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Relief Supplies Enroute To Hong Kong Gas Ration Cut In Quebec, Ontario, B. C. Are Forwarded On Diplomatic Exchange Ship

Pétain Admits Anger Is Growing In France

VICHY, June 17—(AP)—Marshal Pétain, France's aged Chief of State, acknowledged on this second anniversary of his suit for the armistice with Germany that "discontent is growing... anger is rumbling" in France.

He appealed to Frenchmen to be patient and hopeful in the face of "all-too-real deficiencies of the state." Of these, he said he was aware, as he was of the unrest for which he blamed in part individual citizens.

Pétain opened his address with a reference to June 17, 1940, "the tragic hour of the armistice request" when he called on the French "to silence your anguish so as to hasten only your faith in the destiny of your country."

"A year later, on June 17, 1941," continued the 86-year-old leader, "I declared to you that the trial would be long and hard. Today I cannot speak to you in different terms... I do not hide from myself the feebleness of the echoes my appeals have met with..."

"The workman suffers—and his enforced passivity cannot be taken for resignation; the peasant grows impatient."

He held out no promises of measures to allay conditions causing discontent; nor did he comment on the international situation of French politics.

Unit May Be Increased To 3 Gals. Here

OTTAWA, June 17—(CP)—Munitions Minister Howe announced today in the House of Commons that the value of the gasoline ration unit will be reduced from five to four gallons in Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia, effective at midnight tomorrow.

The ration unit in the Maritime Provinces remains at two gallons for the time being, but Mr. Howe said "we hope to be in a position to raise the unit to three gallons in the Maritimes as of midnight June 30. There is no change in the unit value in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta where it remains at five gallons for the present."

War Situation Last Night

(By KIRKE L. SIMPSON, Associated Press War Analyst)

Just what inspired Prime Minister Curtin of Australia to contribute so sombre a picture of war developments as a basis for his warning that "Australia can be lost" is only conjecturable. Only recently he was broadcasting a fiery challenge to Japan to attempt an invasion of the down-under continent.

The Pacific theatre itself has witnessed no developments since then calculated to abate his confidence. Quite the contrary. The Midway Island fight should have added to this optimism. It was a hard blow for Japan's ambitions yet Curtin all but ignored it to cast far and gloomy looks at the Libyan, Russian and Western Atlantic theatres.

His attitude would be understandable if it were clear that some home-front exigency inspired his remarks. But there has been no hint of dangerous apathy or over-confidence in Australia. That invites speculation as to whether he knows or fears some shift in United Nations strategy which might decrease the flow of American help for Australia. For the general purport of his warning was that Australia is a vital pivot of the United Nations war effort.

The Australian leader elected to paint a darker picture of Libyan developments than has come from any other British source. There was an implication that Axis capture of the Suez Canal to open an Indian Ocean route for attack on Australia was possible due to British reverses in Libya.

That is looking far ahead, through any but rose-colored glasses. British forces still hold a segment of Eastern Libya bulwarked by the port of Tobruk as an outpost for defence of Egypt and the Anglo-American air forces in the Mediterranean have just dealt Italy's disintegrating navy another heavy blow. A British supply convoy has arrived in Tobruk, Malta, on the vital Axis supply line to Libya, has been similarly relieved. The wear and tear of prolonged desert action in Libya must be as greater or greater on Axis men and machines as on British, why, then, Curtin's gloom?

Russia is giving as well as receiving heavy blows. Hitler's great offensive has yet to get rolling, and Russian accounts picture him as stalled both in the Crimea and on the Kharkov front.

United Nations shipping losses in the Western Atlantic are unquestionably serious, as Curtin pointed out. They affect civilian life in the United States more than anything else, however. The passage of American troop convoys to the British Isles goes on. Supplies for Russia are spanning the Arctic.

Thorson Voices Decision Reached By Government

OTTAWA, June 17—(CP)—War Services Minister Thorson today told the House of Commons the government had "decided" it would not be in the best interests of the war effort to impose conscription for overseas service "at the present time."

He was speaking in the conscription debate and making what he said was "a careful statement of government policy."

The decision of the government was reached "in pursuance of its freedom of act in this important matter" he said, before referring to the proposal to empower the government to impose conscription for service overseas by order-in-council.

"I submit that this decision will bring Canada closer to its real objective than if the government were to act otherwise," he said.

"In my opinion the imposition of conscription for service overseas is not in the best interests of the war effort."

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Announcement Is Made By External Affairs Department.

OTTAWA, June 17—(CP)—The Department of External Affairs announced tonight that relief supplies for Canadian and allied prisoners of war and internees in the Hong Kong area are going forward on the diplomatic exchange ship which has just sailed from New York for Lourenco Marques, Portuguese East Africa.

At Lourenco Marques, the supplies will be transferred to the Japanese exchange ship to be taken to Japan where they will be delivered to the International Red Cross delegate. He will arrange for their shipment to Hong Kong and distribution.

"The agreement with the Japanese government is reciprocal and the exchange ship from Japan will carry supplies for Japanese nationals in the United States, Canada and elsewhere," the statement said.

The arrangements made by Canadian and American Red Cross societies in collaboration with government departments concerned.

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Predicts Germans Will "Scream For Mercy"

K.A.F. Bomber Command Chief says Germany
Could be knocked out of war by Autumn.

(By Drew Middleton)
(Associated Press Staff Writer)

LONDON, June 17—(AP)—Sir Arthur Travers Harris, chief of the Royal Air Force bomber command who organized the thousand-plane raids on Cologne and the Ruhr, is the only Allied military leader to believe that Germany can be knocked out of the war by autumn.

Watching the big bombers leaving on one major raid, he said: "If I could send 20,000 bombers over Germany tonight, Germany would not be in the war tomorrow; if I could send 1,000 bombers every night it would end the war by autumn."

Air Marshal Harris is carrying out the policy he planned in the last years between 1933 and 1937 when he was deputy director of plans for the R.A.F.

Airman Known Here Missing

AMHERST, N. S., June 17—(CP)—The parents of Sgt. Pilot Valery Legacy of Amherst, an air force instructor at St. Hubert, Que., were advised today he is missing after night flying operations.

Legacy failed to return this morning after a flight. Hope was expressed he might have had to land in an isolated area and would be found eventually.

The filer, a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Legacy here, has served with the R. C. A. F. at Charlottetown, Summerside, P.E.I.; North Sydney, N. S. and other centres.

Canucks Operate With U. S. Troops In Alaska

Have been in area some days, Lt.-gen. Stuart reveals.

VICTORIA, June 17—(CP)—Royal Canadian Air Force squadrons and anti-aircraft units of the Canadian army have been operating for some days with the United States forces in Alaska, Lt.-Gen. Kenneth Stuart, chief of the Canadian general staff, said in a statement released here today.

Gen. Stuart, who arrived yesterday to take over temporarily as Pacific commander, said he had been authorized by Defence Minister Ralston to make the statement.

Gen. Stuart said he attached "considerable significance to the latest Japanese move (in the Aleutians) to neutralize, destroy or occupy such air bases in the Aleutians as would be used for 'jumping-off points' for raids on Japan by shore-based aircraft."

"It is also true that if Japan can hold the gains in the Aleutians she will be much closer to Canadian objectives than she was before. In these circumstances it is idle to say that we are not concerned with developments."

(Yesterday Gen. Stuart, in an interview at Vancouver, was quoted as saying there is "no reason to be alarmed" over the "little invasion" of the Aleutian Islands by the Japanese.)

P.E.I. Approves Vocational Bill

OTTAWA, June 17—(CP)—Views of six provincial departments of education on the vocational training bill now before Parliament were placed today before the special House of Commons committee studying the bill.

All provincial ministers of education were asked their views. No answer has yet been received from Quebec, Nova Scotia or Manitoba.

Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick and Saskatchewan replied approvingly of the bill and stating they had no comments or suggestions.

Rubber In Beer, Report Discloses

OTTAWA, June 17—(CP)—A ton of beer will provide sufficient alcohol for 34 pounds of rubber, it is estimated in a return made in the House of Commons today, for George Fullford (Lib. Leeds).

Alcohol from a ton of wine would be sufficient for 68 pounds of rubber and a ton of proof spirits would yield 420 pounds.

Figures on the production of synthetic rubber from alcohol have not been established in commercial practice, a report by the National Research Council said.

Figures from the National Revenue Department showed 17,559,475 proof gallons of spirits produced in Canada during the fiscal year 1941-42 of which about 9,000,000 were used in industry. A hypothetical estimate on the weight of proof spirits produced was 80,715 tons.

Island Soldiers To Broadcast

OTTAWA, June 17—(CP)—Canadian armored formation headquarters broadcast Sunday (CB C 5:30 to 5:30 p.m. E.D.T.) include:—

Prince Edward Island: Charlottetown: Op. J. L. Chais-est. East Balfic P.O. King's County: Tpr. Wallace Morrow. Kilmuir: Lieut. William Laughlin MacPeterson.

Study Oil Heating

Since that time we have given very thorough study to the program

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News Briefs

QUEBEC, June 17—(CP)—One of Canada's outstanding jurists, Sir Charles Fitzpatrick died at his home here today in his 91st year. He had been ill only a few weeks. He suffered paralysis in the arm a few weeks ago and never fully recovered.

NEW YORK, June 17—(AP)—Wendell L. Willkie, Republican Presidential candidate in 1940, declared tonight that "I doubt if I will ever aspire to public office again."

He made the declaration in an address at a dinner in honor of Senator Robert F. Wagner, New York Democrat.

LONDON, June 17—(CP)—The Czech-Slovakian government, meeting today under the chairmanship of President Eduard Benes, resolved that all Germans from Hitler down to the last Hitler Guard and Nazi Storm Trooper, "responsible for crimes committed in Czechoslovakia will not escape their well-deserved punishment" after the war.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Australia, June 17—(Thursday)—(AP)—Eighteen Japanese bombers attacked the Port Moresby harbor area in New Guinea yesterday but caused very little damage, the Allied command said today. The Japanese bombers were escorted by a group of nine Zero fighters.

HALIFAX, June 17—(CP)—Prime Minister Johan Nygaard-Lundqvist of Norway, dedicating a new Norwegian club here, told his fellow countrymen tonight that they would "soon be going home."

"We are going home," he said. "We do not know when, but we do know that it will be soon."

PRISONER DISAPPEARS WHILE SWIMMING

TEMMINNS, Ont., June 17—(CP)—Members of the Veterans Guard of Canada and police today began dragging a river flowing through the compound of a northern Ontario internment camp in search of Tant Halson Rengert, 21-year-old German prisoner of war, who disappeared while swimming with other prisoners.

Police and guards also searched woods and district roads in the belief that Rengert may have made his escape while swimming.

Officials said Rengert and other prisoners were in the water while guards watched from the banks of the stream. When the swimming period was over Rengert was missing.

Labor Placed On Priority Basis Here

OTTAWA, June 17—(CP)—Action to place Canadian labor on a priority basis was announced today by Elliott M. Little, director of National Selective Service.

The order, effective immediately, applies to men and women of all ages and in principle extends over almost all occupations.

Groups the limitations previously applied to the employment of able-bodied men from 17 to 45 in certain "restricted" occupations.

Under the new order employers are prohibited from engaging new employees without first reporting to the local office of the Unemployment Insurance Commission. They are required to employ either a person referred to them by the office or a person approved by the office.

Employers must also report to the local office any intention to either employ or lay off workers. While employees are also required to receive a permit before taking a new job it is expected that in practice the application will be made by the employer.

Largest group exempt from the regulation is agricultural workers. Other exemptions are: scientific and technical personnel, employees of the provinces, domestic help in private homes, employment of students for part-time or temporary work, part-time subsidiary employment which is not the principal means of livelihood, and casual or irregular employment of not more than three days a week for the same employer.

Selective service officials announced that to prevent delays in employment employers may, until further notice, engage employees without obtaining a permit provided they submit an application for permission within three days.

Urges Women To Study Food For Health

The food situation as it is today and how the women of Canada could assist in this direction, was the subject of an interesting address by Miss Edith Elliot, home economist, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, delivered at a session of the annual convention of the P. E. I. Women's Institutes last night. Several hundred women attended the enthusiastic meeting held in Prince of Wales College Auditorium.

An enjoyable musical program was staged in connection with the session. This included solos by Lea Beer, R.A.F., and Mr. Charles Barle; two selections by members of the P.C.N.V.R. orchestra, and a tap dancing exhibition by Lance Corporal E. E. Bourgeault. During the evening a collection in aid of the orphanages was taken up. Mrs. Fred Gates, president, West Royalty, was chairman.

Mrs. Elliot, who was introduced by Mrs. Hazen Howard, Cornwall, spoke of the long connection she has had with Women's Institutes and praised.

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Coming Events

- *Reserve July 2nd, New Haven Lawn Party. 6-18-11.
- *Concert, Dance, Millview Hall, 8:15 p.m. War purposes. 6-18-11.
- *Dance, Johnston's River School, Friday night, June 19th. 6-18-11.
- *Talkies—Montague Friday and Saturday. Meet in Barn of Gladys Clark. 6-16-31.
- *Ice cream festival Tuesday, July 7, by Milton Women's Institute. 6-18-11.
- *Mt. Albion ice cream festival postponed until further notice. 6-18-11.
- *See "Hanspecked Henry" by Victoria players in Winsloe Hall, June 16-18-22-24.
- *Palmer Road picnic, Wednesday, August 5th. We'll be seeing you. 6-15-18-23-27-7-29-31.
- *Ross's Mill, Vernon River, will crush and grind on Monday's, Tuesday and Wednesday's only. 6-18-31.
- *Reserve July 1st, Cape Traverse Church of Scotland Ladies Aid Ice Cream Social, at Harry Patterson's. 6-18-11.
- *Reserve Tuesday, July 14th for patriotic festival on St. James Kirk Ave. Fruit cup with dainty eats. Sale of knitted baby-wear. 6-18-20.
- *Trucking hoses as usual for the summer months. List your hoses with A. C. Green, Albany and G. C. Green, Emerald. 5-6-7-11-W-T-M-F.
- *The Annual Meeting P. E. I. Gurnsey Club will be held at the Canada Building—entrance Richmond Street, Thursday, June 18th at 8 P. M. 6-16-31.
- *Hear the St. Peter's Dramatic Club in their 3 act play "An Old Fashioned Mother" in St. Andrew's Hall, Friday night at 8:30 P. M. 6-18-21.
- *HOGS. We require 100 market hogs, Friday, June 19. We will pay specially attractive price for these. Hogs, don't miss it! Live-stock Marketing Board. 6-18-11.

Montreal Fur Auction Continues

MONTREAL, June 17—(CP)—Prices on the second day of the June fur auction of the Canadian Fur Auction Sales Company Limited here were unchanged to some extent as compared with prices in the April sale.

Following were the sales: Beaver, 50 per cent sold, down 5 per cent; other, 85 per cent, unchanged; lynx, 46 per cent, down 15 per cent; lynx cats, 85 per cent, down 20 per cent; martin, 39 per cent, down 10; fisher, 29 per cent, unchanged; raccoon, 50 per cent, down 30; badger 20 per cent, down 10 and Canadian squirrel 47 per cent, down 10.

Sugar By Coupon Only After July 1

OTTAWA, June 17—(CP)—Coupon rationing will come into effect throughout Canada July 1, Donald Gordon, War-time Prices and Trade Board Chairman, said tonight in a radio talk outlining plans for introduction of the coupon scheme.

The present individual allowance of one-half pound of sugar a week for each individual will be continued. The board has not decided to ration any other commodities, Mr. Gordon said.

First coupon books to be issued will be for a 10-week period and subsequent books will be good for six months.

"Any rumors you hear about the rationing of other commodities by coupons are without foundation because the War-time Prices and Trade Board has made no decision to ration any other commodities by the use of coupons or ration tickets," Mr. Gordon said.

Householders taking advantage of the additional allowance for preserving and jam making—one-half pound of sugar for every pound of fruit weight to be preserved and three-quarters of a pound of sugar for each pound of fruit to be made into jams or jellies—will be required to complete a purchase voucher from which retail stores will furnish.

Sevastopol Holds Despite Furious Drive

MOSCOW, June 17—(AP)—The fortifications of Sevastopol and historic, battered Balaklava presented an unbending defence tonight to the repeated attacks of German's offensive against the last Russian port to stand guard on the western Black Sea.

Front-line dispatches described six Nazi assaults against the important highway on the upper approaches to the Sevastopol naval base and five others against the southern defences, and said the fury of the German attacks exceeded that of last November and December.

However, the Russians said they still held the highway and remained in possession of Balaklava, the fishing port 7 1/2 miles south of Sevastopol where the British Light Brigade made its storied charge in 1854.

Seeks Recruits To New Party

OTTAWA, June 17—(CP)—Ligouri Lacombe, who represents Laval-Two Mountains in the House of Commons as the founder, leader and sole parliamentary representative of his new "Canadian" Party today urged Quebec anti-conscriptionists to join his party "within the next 48 hours."

He addressed his appeal particularly to Hon. P. J. A. Cardin who resigned his portfolios of Public Works and Transport last May 15 in protest against the government's conscription policy.

"If my honorable colleagues are really against conscription will they continue to be a party to the treason of the Prime Minister?" he asked.

"I invite the former Minister of Public Works and those who share his views to join our ranks within the next 48 hours—after that it will be too late."

"What ranks?" asked a member and there was considerable laughter in the chamber.

"You will not laugh after the next general election if you do not join the Canadian party," Mr. Lacombe declared.

Axis Fail In Drive To Cut Off Tobruk

CAIRO, June 17—(AP)—Nazi desert forces now superior in tanks and anti-tank strength smashed south-east of Tobruk today in an attempt to isolate that British seaport garrison from land supplies, but the shock of their initial assault broke against the fierce resistance of the British 8th army and its R.A.F. support.

With R.A.F. fighter-bombers alone destroying 10 of 30 German tanks thrusting toward Sid Regeh, 25 miles southeast of Tobruk, the 8th army's command announced the first attack had been broken up.

Reinforced Axis forces were massed about El Adem, however, apparently taking on ammunition and supplies for another jab eastward.

Prisoner Disappears While Swimming

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War—25 Years Ago Today

JUNE 18, 1917—British troops gained ground in the direction of Warneton on the Messines battlefield. Haiti severed diplomatic relations with Germany. Announced Lt.-Gen. J. C. Smuts of South Africa would attend meetings of British war cabinet.

ARE REAPPOINTED

OTTAWA, June 17—(CP)—Re-appointment of Mme. Pierre F. Casgrain of Westmount, Que., and Mrs. Helen Douglas Smith of Vancouver to the Dominion Council of Health is authorized in orders-in-council tabled in the House of Commons today by Pensions Minister Mackenzie.

Claim Torpedoing Attack Was In Error

BUENOS AIRES, June 17—(AP)—Germany has informed Argentina that a German submarine torpedoed the Argentine tanker Victoria, damaged two months ago off the coast of the United States, but claimed that the attack was an error, it was announced today.

The German admission of responsibility was in reply to an Argentine note of protest. The 12,500-ton Victoria was hit April 17 off Cape Hatteras and abandoned by her crew but later was re-boarded and brought to port.

WHAT IS MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN A DAY IN JUNE ? YOU'VE GUESSED IT! TWO DAYS



High tide this afternoon at 1:10 and tomorrow morning at 2:30. Sun sets this evening at 7:49 and rises tomorrow morning at 4:13. First quarter moon, July 21, 3:44 p.m. Summerside tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

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DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY

From Borden — Leave 6:30 a.m. 9:25 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 4:45 p.m. 7:55 a.m. Leave Cape Tormentine—7:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 7:15 p.m. 6:45 p.m. 9:10 p.m.

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(May 3 to Dec. 27 inclusive)

Leave Borden 9:00 a.m. 12:00 noon 4:45 p.m. 7:15 p.m. Leave Cape Tormentine 10:15 a.m. 2:27 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 8:30 p.m.

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