry daily, W. L. Bowman, Hunter River, 11-30-31
- *Hunter River potato starch factory can now receive potatoes by carload or cartload. Appointment not necessary, 12-3-41
- *Buying live and dressed poultry daily, highest market prices paid, Service and satisfaction our motto. F. B. Conrad & Co. 12-4-31
- *Come to Breadalbane Village Christmas Concert Wed. Dec. 23, 12-4-11
- *Loading hogs this week as follows: Carleton Place, Thursday 4 p.m. until 10.45. Albany afternoon Monday, Friday until noon. O. C. Green and A. C. Green, 12-2-21
- *Buying pigs at Fredericton Monday: Tuesday 1 p.m. York St. 1 p.m. Mt. Stewart Station; having a pr. for god pigs over 28 lbs. each. Will also buy smaller ones. Jorgensen, 12-4-21

Sinclair Next Viceroy To India?

LONDON, Dec. 3—(CP)—Political observers here reported tonight that Prime Minister Churchill had asked Sir Archibald Sinclair, the Air Secretary, to go to India as viceroy and speculated that another shuffling bringing Canadian-born Lord Beaverbrook back into the Cabinet, was in the making.

The presence of Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, Ambassador to Moscow, in London on "indefinite leave" also fed rumors to the speculation, with one unsubstantiated suggestion offered that Sir Stafford Cripps might return to the Moscow post he held from June, 1940, to January, 1942.

Sir Archibald has been Air Secretary for 1-2 years. He has succeeded the Marquess of Lillithgoun, who, retired next March after serving stormy years as viceroy of India.

The political correspondent of the News Chronicle said he understood "strong representations" had been made to Sir Archibald in the last 24 hours "but it is not certain that he would be prepared to undertake the arduous duties awaiting the next viceroy."

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40 More Nazi Cargo Planes Destroyed

By EDDY GILMORE
(Associated Press Staff Writer)

MOSCOW, Dec. 3 (Friday)—(AP)—Russian troops have destroyed 40 more Nazi transport planes, trying to ferry aid to enemy forces pocketed in the Stalingrad area, captured a strategic height on the left bank of the Don River west of that city in a hand-to-hand fight, and smashed another hole in the enemy's lines west of Rzeshev on the snow-choked central front, the Soviets announced early today.

More than 3,100 Germans fell during yesterday's widespread and violent actions to boost the toll of Nazi dead and captured to approximately 170,000, the Russians said.

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New moon Dec. 7, 9:59 p.m. Summer tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

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