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# CHURCHILL ANSWERS CRITICS OF GOV'T

## *Summerside Goes Over Top In Big Victory Loan Drive*

Yesterday's subscriptions go $15,000 past mark; Provincial campaign proceeding at rapid pace.

A rainy day failed to dampen the enthusiasm of the Victory Loan canvassers yesterday for they went to work with zeal and determination and rolled up the magnificent total for the province to $878,350 or considerable more than half the objective of $1,500,000 set for Prince Edward Island.

But it was hats off to Summerside whose workers were last evening congratulated from all directions on having actually exceeded their objective for the campaign by $15,000 which means that they will be awarded "a first honor pennant" which will be added to the pledge flag. To the chairman J. LeRoy Holman and all the citizens of the capital of Prince County go warmest congratulations from everyone in the province, for their achievement will be published from one end of this proud dominion to the other and many who are unfamiliar or only slightly familiar with the town of Summerside will now know and recognize it as a town to be admired and honored.

Charlottetown workers were not by any means idle and in a good canvass rolled their total up to $348,200 which means that in the remaining days of the campaign they should easily attain their objective of $550,000. Prince County too, other than Summerside, no doubt emulated by the success of their leading town ended the day with a total of $112,100 a figure considerable in excess of Queen's

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## U. S. probing Sinking of Robin Moor

WASHINGTON, June 10 —(AP)— A White House request that the public reserve judgment on the sinking of the American ship Robin Moor was issued today while officials, gravely concerned, tried to determine whether a Nazi U-boat sent the vessel to the bottom.

Capt. Waldemar Lucio Pereira of the Brazilian steamship, Osorio, which picked up 11 survivors said that the Robin Moor was "torpedo-

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**RIO DE JANEIRO, June 10 —(AP)—The captain of the Brazilian steamship Osorio sent a radiogram to The Associated Press tonight in which he said the American ship Robin Moor had been "torpedoed by a German submarine."**

**The Osorio is scheduled to arrive at Recife tomorrow night with 11 of the survivors of the Robin Moor, all reported in fairly good physical condition after spending 18 days adrift in a lifeboat without adequate water supplies.**

## Coming Events

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Rate for Notices in this column 3 cents per word.

"Talkies—Malpeque Thursday. L-326-6-11-2i.

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"Show—Canoe Cove Friday. L-338-6-11-2i.

"Dance, Modern, Old-time Dance, Morell Hall, June 13th. St. Avard's Orchestra. L-357-6-11-2i.

"See Fort Augustus Play, St. Charles Hall, Friday, June 13th. L-356-6-11-1i.

"Reserve Wednesday, July 16, for Marshfield-Dunstaffnage Tea and festival. L-365.

"Annual meeting Protestant Orphanage Auxiliary, Trinity Ladies' Parlor, Friday three o'clock. L-361-6-11-3i.

"Hear Fairview Variety Concert in Wiltshire Hall tonight. Dance after. L-368.

"Wanted to buy bologne cattle Phone or write for price. Signed Island Cold Storage Co., Ltd. L-242-5-21-tf

"Ice cream and dance in Donagh School, Wednesday, June 11th. L-309-6-10-2i.

"Hear Hunter River play "Civil Service", Bonshaw Hall, Friday, June thirteenth. Proceeds war purposes. L-334-6-11-1i.

"Dance in Cardigan Hall, Thursday, June 12, in aid of British Post Office Relief Fund. Sponsored by Postmaster. L-293-6-10-2i.

"Good sows are worth 8, 9 and 10 cents carcass weight according to quality. Livestock Marketing Board. L-359-6-11-1i.

"Buying young pigs, junks and fat sows Thursday, paying highest market price and after that will not be buying until June 23rd. L-369.

"Loading hogs at Albany every Thursday afternoon. Friday at Emerald until 11.30 A. M. A. C. Green, Albany. G. C. Green, Emerald.

"Special Meeting Charlottetown Sub-division C. W. L. on Friday, 13th at 3.30 P. M. in K. of C. Hall to make arrangements for Torch Day. L-360-6-11-1i.

"See the play, "The Maid From Missouri" by the Liguorian Players of Charlottetown at Souris, Thursday, June 12th. L-306-6-10-2i.

"Reserve Wednesday, July 16th for Boat Races at Pinette, sponsored by Fisherman's Union No. 4 and Tea Party in charge of Institutes and Red Cross Units of surrounding districts. L-332-6-11-12-14.

## Gasoline shortage Definitely faces Canadian people

OTTAWA, June 10—(CP)—Canada, it was learned on high authority today, definitely faces the prospect of a gasoline shortage in some areas and prospects are some curtailment of consumption will be ordered in the near future, to ensure that supplies are available for necessitous use.

Areas most affected are the Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario and British Columbia, the provinces most dependent on supplies brought to the Dominion by tanker.

The Prairie Provinces are served in large measure from the Turner Valley oil fields and the United States by tank car.

Ontario gets most of its supplies from the middle western states by pipeline and tank cars but this supply will have to be used to cover a wider area than is customary and accordingly Ontario will feel the pinch to a certain extent.

Already George T. Cottrelle of Toronto, the Dominion's oil controller, has indicated a shortage was in prospect in some areas but here it was learned that Canada is planning to follow the lead of the United States in taking action to ensure supplies for essential use.

In the United States there have been suggestions of instituting gasless Sudays to cut down consumption. Just how this would be put into practice has not been gone into too fully here as yet, the idea being that when and if the plan goes into operation in the United States steps will have been taken to meet all contingencies, such as motorists stocking up with extra gas on Saturday to take care of a gasless Sunday.

## Mussolini Says U. S. at War with Italy

ROME, June 10—(AP)—Mussolini told Italians today that the United States is at war with the Axis in fact if not legally but that "American intervention" will not prevent a Nazi-Fascist 'victory."

In effect, he defied the United States to declare war formally. He assailed President Roosevelt—calling him "Delano Roosevelt"—as an example of "a dictator in the pure classic meaning of the term"

The occasion was observance of the first anniversary of Italy's declaration of war.

The United States ambassador, William Phillips, was conspicuously absent from the diplomatic gallery.

Mussolini spoke bluntly of Italy's situation at home mentioning "recent critical points in our food situation" and "pessimists and doubters"

## $29,000 for Breakwater At Souris

**OTTAWA, June 10—(CP)—Supplementary estimates for the Chief Engineer's Branch of the Department of Public Works, tabled in the House of Commons tonight by Finance Minister Ilsley include:**

**Construction, repairs and improvements—harbors and rivers.**

**Nova Scotia:**

**Dingwall—Improvements, $83,300.**

**Prince Edward Island:**

**Souris—Breakwater repairs, $20,000.**

**Harbors and rivers generally—for maintenance of services, no new works to be undertaken—further amount required, $45,000.**

**Total, $74,000.**

**New Brunswick:**

**Burnt Church—Wharf repairs, $18,000.**

## Says battle of Atlantic going Better for Britain

OTTAWA, June 10—(CP)—The battle of the North Atlantic has been going "rather better" for Britain lately, in the opinion of Rt. Hon. Ronald Cross, new British High Commissioner to Australia, who is in Canada on the way to that country to take up his appointment.

The former Minister of Economic Warfare and more recent Minister of Shipping cited "better air support and stronger convoy protection" as reasons for the apparent turn in the fortunes of war on the northern sea. He emphasized, though he was not in close touch with the immediate situation.

Mr. Cross, in an interview after he had reached Canada, was asked if he considered the recent extension of United States naval patrols on the Atlantic was proving effective in cutting down Britain's marine losses. His answer was that he had no information on this point.

On the Atlantic, he said, the "very urgent need" was that of the U. S extending its shipbuilding program to a point where it would be at least as great as it was at the end of the First Great War.

"In addition," he declared, "there is the very extraordinary importance of speed in completing deliveries." So far as he knew, deliveries of new craft from the U. S. had not yet begun.

Of the new job, the High Commissioner had no comment to make. He did not care to discuss the tense Japanese situation in

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## Darlan silent On events In Syria

VICHY, June 10—(AP) — The Vichy-government's Vice-Premier, Admiral Darlan, exponent of collaboration with the Nazis tonight told Frenchmen that they must cleave to Germany or perish.

Arguing there were only these alternatives, he implied a German victory was assured and said that Frenchmen must whole-heartedly play the role of "loyal" collaboration if they are to merit a favorable peace settlement and a secure place in a Nazi-dominated "new order."

The Vice-Premier, in a speech broadcast to the nation, made no mention of the British-free French advance into Vichy-controlled Syria, although in a preceding address he attacked France's former ally.

## Huge Magnesium Plant planned

MONTREAL, June 10—(CP)—The Aluminum Company of Canada, Limited, announced today that contracts are being let for the construction of a brucite refining plant in the Gatineau Valley near Wakefield, North of Ottawa.

Completion of the plant will give Canada for the first time the means of producing large quantities of pure magnesium oxide or magnesia from which magnesium metal may be obtained, said the company's announcement.

## Supplementary Estimates remain Before Commons

### Warm All-day Debate On Special War Expenditures Committee.

OTTAWA, June 10 —(CP) —After a warm all-day debate on the special war expenditures committee the House of Commons tonight cleared the order paper of government business and had only the supplementary estimates to deal with before adjourning for the summer.

The committee's report occupied the House for eight hours and ended with its adoption without a recorded vote after Conservatives and two Liberals had attacked the committee and others had warmly defended it.

As a result of the report being adopted the committee of 24 now will have authority to continue its work throughout the summer and it is understood special remuneration will be provided by supplementary estimate.

The House quickly put through the two last remaining government measures on the order paper. One was to correct an error in the act to amend the special war revenue act, and the other an amendment to the prairie farm assistance act Neither occasioned more than the briefest discussion.

The last part of the sitting was devoted to the one remaining estimate in the Agriculture Department, having to do with prairie farm assistance but no progress was made.

**OTTAWA, June 10—(CP)—Provision of $45,000,000 from which to pay grants to provincial governments which vacate the personal and corporation income tax field is made in further supplementary estimates tabled in the House of Commons by Finance Minister Ilsley tonight. The total amount of the new estimates is $48,453,183.**

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## Regular monthly Meeting of City Council

"To assist in the war loan by subscribing to war bonds, it was decided to place the entire amount which the estimates provided for sinking fund investment and meet maturities by issuing refunding bonds to the extent of fifty per cent of the maturing debenture," Councillor R. C. Chandler, chairman of the Finance Committee, announced last night at the regular monthly meeting of the City Council explaining the reason for the passing of a resolution regarding the refunding of debentures.

Other matters discussed at the meeting, over which His Horship, Mayor B. Roy Holman presided, were the dog nuisance in the city and improper parking. Routine reports were presented by the heads of the various committees and the Health Report was submitted by Dr. B. C. Keeping, also the Sanitary Officer's report. The Meat and Milk Inspector's report was submitted by Dr. I. E. Croken.

Councillor A. Butler brought to the attention of the Council the matter of dogs roaming about the city and becoming a nuisance to citizens. These animals are very destructive to property especially plants on certain lawns which they tear up, he said.

Coun. J. E Sterns, Chairman of

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## Torch Bearing Bomber Arrives At Collins Bay

KINGSTON, Ont., June 10—(CP) —The twin-engined bomber carrying Canada's Victory Torch arrived at nearby Collins Bay today and landed at the Norman Rogers airdrome. The bomber was escorted into the field by six light bombers from the airdrome.

Crew of the big plane was greeted by Mayor H. A. Stewart, Col. T. A. Kidd, chairman of the "Torch Day" ceremonies, Wing Cmdr. D. McGordon, officer commanding the airdrome, Sqdn. Ldr. S. B. Croydon and other citizens.

The Torch was taken from the bomber and placed in charge of a guard of honor commanded by Flt. Lt. G. O. St. J. Morris of the Royal Air Force.

A Victory Torch ceremony will be held tonight when an address will be given by Rev. Norman Rawson of Hamilton. Scrolls from the cities of Kingston and Napanee will be placed at the base of the Torch.

## Takes Seat Today

**Mrs. Cora Casselman, frist woman elected to the House of Commons as a Liberal, will take her seat in the House this afternoon.**

**The woman who succeeds her husband, the late F. C. Casselman, as representative of Edmonton East constituency, will be escorted to her place on the floor by Prime Minister Mackenzie King — "the first time I ever came down the centre aisle with a lady on my arm," Mr. King said yesterday.**

**Trade Minister MacKinnon, member for Edmonton West, will introduce her to the House.**

**Mrs. Casselman told The Canadian Press it is too early to say what line she will take in Parliament, but that she believes whatever influence she has should be used to further the war effort and projects designed to improve the standard of living.**

## Canadian cheese Production soars

OTTAWA, June 10 — (CP)— Cheese production during May in Canada soared to 16,386,092 pounds from the level of 3,869,025 pounds in the previous month and stood 30 per cent higher than production during May last year, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reported today.

Increases occurred in five provinces but decreases were shown in Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Manitoba and British Columbia, the report said.

The total for the five-month period ending May amounted to 23,700,000 pounds.

The bureau reported that during May creamery butter production increased approximately 20 per cent compared with the May make of 1940 and 73 per cent compared with the preceding month.

During May 32,800,000 pounds of butter were produced and the total for the five-month period ending May was 85,900,000 pounds.

## United Church Conference Is concluded

SACKVILLE, N. B., June 10—(CP)—Approval of efforts to include religious teaching in school curricula was expressed today at the concluding session of the 17th annual meeting of the Maritime Conference of the United Church of Canada.

The conference passed a resolution to this effect, assuring other churches "of our willingness to cooperate with them in an effort to discover a way of serving this end which shall commend itself to all the denominations concerned."

Rev. J. N. Anderson, Saint John, speaking for the committee on international relations, said the world must be organized along lines aimed at by the League of Nations if better results are to be achieved and a peaceful world maintained.

People must guard against apathy, cynicism and selfishness, he said. Canadians must take wider interest in foreign policy and international relations. Canada must assume its obligations and give leadership in the creation of a better world. "We cannot retreat into extreme nationalism and isolationism. We need team work in all aspects of life."

Dr. C. L. Gass, Sackville, presented the report of the United Churchman, official publication of the Maritime Conference. He urged more whole-hearted co-operation on the part of ministers and church officers. The Conference recorded its appreciation of the work of Dr. W. F. Partridge, editor of the paper.

Rev. E. R. Woodside, Cornwall, P.E.I., conducted the closing devotional period. The President, Rev. Hugh Miller, Charlottetown, declared the Conference adjourned until the next meeting here in June, 1942.

The report of the Pensions Com-

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## Strike, not Stand still, British policy

### Battle Of Crete Only One Phase Great Struggle In Middle East.

LONDON, June 10—(CP) —Prime Minister Churchill today enunciated a war policy of striking instead of standing still, of taking the risk of action rather than that of inaction, and declared that would be Britain's policy as long as he was at the head of the Government.

This, the Prime Minister declared in a long speech answering his critics, was his choice between the "terrible alternatives" that produced the battle of Crete, the alternatives of fighting for Crete or letting it go without a struggle. It would be his choice to the end.

Coupled with his latest statement of policy to the House of Commons was the Prime Minister's renewed rejection of demands from some quarters for an Imperial war cabinet. He gave no reason for his refusal.

The Prime Minister opened his speech with the observation "No one, however ministerially minded, could possible complain of the tone, temper and matter of this debate. The kind of criticism he have had today—some of it very searching—is the kind that the government not only accepts but welcomes.

"However, the way in which this debate came about was calculated to give one the feeling of a challenge to the security of adminis-

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## News Briefs

OTTAWA, June 10 —(CP) — Smoke rolling from Eastern Canadian forest fires was the only cloud tonight from dominion census officials poised for the opening of the decennial count tomorrow.

"The forest fires mean that the start will be more difficult than usual in some areas," said officials "Elsewhere throughout Canada the machinery is ready and about 17,000 enumerators will begin their rounds.

"They will continue these rounds from morning till night until their work is completed. Commissioners have been told to instruct their enumerators to be reasonable about the hours they call, and that means they will be unlikely to ring city doorbells before 9 a. m. or after 10 p. m.

ALBANY, Tex., June 10 —(AP)— The bodies of 12 persons drowned in the flash flood which swept in darkness through this town early today were recovered by rescue workers. Other possible victims were sought.

BUFFALO, N. Y., June 10 —(AP) —The Curtiss-Wright Company announced today it had sent more than 1,000 fast Tomahawk fighters to Britain and demonstrated a faster, spike-nosed pursuit plane whose performance and armament were kept secret.

Officials of the company said they did not know how many Tomahawks had reached Britain or the Middle East and had not yet received detailed report of their performance in battle.

LOS ANGELES, June 10 —(AP)— The fiveday strike at the North American airplane factory appeared ended today. U.A.W. strikers agreed to march in a body to ask to have their jobs back at the plant where the army had taken control under orders from President Roosevelt.

VICHY, June 10 —(AP) —Vichy sources claimed tonight that French planes had taken off from North African bases to strengthen Syrian defences against British-De Gaullist troops nearing Damascus.

Resistance of both French and native troops was described unofficially as satisfactory.

SEIGNIORY, CLUB Que., June 10—(CP)—Canadians probably will be called upon soon "to curtail sharply the use of petroleum products," Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Munitions and Supply, tonight told the 70th annual meeting of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association here.

"Our Oil Controller (G Cottrelle of Toronto) is faced with a very threatening situation," he said.

## *Other Columns Within Sight Of Damascus*

Opposition described as "fifty-fifty" slows advance into Syria; Free French forces expect to enter Capital City today.

(By Eric Bigio, Associated Press Staff Writer)

**CAIRO, June 10—(Wednesday)—(AP)—Small British naval parties landed on the Lebanese coast to seize control of bridges and other vital points ahead of the allied troops advancing on the capital of Beirut, it was reported here today.**

**Some of these units were reported to have seized the bridge over the Litani River, 40 miles south of Beirut, when pro-Vichy troops tried to destroy it. They held it and facilitated the crossing of the British and Free French land forces.**

**Farther inland in French-mandated Syria other allied columns were reported within sight of Damascus, the Syrian capital. Last reports said they were within 10 miles of the ancient city.**

**"Fifty-fifty" opposition slowed the advance, British sources said.**

**It remained to be seen whether resistance would be offered outside the Syrian capital, a British spokesman said tonight, while Free French sources said the troops are expected to enter the city tonight or early tomorrow.**

**With two drives launched against Damascus, a third column was proceeding against Beirut, capital of Lebanon, Syria's mandated twin under French rule. Authorities said these troops were making good progress, but they declined to say how far they had gone.**

Free French forces pushing toward Damascus covered more than 60 miles in two days, Free French headquarters announced.

British headquarters said the attitude of the French defenders seemed to be "50-50". They were described as seeming not to want to fight very much, but not wanting anyone else in Syria.

French sources here said that martial law had been declared in Beirut. They agreed with British informants that a minimum of resistance is being offered to the allies. Most of the Vichy French troops holding advanced positions have laid down their arms, preferring not to fight on either side, they said.

The British advance has not been a triumphal march, it was stated, for some opposition had been encountered, chiefly from the metropolitan French forces. On the whole, however, the local populations seemed to be glad of the advance, British headquarters said.

The British Middle East command said that the penetration of Syria is "proceeding smoothly" and added that "the general impression is that Arab reaction to the arrival of our forces is favorable."

The Royal Air Force announced its plane shot down five aircraft while patrolling over the Mediterranean fleet off Syria last night.

## International At A Glance

(By The Canadian Press)

**LONDON — Prime Minister Churchill says Crete was a desperate gamble knowingly taken, makes plain he prefers dangerous risks to surrender of any Empire point and will go on with that policy; turns down suggestions of Empire cabinet.**

**ROME — Mussolini dares United States to enter war; contends American aid can't save Britain**

**CAIRO—British and Free French forces reported within 10 miles of Damascus.**

**VICHY — Planes from Weygand's command in North Africa reported flown to aid Syrian defence.**

**HAIFA — Nazis bomb British oil port.**

**RIO DE JANEIRO — Captain of rescue ship says Robin Moor, United States vessel, torpedoed by German submarine.**

## Settlement Committee P. E. I. Presbytery

SACKVILLE, N. B., June 10—(CP)—The report of the Settlement Committee of the Maritime Conference of the United Church, presented yesterday by Rev. James A. Fraser, Scotsburn, N. B., Secretary of the committee included the following:—

Prince Edward Island Presbytery—A. D. Stirling, Kensington; G. N. Somers, Alberton; John Stirling, Margate; J. M. Sheen, West Cape, K. G. Sullivan, Summerside; W. T. Mercer, Mt. Stewart; S. J. Boyce, Georgetown; J. C. Parker, Bideford; (time) call, Valleyfield-Orwell Head.

CALGARY, June 10—(CP)—Henry Wise Wood, who led the farmers of Alberta into the political field in a movement which resulted in their gaining control of the Provincial Legislature in 1921, died in hospital here today

Mr. Wood, who was 81, recently suffered a fractured thigh and failed to recover from the effects of the injury.

Often called "the Moses of the Alberta farmer," Mr. Wood had been connected with farm movements since he came to Alberta in 1905 from Halls County, Missouri, where he was born.

TORONTO, June 10—(CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

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| Dawson | 51 | 58 |
| Victoria | 50 | 75 |
| Edmonton | 38 | 77 |
| Regina | 52 | 68 |
| Winnipeg | 54 | 55 |
| Toronto | 48 | 73 |
| Ottawa | 47 | 71 |
| Montreal | 49 | 68 |

BOSTON, June 10—(AP)—Forecast for New England: Clearing and warmer Wednesday, Thursday fair and warmer, moderate to fresh northerly winds Wednesday.

Synopsis: The weather has been fair and cool over the greater part of Ontario. Showers have occurred in Manitoba and east Saskatchewan but it has been fair and a little warmer farther west.

High tide this morning at 11.39 and tomorrow morning at 12.57.

Sun sets this evening at 7.45 and rises tomorrow morning at 4.13.

Last quarter moon June 16, 11.45 a.m.

Summerside tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

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