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NAZIS PREPARE HUGE BLOW NEAR ROME

YANKS CAPTURE AIRFIELD IN MARSHALLS

(By WILLIAM HIPPLE)
HARBOR, Feb. 3.—(AP)—United States Marines have captured strategic Roi Island and its important airfield in the Kwajalein Atoll of the Western Marshalls in the central Pacific offensive launched Monday and have invaded two additional islands in the same Atoll.

Capture of Roi, first piece of the pre-war Japanese Empire to fall, and the new landings were announced today by Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander of the Mid-Pacific area. These successes were attended by "modest casualties," he said, and without loss of any ships.

The new landings were made Tuesday on Kwajalein Islet, at the southern end of the Atoll of the same name, and on Namur Islet, at the northern tip. Namur is adjacent to Roi. The initial landings Monday were on tiny spots of land near Roi, Namur and Kwajalein Islands.

Action is progressing favorably at all points, the admiral said. Both marines and infantry participated in the new invasions, supported by United States warships and planes and by artillery quickly set up at the original invasion spots.

Carrier-based planes, co-ordinating their bombing with artillery and naval shells, covered the landing parties.

New tactics were followed in striking at the Marshalls.

War Situation Last Night

By Kirke L. Simpson, Associated Press War Analyst

Threats of disaster are stalking Germany in Italy and her Japanese partner in the Central Pacific. But it is in Russia that Nazi peril at the moment is greatest.

A year ago, on Feb. 4, Berlin admitted a crushing defeat in Russia and ordered a four-day period of mourning throughout the Reich for "the army of the dead" lost at Stalingrad. Twelve months later, Nazi forces have been driven off Russian soil at the extreme north end of the Baltic flank.

Indicated Russian crossing of the Estonian-Russian border on the Narva Isthmus to invest Narva itself means the northern escape route has been definitely sealed off. Yet there are Nazi troops still deep in the shrinking Volkov bulge 100 miles east of Narva. The converging jaws of a Russian trap are swiftly clamping shut on them as a similar steel ring was riveted about the Germans at Stalingrad.

Southwest of Narva, focal point on the sea flank, a prong of the Russian Leningrad army has been driven to the vicinity of Lake Samoy. Only a 40-mile gap, threaded by the Leningrad-Petrozavodsk railway—the only escape road still open to Nazis in the Volkov bulge—separates that Russian force from a junction with the Russian Volkov army converging on Luga from the southeast. Once these red forces meet, the fate of a German army once estimated at 250,000 men would be sealed.

Once the mouth of the Volkov bulge sack is closed, the Nazi forces trapped within it could be mopped up by other forces while the main Leningrad and Volkov armies joined to move down against the Pskov gateway.

It is a safe conclusion that Russian strategy is more concerned with dealing the knock-out blow to those Nazi armies than with immediate exploitation of the break-through into Estonia via the Narva Isthmus.

Acclamations For Mayor And Five Councillors



MAYOR BLANCHARD

Dr. J. E. Blanchard was yesterday elected Mayor of Charlottetown in succession to retiring Mayor E. Roy Holman. The election was by acclamation, as was Mayor Holman's two years ago to the same office. Dr. Blanchard has been a member of the City Council for twelve years, and has served on most of the working committees.

Five Councillors were also elected by acclamation yesterday. They were: Dr. F. C. Dougan, Ward Two; James T. B. Macdonald, Ward Three; B. Earle Macdonald, A. T. Mackinnon and Percy G. Gay, Ward Five. Mr. Gay was elected for the first time, the others being re-elected.

There will be contests in Ward One, where Joseph A. McIsaac and T. Andrew Butler are running, and in Ward Four, where Lt.-Col. R. C. Chandler, Mr. W. Raoul LePage and Major T. B. Rogers are contesting the present Mayor, Messrs. Butler and Chandler are former Councillors, the others being new contestants for civic honors.

For Water Commissioners there are four candidates for the three seats, namely, the present Commissioners—A. Webster, G. D. Wright and W. D. Gillis, and Mr. David L. Mackinnon.

Enemy Faced With Imminent Loss Of Cassino

Germans Believed Preparing Attempt To Throw Allies Into Sea.

By RICHARD G. MASSOCK

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, IN ITALY, Feb. 3.—(AP)—French and United States forces, battling their way up to the high, rugged tableland near the Rapido River, drew together a ring around the Nazi stronghold of Cassino today after having smashed through the entire thickness of the enemy's bitterly-defended Gustav line 80 miles south of Rome.

Laboring through tank, artillery, mortar and machine-gun fire, United States troops reached the actual outskirts of Cassino, the key bulwark on the corridor to Rome. After once getting to within 300 yards of the town last night, and being forced to withdraw, the troops battled, their way forward again, this time successfully.

Press Correspondent Hal Boye disclosed in a dispatch from the front.

Re-Elected By Acclamation

 COUN. F. C. DOUGAN Ward 2	 COUN. J. T. MCKEE Ward 3	 COUN. B. E. MACDONALD WARD 5	 COUN. A. T. MACKINNON WARD 5
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4. The plant experiencing a curtailment of orders and contracts, necessitating a lay-off, will reduce working hours to 48 hours a week, or to the normal working hours for the industry.

Want Men For Army

A labor department statement tabled by Mr. Howe said: "It is not our intention that the least desirable or least efficient workers will be those to be laid off, but rather, first, those persons available for the army, and second, other persons who can be transferred to the advantage of or with the least disturbance to the general labor situation.

The demands of the army are continuing and must have a definite priority, unless the persons available have exceptional skills which are greatly in demand in high-priority industry."

Farm Workers Too

Where persons in addition to those on military deferment are to be laid off, they will be discharged on the following priority basis, subject to seniority rights and collective bargaining agreements:

1. Workers with previous agricultural experience, particularly on dairy farms and in stock raising. These persons will be directed, if possible, to year-round farm jobs.
2. Workers who are needed in other essential industries in the same vicinity.
3. Workers who are required by outside essential industries.
4. Younger workers without family obligations, since workers in this group are most easily moved.
5. Married women, if their husbands are supporting them.
6. Older men and women, if the foregoing classes have been exhausted.

COMING EVENTS

- *Crabbing Grain, Tuesday and Saturday. Sturdy's Mills. 2-3-11.
- *Dance at Graham's Road, Thursday, Feb. 3. 1-91-3-21.
- *Don't forget Rummage Sale, St. James Hall, Saturday at six o'clock. 2-3-11.
- *Rummage sale in Salvation Army Friday, Feb. 4, beginning at 1 o'clock. 2-3-11.
- *Not taking dressed hogs until further notice. J. F. Morris, Knickerbocker. 2-3-11.
- *Leading hogs Friday morning until 11. R. N. Dawson, Crapaud. 2-3-11.
- *Reserve March 4th for C. W. L. pantry sale Holman's Store. 2-3-11.
- *Leading Hogs for Davis & Fraser at Murray Harbor, Monday, February 7th. Murray River, Tuesday, February 8th. J. J. Beck. 2-3-11.
- *Best Royalty rink tonight, Royals vs. Dunstafines. League room. 2-3-11.
- *The Entertainment and Fashion Parade at Harrington Hall, is being postponed until Thursday, February 10th. 2-3-11.
- *Wanted to buy live and dressed chickens and fowl. Paying top market prices. Island Cold Storage Co., Ltd. 2-26-11.
- *Leading live hogs at Breadalbane Friday, February 4, until 11 a.m. Arthur Haslam. 1-31-2-3-31.
- *Sea View Hall, Friday, Feb. 4, Cards, Crokinole, Bazaar with lunch. Admission 25c. If not fine, Monday. 2-3-21.
- *Leading hogs for Davis & Fraser every Thursday afternoon at Albany and Emerald. Every Friday forenoon until further notice. 1-19-41.
- *When you order cars of grain through you need not worry about quality. We protect your interest in that respect. Livestock Feed Agency. 2-3-21.
- *The Montague Presbyterian Choir will repeat the Burns' Scotch Concert at Cardigan Hall, Friday, February 4th, eight P. M. 2-1-3-21.
- *Livestock Marketing Board leading hogs at Summerside every Tuesday to A. M. to 2 P. M. and Summerside each Tuesday 9 A. M. Highest market price paid plus Federal Bonus on Selects and Bacon. Oliver Campbell in charge. 2-5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28. 2-3-21.
- *We officially represent the Atlas Grain Company of Montreal in this Province. Farmer groups or individuals wishing to import wheat, oats or barley, whole or ground, in bulk or bagged, make no mistake in contacting this firm through us. Best quality grain for delivery to farmers at rock bottom prices is the Atlas objective. Livestock Feed Agency. 2-3-21.

Dom.-Prov. Conference Planned Soon

OTTAWA, Feb. 2.—(CP)—Prime Minister Mackenzie King announced today in the House of Commons that he would convene a conference between the Dominion and Provincial governments in 1944.

"The government has been ready ever since the last conference with the provinces to have another conference, and we have reason to believe that the provinces now are ready and willing—some of them understand it quite well with the federal government in conference to deal with some of the social and financial questions that they have had to consider all on their own," Mr. King said.

Questions involving the federal social security program, covering subjects such as health insurance, labor and other matters concerning provincial authority, would come under review at such a conference, it was understood.

Mr. King made his statement on the proposed conference as he answered questions asked by Gordon Graydon, Progressive Conservative House leader, about government plans for sessional business.

After the question period, Hon. R. B. Hanson (PC—York—Sunbury) former opposition leader, continued the throne speech debate with civil aviation which he said had resulted in a monopoly being given to government-owned Trans-Canada air lines.

Other speakers in the debate were Dr. Pierre Gauthier (BP—Portneuf) and Walter Kuhl (ND—Jasper—Edson).

Mr. King said he believed the debate on the throne speech had been too long in past years. If there were general agreement that the address might be voted upon in short order, other legislation was ready to be brought in immediately.

War measures would have first consideration, followed by those dealing with the period of transition after the war and then by measures of social reform required "if the new era is to be an improvement on the old one—and we certainly hope and expect it will be."

Close co-operation would be required between Dominion and provincial authorities if a nation-wide program was to be successful.

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News Briefs

DIGBY, N.S., Feb. 2.—(CP)—Sinking of a coal-laden ship bound from Halifax to Saint John, N.B., appeared established today as the heaviest of the men that have drifted ashore near here were identified as those of members of the ship's crew.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—(AP)—Castles in the United States army air forces have been so far below expectations that the United States now has "superbundance" of trained fliers, Senator Charles McNair (Dem.—Nev.) said today.

ALGIER, Feb. 2.—(AP)—French troops which fought under De Gaulle's banner at Alamein and Bir Hacheim will be among the first to set foot on France again, commander Andre Letourner promised today in a speech to their officers during an inspection in Tunisia.

LONDON, Feb. 2.—(CP-Reuters)—Sir Thomas Moore, Conservative member of the House of Commons today said that after the war boys from the age of 17 should serve for a period in the home guard so that Britain would have a defence force of something like 6,000,000 or 7,000,000.

LONDON, Feb. 2.—(CP)—Yugoslav Partisans announced today they had frustrated the two-week-old drive by combined Nazi and Bulgarian forces in Macedonia, but that new and heavy battles were being fought in Dalmatia against German units which have been reinforced with troops brought from Greece.

LONDON, Feb. 2.—(AP)—Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden is expected to make a statement in the House of Commons when he receives a full report from Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, British ambassador to Russia, on political developments in Soviet Russia.

TORONTO, Feb. 2.—(CP)—Meatless Tuesdays will not be abolished or meat rationing eased, F. S. Gridale, Deputy Food Administrator of the Provinces Board, said here today.

OTTAWA, Feb. 2.—(CP)—The Evening Journal said today in a newspaper story that Lt.-Gen. A. G. L. MacNaughton, retired commander of the Canadian Army overseas, has returned to Canada and is expected to reach Ottawa within a few days.

Ban Synthetic Rubber For U. S. Civilians

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—(AP)—Civilian use of neoprene synthetic rubber, except for a few critical items, was forbidden today by the office of the rubber director.

Neoprene scheduled for shoe soles and elastic yarns, threads and fabrics must be diverted to pressing military requirements, the office reported. The synthetic rubber schedule originally called for sufficient neoprene output to meet normal civilian requirements early in 1944.

Monty Says Will Finish European War This Year

A SOUTHEAST ENGLAND TOWN, Feb. 2.—(CP)—Gen. Sir Bernard Montgomery told his troops today that they could finish the war in Europe this year "and we will."

"I want you men to know," said the Commander of British ground forces in the invasion command, "that I never put an army into battle until I am quite certain it is going to be a good show. We won't have any question of failure, if there is any question we won't start."

"Today we can see how this business is going to end. The only thing we cannot see is exactly when. But I would say we must make a great effort to finish it off this year. We can do so—and we will. You and I will see this thing through together."

Berlin Says Reds In New Offensive

LONDON, Feb. 2.—(AP)—The Russians have smashed across the Estonian border near the mouth of the Narva River, capturing more than 40 towns on the approaches to Narva, Moscow announced tonight.

Berlin reports, meanwhile, told of a new Soviet break-through in the Dnieper bend and a new 100 army drive upon Rovno, 300 miles inside pre-war Poland.

The German admission of a Soviet penetration in the Dnieper bend was contained in Berlin's high command communique. The break into the German lines, described in the usual Nazi terminology as a "local penetration," was made southwest of Dnepropetrovsk, Berlin said, "after grim fighting."

The wording of the statement suggested that the Russians may have made a major breakthrough in this area, where the Germans have reported Soviet activity for several weeks.

Invasion Coast Pounded Again

LONDON, Feb. 2.—(CP)—Four-engine United States bombers today smashed at military installations on the coast of northern France while medium bombers attacked an airfield in Normandy without loss.

Two of the heavy bombers failed to return.

The daylight operations followed an attack by R. A. F. Mosquitoes last night on smoldering Berlin and a series of raids on western Germany.

Meantime there was indication of a possible R. A. F. raid on Germany tonight. The Frankfurt radio twice broadcast this message: "Enemy aircraft have been reported crossing northwest of the Moselle River and the Ruhr in the direction of our warning area."

Danger Of Losing Trained Farm Men

TORONTO, Feb. 2.—(CP)—The risk of losing highly trained Canadian agricultural experts to higher salaried positions in the United States is "far too great," Dr. E. S. Archibald, director of the Agricultural Experimental Farm in Ottawa, told a Toronto club (Optimist) today.

"Canada will require agricultural engineers by the hundreds and soil specialists by the dozens for post-war agricultural developments," he said.

Tasks Tougher For Army Girls

LONDON, Feb. 2.—(CP)—Girls of the Auxiliary Territorial Service, British equivalent of the C. W. A. C., are assuming more and more responsibility as war goes on. Recently three subalterns qualified for secret radio duties at Army Radio School, Margaret Pike has qualified as a special radio maintenance officer and is touring gun sites to assist with delicate ack-ack instruments.

Hanson Hopes For "Freedom Of Air" In Canada

OTTAWA, Feb. 2.—(CP)—Hon. R. B. Hanson (PC—York—Sunbury), speaking in the Commons, today said he hoped there would soon be "freedom of the air in Canada."

Present restrictions on free speech on the air were "intolerable" and should be reviewed at once, he said.

The throne speech at the opening of Parliament was "an election speech," Mr. Hanson said. "It has all the earmarks of an attempt to raise new issues, to take away from the people all recollections of the errors and omissions of the administration during the last four years in the conduct of the war." He has been appalled at the result of the four by-elections last year. They indicated more than a

Hull Uncertain Over Soviet Move

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—(AP)—State Secretary Cordell Hull, apparently reflecting the uncertainty of American diplomats about the full significance of Russia's new organization of its component states, declined today to attempt any evaluation of the move.

His most specific comment, at his press conference, was that he sees no connection between it and the Polish border dispute and that such reorganization is a matter that comes under exclusive jurisdiction of the Soviet Government.

Predicts Huge Globe Girdling Planes

TORONTO, Feb. 2.—(CP)—Speeds of 700 miles an hour and globe girdling planes with 16 to 24 engines were predicted here today by D. J. MacIntyre of Prestwick, Scotland, a director of Scottish Aviation Company.

Mr. MacIntyre, a group captain in the Royal Air Force Auxiliary, arrived here last night from Washington after a survey of United States aviation plants.

Luxury and touring travel in post-war trans-Atlantic flying were predicted by Mr. MacIntyre in an interview. The former would cost about \$200 and would include private sleeping compartments, he believed, with planes of this type flying non-stop to the British Isles from Montreal or Ottawa.

Gov.-General Ill

OTTAWA, Feb. 2.—(CP)—Government House announced today the Earl of Athlone has confined to bed with an attack of laryngitis and said a week's rest of the Governor General was to be made to Toronto with Princess Alice Feb. 3 to 8 has been cancelled.

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Something New In Air Battles

LONDON, Feb. 2.—(CP)—Two R. A. F. Spitfire pilots today shot down a United States heavy bomber, loaded with bombs but carrying no crew, which was diving high over the English coast for 30 minutes.

The crew had bailed out when three engines failed en route to France and vibration threatened to tear the aircraft apart. The pilot left the bomber burning for a level flight and set its nose toward the sea. As he parachuted, he saw the craft bank and turn toward land and he called R. A. F. fighters.

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