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NAZIS IN BREAK THROUGH ON STALINGRAD FRONT

Churchill In London After Moscow Conference Tanks Plunge Toward City On Level Plain

Fortresses Bomb Nazi Shipyards In France Was Given Welcome By Large Crowd

LONDON, Aug. 24 (CP) - The United States high command in Britain, ignoring the protest of the Vichy government against last Monday's raid on Rouen in occupied France, sent flying fortresses back to the vicinity to attack Nazi shipyards at Le Trait today in the fourth daylight bombing of French territory in eight days.

The big bombers, escorted by fighters of the R.A.F. and the Polish Air force, all reached their target on the Seine River at Rouen, and returned to their bases as in the previous raids.

Two allied fighters were lost, but the Spitfire screen was so effective the Germans were unable to penetrate it during the bombardment.

At one time 40 German fighters tried unsuccessfully to intercept the bombers.

A communiqué issued by the Air Ministry and the U.S. Army Command said the bombing was carried out at a high level, as were previous U.S. raids. There was no indication, as to the results.

In today's protest, the Vichy government referred only to the raid on Rouen where railway yards were bombed.

The preparatory phase of the Canadian attack on Dieppe, 38 miles away, was interpreted, however, as indicating the government's attitude toward all allied operations in occupied France.

Laval Gov't Protests U.S. Bombing Raid

(By Mel Moss, Associated Press Staff Writer)

VICHY, Aug. 24 (AP)—The Laval government has protested to the United States against American bombers blasted Rouen in German-occupied northern France two days before the Dieppe raid, it was announced tonight.

The United States flying fortresses in an attack last Monday, centred their bombs on the railway yards through which all coast-to-coast traffic from the east and south must be switched, Vichy commentators have expressed belief this was to prevent the Germans from quickly bringing reinforcements to Dieppe, 38 miles away, which was the target of the Vichy command raid.

The protest was interpreted as raising the entire question of the government's attitude toward allied operations in occupied France.

By it, the pro-Axis Laval regime was said to have taken the attitude that all installations in occupied France were the target of German military nature are under the protection of the Vichy government.

The text of the protest was not available.

C. W. L. CONVENTION

SAIN'T JOHN, N. B., Aug. 24 (CP)—Delegates representing 23 sub-divisions in the province will be here Wednesday for a three-day convention of the Saint John Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada. The meeting will conclude Friday afternoon.

Coming Events

Bingo and dance at Lot 65 Hall, Tuesday, Aug. 25, 8-24-21.

Greenvale Institute Festival, Dance, Wednesday, August 26th, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Unloading Old Sydney Screen B. C. Coal today and tomorrow, Webster, Milton, 8-25-21.

George Town Hall, Thursday, August 27th, Webster's Orchestra, 8-25-21.

Dance Grand View Hall Thursday evening, August 27th, sponsored by Women's Institute, 8-25-21.

Dance in Pleasant Grove Hall Thursday night, August 27th, 8-25-21.

At New Glasgow Christian Church tonight, Miss Edna Grant, W. C. T. U. worker will speak, 8-25-21.

Collecting hogs every Friday, use list with Leslie McDowell, 5-19-20-twtf.

Aerial Blows Begin To Tell On Germans

LONDON, Aug. 24 (CP)—Increasing hammer blows of allied air power are beginning to make Germany doubtful of the outcome of the war, the R. A. F. reported tonight in its third booklet recording historical phases of the war.

"This is an interim report," the booklet entitled "Bomber Command Continues" declared.

"The enemy is not defeated—yet. He certainly is no longer exultant. It may be that he is beginning to feel doubtful of what the end will be."

The publication explains that Britain was forced to build from scratch plants to produce new heavy bombers and train personnel for the plants.

It noted that British aircraft alone bombed Cologne, the Ruhr and Bremen with 1,000-plane flights.

"If so much can be achieved by a force armed with British aircraft nearly all of them manned by British and Empire crews, it surely is possible to hope for great things when the air force of America begins to fly side by side with them toward the same targets," the booklet said.

One goal of British bombing is to aid Russia, it said, and another is to whither German morale "which is a strange plant more sensitive than sometimes is imagined."

The booklet is a sequel to "Bomber Command" published several months ago and details British bombing activities from mid-July of last year to the "earlier stages of the 1942 offensive, now in full swing."

The first R. A. F. booklet was "Battle of Britain."

Plane Forced Down, Crew Is Uninjured

An Anson aircraft from the Royal Air Force School at Charlottetown made a forced landing in the water of Tracadie Bay on the north shore of the island last night. The four-man crew escaped uninjured.

The plane came down about 9.15, just after dark.

Royal Air Force officers said later they hoped the plane could be salvaged. It was forced down when engine trouble developed. Later in the night the plane went out to ascertain how the machine in difficulties had fared, dropped flares which were seen by hundreds of persons in the vicinity of the bay.

So far as could be learned the pilot landed his plane on the bay without the use of flares.

Are Dismissed On Cat-Killing Charge

HALIFAX, Aug. 24 (CP)—Four men were dismissed on a charge of cat-killing today.

The men were Freeman Butler, George Wilson, Carlos McClure and James Purcell.

"I find your conduct not very seemly," the magistrate said, "but I am not sure from the evidence that you killed the cat."

Constable F. O'Connell charged the men with killing the animal by knocking its head against a telephone pole.

Casualties In Raid Now 536

OTTAWA, Aug. 24 (CP)—The unofficial count of Canadian army casualties resulting from last Wednesday's battle of Dieppe was lifted to 536 early tonight with the issuance of the seventh national defence department casualty list since the raid.

Tonight's list contained the names of 17 men, one of whom had been reported previously.

This, added to today's sixth list of 102 names and the previous official total of 418, brings the figure up to 536, of whom 82 were killed, 330 wounded and 124 missing. The count is subject to a margin of error because of possible repetition of names in previous lists.

The total of Canadian soldiers reported dead and missing since the start of the conflict was brought to 973 with the issuance of tonight's list—131st casualty list of the war.

Returned To England In Same Bomber In Which He Flew To Russia.

LONDON, Aug. 24 (CP Cable)—Prime Minister Churchill returned to London tonight from his historic Moscow conference with Premier Stalin.

Wearing the uniform of an Air Commodore, which he jokingly referred to as a disguise, Mr. Churchill was accompanied home by Gen. Sir Alan Brooke, Chief of the Imperial General Staff; Sir Alexander Cadogan, permanent Under-Secretary of State for foreign affairs; Sir Charles Wilson, his physician, and W. Averell Harriman, who represented President Roosevelt at the Moscow conference.

Warm Welcome

A special train brought the Prime Minister and his party to London, where he was welcomed by a large group which included members of the cabinet, Ivan Maisky, Russian Ambassador, Lord Louis Mountbatten, Chief of the Commandos, John Winant, American Ambassador, Dominions' representatives and senior officers of the Naval, Army and Air Staffs.

The train pulled into the station here beyond the appointed spot which had been marked by a white line on the platform, and a welcoming committee of the Prime Minister. The scramble pushed back out of the way the station's police officials.

Three Cheers

The cry of a woman somewhere in the rear of the crowd for "three cheers for Winston" was swiftly taken up. Another woman asked him if he were tired after the long journey. "Tired" the Prime Minister replied. "Why should I be tired? I have been refreshed."

The Premier returned to England in the same bomber and with the crew as he took him to Moscow. The crew included three Canadians, radio officer Robert N. Holmes, 22, of Toronto; senior flight engineer J. W. Affleck, 28, of London; and second flight engineer Ronald R. Williams, 33, of New Brunswick.

Mr. Churchill's four-day visit to Moscow was announced Aug. 19, after his visit to Egypt, during which he placed Gen. Sir Harold Alexander in command of the 8th Army relieving Gen. Sir Claude Auchinleck.

The subjects of the Moscow conference, attended also by the commander in India, Gen. Sir Archibald Wavell, were not announced, but complete agreement and cordiality existed, a joint Anglo-Russian announcement said.

Mr. Brown was a grandson of the late Hon. Georges Coles, one of the Fathers of Confederation and the first premier of Prince Edward Island. He was educated at St. Peter's private school in Charlottetown.

He started in the electrical business at the age of 19. His first major assignment was installation of electric lights in a big Toronto department store (C. S. Eaton Co.) He came to Ottawa in 1890.

Mr. Brown retired from the Ottawa Hydro Commission in the year 1938.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, the former Sarah Celestine Bradley, is a son, A. A. Brown of Arnprior, Ont., and one brother, Dr. George Brown of Montreal.

Howe Reviews Gun Program

OTTAWA, Aug. 24 (CP)—A comprehensive review of Canada's existing gun program and a promise of slowing developments in the future were given today by Munitions Minister Howe.

In a statement sharply contrasting the position in the industry, three years ago when manufacture of guns was "virtually unknown" in Canada, to the present situation with Canadian gun services at most battle-fronts, the minister announced that:

1. Facilities are being provided to double Bren gun production and production of Sten machine carbines is being quadrupled;

2. Capacity output under the expanded Bren gun program, totalling several thousands units a month, is expected to be attained between December, 1942, and March, 1943;

3. Planned capacity output of Sten machine carbines ultimately will equal that of the Bren gun;

4. The new Browning tank type machine-gun now in production, along with a 100-pound Bren gun magazine, a 90-millimetre anti-aircraft gun barrel and a 4.5-inch anti-aircraft gun carriage;

5. Lee-Enfield rifles will be produced at a rate of many hundreds a day by September.

CONTINUE TOUR

SYDNEY, N. S., Aug. 24 (CP)—The Earl of Athlone and the Princess Alice today inspected naval, military and air force facilities here as they continued their eastern tour.

The vice-regal couple chatted informally with servicemen at the several stations they visited, during a break in the official round, they were taken for a brief sail on Sydney harbor.

They arrived in Sydney over the weekend. Their next stop will be Newfoundland.

War Situation Last Night

(By Edward E. Bomar, Associated Press War Analyst)

But for the successful defence of Moscow and Leningrad, the doom of Stalingrad would appear almost inevitable on the face of discouraging reports from the Caucasus.

At two or more points, the invaders have managed to ram armored spearheads across the Don River, 40 or 50 miles from the vital Volga city and its last remaining natural defence line. Ahead of the Nazis is only the narrow corridor between the two rivers, sloping downward to terrain which is below sea level.

Already Stalingrad has been largely isolated, the single through rail connection with Moscow and the north having been severed by bombing. The Germans assert, Nazi planes are attacking shipping on the Volga.

Marshal Timoshenko's original southern army has in effect been cut in two while the other, and the dire peril of the altered strategic situation has been duly recognized by the Churchill-Stalin conference and by the subsequent steps taken to bolster the Middle East.

This is only the seamy side of the picture. Actually it is definitely premature to count Stalingrad lost. The Germans themselves speak of the prospects in guarded language, venturing only a statement credited to a government spokesman that "the great and decisive battle for Stalingrad has now begun."

Assuming that the Russians will be obliged to fall back after having checked the foe at the Don elbow, the whole nature of the struggle for the Caucasus suggests that they are prepared to make a further continuing, back-to-the-wall fight for Joseph Stalin's namesake city, perhaps matching in fury last year's defence of the capital.

Exposed though Stalingrad is, with its back to the Volga and only a rolling open country in front, the Russians appear to have a better chance of holding it than of retaining the Grozny oil field and other threatened parts of the North Caucasus. At the Don the Red Army has which to strengthen fortifications. Beyond the Volga is an unbroken, paralleling railway artery for arms and reinforcements.

Possibly of greater importance, there is some evidence that the Nazi war machine is losing much of its momentum.

Nazi progress has been notably slower in the last week or so. Beginning next month the full rains of the steppes are due, with their promise of slowing up progress still further.

Should Stalingrad's capture prove too difficult, the Nazis retain the alternative of by-passing the city and pushing southward down the Volga toward its mouth at Astrakhan on the Caspian Sea.

Astrakhan, however, is another 250 miles or so farther on and Hitler can not count on time as an ally.

Four Jap Zero Fighters Downed Over New Guinea

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Australia, Aug. 25 (Tuesday) (CP)—Four Japanese zero fighter planes were shot down yesterday by Allied fighters over eastern New Guinea, the Allied headquarters announced today.

Japanese ground patrols were dispersed at Kokoda, inland point on the Papua Peninsula of New Guinea where the invaders after landing at Buna and Gona have been attempting to strike overland toward Port Moresby.

Three Japanese planes raided Darwin Monday night unsuccessfully. On the previous night 47 Japanese planes were beaten off by brilliant Allied fighters in a battle described as the greatest single air victory in the southwest Pacific so far in the war.

The Japanese lost four of 27 bombers and one of the 20 fighters sent out to raid the Darwin airfield. The defenders beat them off without losing a single machine gun man.

Spies? No A Boy In Love

ST. CHARLES, Ill., Aug. 24 (AP)—When Cort Bohle flew over St. Charles and saw the big letters in the field, he thought of spies. He called Sheriff Marcus Damsch, who called the federal bureau of investigation, and then every one flew over for a look. What they saw were the initials "D R", a plus sign and then the initials "C B".

On the farm of Joseph Bagg, in a high field, were the letters, cut 50 feet high, 6 feet wide, and covering almost an acre.

Bagg said he didn't know anything about it, but that they'd better ask his son, Charley, 17.

"Sure I cut 'em," Charley said. "Cut 'em with the hay mower. The 'C B' stands for me and 'O gosh—well, the 'D R' stands for my girl, Dorothy Russell."

Charley added that Dorothy was 17, too, had blue eyes and was very pretty.

On the way back to town the sheriff reminded that he had a warning said: "Never let a boy in love go out alone with a hay mower."

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Canada Has 12 Destroyers, 80 Corvettes

Col. Ralston Gives Review Of Canada's Fighting Services

DETROIT, Aug. 24 (CP)—More than 12 of the new Royal Canadian Navy ships now in service are destroyers and more than 80 are corvettes, Defence Minister Ralston told the American Bar Association in an address here tonight.

Plans for expansion this year would bring the Canadian Navy's strength to 45,000 officers and men against the 40,000 at present in service, and would increase the number of ships to 550.

Col. Ralston, speaking of Canadian-United States co-operation in the war effort, said that a Canadian Army anti-aircraft unit was in Alaska to assist United States forces, as well as squadrons of the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Without counting 40,000 men called up for duty in Canada, there were 475,000 officers and men voluntarily enlisted in the Canadian forces for general service anywhere—the equivalent of 6,000,000 more than the population of the United States.

More than 125,000 men were in the R.C.A.F. among them about 3,500 young Americans. More than 150,000 men were with the army in the United Kingdom, and this Canadian force would have a larger proportion of armored troops than any army in the world.

"That isn't just for defence," said Col. Ralston. "For the offensive is ahead; the attack will come and be sure that the Canadians will be there."

The world had been thrilled by deeds of heroism and courage and "unselfish shining sacrifice" in the Dieppe raid. The United Nations had been heartened by the blow.

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Will Discuss Steel - Workers Proposals

OTTAWA, Aug. 24 (CP)—Prime Minister MacKenzie King has advised C. H. Millard, National Director of the United Steel Workers of America (C. I. O.), that proposals in his letter to Mr. King will be discussed tomorrow at the conference of the cabinet council. The Canadian Press learned tonight.

It was learned from the Prime Minister's office that such advice had been telegraphed today to Mr. Millard at St. Joe, Md., where workers of the Algoma Steel Corporation plant have voted to strike if necessary to enforce demands for a basic wage rate of 55 cents an hour. Similar action has been taken by workers of the Dominion Steel Company's plant at Sydney, N. S.

Through Mr. Millard the Union asked Mr. King in a letter mailed last Friday to act to avert threatened work stoppages in two plants.

Canada's basic Steel-Producing industry. (A dispatch from St. Joe, Marie said a second appeal asking Mr. King to summon a national conference on steel, was expected to reach the Prime Minister's office today.)

At present the basic wage rate at St. Joe is 45 1-2 cents an hour and at Sydney 43 1-2 cents. Applications for the increases have been rejected by regional war labor boards in Nova Scotia and Ontario. Algoma Steel officials have declined thus far to comment on the dispute.

Nine Companies Are Accused

NEWARK, N.J., Aug. 24 (AP)—Nine companies and six of their officers were accused yesterday of defrauding the United States government in the sale of more than \$50,000,000 of insulated cable to the Navy Department in a sealed indictment opened today by Federal Judge Thomas F. Meaney.

The 16-page indictment, returned Aug. 17 by a grand jury, was opened at the request of Samuel S. Isaac, special assistant to Attorney General Francis Biddle.

ANOTHER PARALYSIS CASE

HALIFAX, Aug. 24 (CP)—One more case of infantile paralysis was reported in Nova Scotia today. Chief health officer P. S. Campbell stated today. This brings to 29 the total number of cases officially reported in Nova Scotia during July and August.

Volga River Route To Caucasian Oil In Gravest Danger.

(By Fred Vanderschmidt Associated Press Staff Writer)

A phalanx of German tanks was plunging toward Stalingrad last (Monday) night on the level corridor which narrows to 40 miles between Don and Volga, and the Volga river route for Russia's Caucasian oil was in the gravest jeopardy, if not already rendered useless by short-range air attack.

Forging down the Rostov-Baku railway on the fringe of the high mountains of the mid-Caucasus, German forces charged with occupation of the Soviet oil pools reached the river Terek, 85 miles from the Grozny fields. This was in the area of Prokhladnenski, the Moscow Monday midnight communiqué revealed, and it represented an acknowledged advance of more than 50 miles in approximately a week of fighting.

On both middle eastern and Pacific fronts there were strong under-currents of preparation for greater battles. In western Europe, United States bombers made their fourth attack on military objectives in northern France, even while Vichy was protesting the first one.

Shipyards at Le Trait, near Rouen, were blasted by flying fortresses and Canadians flying in escort knocked down two German bombers attempting to get at the

Battle For Stalingrad

With their tanks finally across the Don Bend, some 40 miles from Stalingrad on the Volga, the Nazis felt able to announce that "the great and decisive battle for Stalingrad had begun."

The Nazi High command claimed that the Russian battle of the east bank had been overrun, although it admitted that some Russian forces along the Don still were counter-attacking.

The Russians acknowledged that the tanks had been ferried across the river and had consolidated a position on the east bank.

A battle of taken against persons spreading false rumors of prospective rationing.

Asserting that "we can give positive assurance that no official shortage of any essential of life is in sight," board chairman Donald Gordon characterized the false reports as "definitely subversive, often causing runs on existing supplies and needlessly complicating the difficult task of equitable distribution."

"Such rumors," he said, "are often inspired by people who hope to obtain advantage out of them, and unthinking persons spread them without realizing the damage they are doing."

Anyone who rushes around trying to acquire a hoard of this or that may be rated, in my opinion, as a fifth-rate citizen. I am sure no right-thinking Canadian seriously means to let greed overrule his decent instincts.

"It is the duty of all citizens in this period of emergency to act honorably and to refrain from trying to steal an advantage over others."

In future the board would decline comment on any rumors of rationing and would bend every effort to punish those responsible for spreading "these mischievous stories."

Blunt Warning; Don't Be A Fifth - Rater

OTTAWA, Aug. 24 (CP)—The Wartime Prices and Trade Board figuratively took the kid gloves today and in a bluntly-worded statement warned that action will be taken against persons spreading false rumors of prospective rationing.

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Heavy Quake Rocks Peru

LIMA, Peru, Aug. 24 (AP)—Many persons were killed and injured and heavy damage done to property by an earthquake which rocked Southern Peru today.

Reports reaching Lima from Nazca, 325 miles south of the capital, said damage and casualties were heavy in that area.

Another report from Ica said the steeple of the church of Our Lord of Luren collapsed. Another church at Ica was said to have been destroyed also.

A strong tremor, lasting about two minutes, was felt at Lima at 5:53 p.m. (7:53 p.m. A.D.T.), but there was no damage or casualties here.

News Briefs

RIO DE JANEIRO, Aug. 24 (AP)—The government today announced the sinking of the Brazilian tanker Louisiana which was bringing a cargo of oil to Rio de Janeiro.

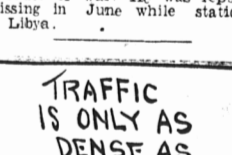
SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y., Aug. 24 (AP)—Thomas E. Dewey accepted the Republican nomination for Governor of New York tonight with a renunciation, if elected, of any United States presidential aspirations in 1944.

NEW YORK, Aug. 24 (AP)—Werner von Clemm, 44 and the Pioneer Import Company he headed each received the maximum fine of \$10,000 and the former German artillery officer was sentenced to two years imprisonment in federal court today for conspiring to sell Netherlands and Belgian diamonds in this country in violation of a Presidential freezing order.

PRISONER OF WAR

BATHURST, N. B., Aug. 24 (CP)—Mrs. J. M. Spear has received word from Ottawa that her son, Sgt. Allan M. Spear, of the Royal Canadian Air Force, is a prisoner of war. He was reported missing in June while stationed in Libya.

TRAFFIC IS ONLY AS DENSE AS THE DRIVERS



High tide this morning at 10.26 and tonight at 11.40. Sun sets this evening at 7.51 and rises tomorrow morning at 6.13. Full moon Aug. 25, 11.46 p. m. Summertime 12 minutes later than Charlottetown.

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