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BRITAIN IS GRANTED BASES IN AZORES

Roosevelt Says Japs Losing 130,000 Tons Of Shipping Monthly

Gives Figures On Air Raids Last Friday

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12 — (AP) — President Roosevelt said today that Japan has lost an average of 130,000 tons of shipping a month for the last six months with American submarines taking the heaviest toll. This is believed, he said, to be considerably larger than the enemy's replacements.

The President added that if the rate of sinkings continues, it would total about 1,400,000 tons a year.

In other statements on the war, he said:—

1. The American people, when thinking about gasoline rationing and what they have accomplished in production, should consider the statistics of American air raids on German objectives last Friday.

He said 855 planes participated carrying 2,500,000 pounds of bombs, 2,750,000 rounds of ammunition, and 800 pounds of maps. They flew 850,000 miles, travelled 1,400 miles on the ground in taking off, landing and taxiing, burned nearly 1,000,000 gallons of gasoline and 25,000 gallons of oil. Each plane was over enemy territory from two to six hours. Five thousand crewmen participated.

2. He wanted to pass on a suggestion which had come from a newspaperman on the other side (of the ocean) that it would be helpful to the morale of the French in France if there was occasional applause here for certain people and certain happenings in France. For instance, the President said, there was the liberation of Corsica.

City Finance Chairman Reviews Tax Collections

Civic tax collections for the period of Jan. 1 to Sept. 30 exceeded those of the same periods in 1941 and 1942 by $21,512.59 and $10,799.92 respectively, reported Coun. R. Chandler, chairman of the finance committee, at last night's monthly meeting of the City Council.

Other details given by Coun. Chandler, in a report covering three quarters of the year's financing, included:

Actual receipts in 1943 were $250,074.65 as against $239,274.73 in 1942 and $238,562.06 in 1941.

Current tax collections were $171,682.71 in 1943 as against $160,226.14 in 1942 and $142,973.59 in 1941.

Arrears collected were $33,347.87 in 1943 as against $31,643.49 in 1942 and $34,621.40 in 1941.

Expenditures in 1943 totalled $251,517.41 as against $246,766.94 in 1942 and $244,918.57 in 1941.

Sinking fund, 1943, amounted to $50,000 as against $40,000 in 1942 and 1941.

Debenture interest, 1943, was $78,482.44 as against $76,445.80 in 1942

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COMING EVENTS

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**Talkies—Crapaud Friday. 10-13-2i.

**Talkies — Malpeque Wednesday. 10-13-1i.

**Just arrived car barley meal. McGuigan and Boyle. 10-13-2i.

**Cranberries are plentiful and ready to pick at Ira McCoubrey's. 10.13-1i.

**Dance St. Peters Bay, Friday 15th. Clifford's Orchestra. 10-12-2i.

**Booking orders for bulk barley to arrive soon. Special price. W. J. Bowman. 10-7-1i

**Reserve December 3rd for Afternoon Tea and Pasaar in Baptist Schoolroom. 10-13-1i.

**Dance, Lower Montague, Oct. 14th. Webster's Orchestra. 10-13-1i.

**Reserve Wednesday, October 27th for Masquerade in Long Creek Hall. 10-13-1i.

**Dance Vernon River Hall Friday, October 15th in aid of Sanatorium. Millview Orchestra. 10-12-2i.

**Reserve Wednesday, 27th October, for annual meeting Girl Guide Association at Government House. 10-13-1i.

**Wanted to buy live and dressed chickens and fowl. Paying top market prices. Island Cold Storag Co., Ltd. 8-26-tf

**Auction 45's every Thursday night at 8 P. M. beginning October 14th at Parkdale Fire Hall. 10-13-2i.

Council Protests Discontinuance Of Pullman

Removal of Railway Wharf material to Mulgrave also discussed at monthly meeting.

Resolutions strongly protesting against the discontinuance of the railway pullman service to this Province and empowering the Mayor to investigate the moving to Mulgrave, N. S., of materials sent here to be used in repairs to the Charlottetown railway wharf were passed unanimously at the monthly meeting of the City Council last night.

The resolutions were passed at the suggestion of Mayor Holman, who introduced the subjects and spoke strongly against the discrimination involved.

Discussion on other matters resulted in the adoption of the following resolutions:

Moved by Coun. Chandler, seconded by Coun. MacDonald, that the new insurance policy, covering the city firemen, with amendments to sections 1, 3 and 7 as submitted by Mr. J. O. Hyndman to the Fire Department, be accepted.

Moved by Coun. MacDonald, seconded by Coun. McKee: that a copy of the letter received by the Council from Maj. T. E. MacNutt, secretary of the Children's Aid Society, (relative to stricter enforcement of the curfew law) be sent to the clergy of the city and the principals of the city schools, with a covering letter.

Moved by Coun. Chandler, seconded by Coun. MacDonald, that the City Council approves the action of the Mayors of the city and incorporated towns of this Province in forming the Association of Mayors and Municipalities of Prince Edward Island, and further that the Council endorses the request of

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Flood Waters Further Delay Volturno Battle

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, ALGIERS, Oct. 12—(AP)—The impending battle of the Volturno River was further delayed today by flood waters that swept over the stream's steep banks at some points and hopelessly mired heavy equipment of the Allied 5th army, but Allied air forces ranged the Mediterranean skies unimpeded to soften the enemy for the blows that will come with dry going.

An Allied communique said only patrol activities and artillery duels had enlivened the rain-bogged front across Italy in the last 24 hours. The Nazis grasped the respite to strengthen their defences in depth along the northern bank of the Volturno, which the 5th army must penetrate in its drive toward Rome.

Despite the adverse weather the British 8th army was reported to have gained ground at some points on the Adriatic end of the line. German resistance in this area was described as increasingly stiff, however, and west of Termoli British patrols ran into enemy tanks.

F. D. R. Challenges Some Statements By Travelling Senators

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12—(CP)—This is no time to sow seeds of bitterness among Allies, President Roosevelt declared today, challenging some of the findings of the five travelling senators who recently returned to Washington from a 40,000-mile trip to the battlefields bringing some wild tales with them.

At the same time he advised the people of Britain to disregard anti-British sentiment being expressed in some Washington circles today, brushing it aside as a manifestation of democracy and at least inferring that this political phenomenon moves in cycles in the United States and does relatively little harm in the long run.

In extreme good humor but with his facts marshalled in a sheaf of papers on his desk, the President again denied that Britain had been hoarding oil from her Middle East fields, denied that Australia has

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Oppose Abattoir At Saint John

SAINT JOHN, N.B., Oct. 12—(CP)—County members of the Saint John municipal council decided today to seek provincial government assistance in opposing plans of the municipality to construct an abbatoir and cold storage plant here. If necessary, the councillors said, they will resort to court action.

Both city and county members of the council will make representations at Fredericton tomorrow before Hon. J.B. McNair, Premier and Attorney-General. Decision to build an abbatoir was taken by a majority vote of city councillors over opposition from county members of the council.

Argentine Government Indignant At Nazis

SANTIAGO, Chile, Oct. 12—(AP)—The newspaper Hora said today that private advices from Buenos Aires indicated the Argentine government was indignant at the German attitude toward Pope Pius XII and would probably break off diplomatic relations shortly.

Portugal To Remain Neutral

LISBON, Oct. 12—(CP)—Premier Antonio De Oliveira Salazar, announcing tonight Portugal's consent to British use of bases in the Azores, emphasized that nothing in the agreement affects Portugese determination to maintain neutrality on the European mainland.

Salazar told Portugese newsmen that Great Britain is in sympathy with this objective.

Expect Heavy Movement Of Feed Grains

By JAMES McCOOK
Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA, Oct. 12—(CP)—Agriculture Minister Gardiner said today an estimated 100,000,000 bushels of western feed grains will be moved east this season to maintain production of livestock and livestock products—a grain movement far in the excess of previous records.

"If at all possible we would like to see 130,000,000 bushels moved between Sept. 1 and next spring," the minister told The Canadian Press in an interview.

"This would ensure that all requirements for feed are met. With the assistance of arrangements like that which permits the direct shipment from west to east of cars of grain containing up to three per cent dockage, the grain movement this year has expanded greatly and is being speeded up."

From Oct. 1, 1942, to last July 31, the movement of feed grains to Eastern Canada was about 40,000,000 bushels.

Mr. Gardiner said immense demands for feed on western farms in the east, and in the United States were being supplied from stores of Canadian grains without endangering the abundance which has existed since the 1942 crop.

"The problem has been transportation—the business of moving the grain to the place where it is needed. "The United States is buying substantial amounts of feed grain but is making arrangements for transportation by sending cars into Canada.

"By raising the dockage allowed from one to three per cent the direct shipment of feed grain from western to eastern Canada has been facilitated, since cars carrying grain within the dockage limit can move east without being unloaded and cleaned at Fort William."

War Situation Last Night

By Kirke L. Simpson, Associated Press War Analyst

A culminating step in grim Allied preparations for the March on Berlin from the west came Tuesday with British acquisition of anti-submarine bases in the Portuguese Azores.

That tiny but vitally important Island group in mid-Atlantic provides unsinkable plane carriers for Allied use in safeguarding war traffic between Britain and America. Availability there of refuelling and repair bases for Allied surface and air craft dealing with U-boat menace will cut off thousands of miles of travel for combat vessels in maintaining their winter sea patrols.

The Portuguese act of benevolent neutrality tends to double or even quadruple the effectiveness of the U-boat hunting forces in the North Atlantic. And it is over that route to Britain that troops and supplies from North America must travel unchecked to insure maximum Allied hitting power when the hour for attack from the west strikes.

With stepping-stone bases in the Azores to count upon, the whole business of flying heavy bombers to Britain for use in breaching Nazi westwall defences might be revolutionized. The Portuguese Islands lie 2,400 miles due east of New York. But they are closer to Halifax or the southern tip of Newfoundland and within reach of fully war loaded ships taking off for the west-front attack.

There are other ominous portents for the Nazis in Portugal's grant of base facilities to her ancient ally, Britain. It means that Portuguese authorities, standing at one of the best-informed European listening posts, have written off German defeat as inevitable. That must have weight in Spain, and in Argentina on this side of the Atlantic. The Azores incident could set off political upheavals leading to an alignment with the United Nations fellowship in either country.

It is hardly to be doubted also, that the British-Portuguese deal is a forerunner of what Turkey, Britain's neutral ally in the Mediterranean, will do whenever London signals her into the war. And the time for that cannot be remote with the Russians battering effectively at the Nazi defence front along the Dnieper.

The most important battle bulletins of the day came from Russia. They told of further Russian advances on Gomel, pivot of Nazi outpost defences still east of the Dnieper in White Russia along the Sozh tributary of the Dnieper.

With Gomel lost, every Dnieper crossing north as well as south of the mouth of the Pripet would become a new potential Russian bridgehead. The German communications network west of the river, already badly snarled by Russian penetrations and behind-the-line guerilla operations, would be fatally vulnerable. A German retreat into Poland for a stand along the Polish Bug is clearly possible unless Red thrusts across the Dnieper north and south of Kiev can be checkmated or wiped out. Such a retreat before the Nazi right flank in the lower Dnieper bend and in the Crimea escape westward would invite military disaster.

Believe Nazis Will Not Declare War On Portugal

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12—(AP)—The betting here is that Germany won't go to war with Portugal despite Lisbon's action in granting Britain anti-submarine bases in the Azores.

Berlin significantly had little to say today about this new blow to U-boats in the Atlantic.

This was taken to mean that Germany would not be likely to press the issue and force Portugal over to the Allied side.

To do so might require a German attempt to occupy the entire Iberian peninsula—including neutral Spain—a step which the Nazis would hardly be eager to undertake now that they have converted their conduct of the European war to a defensive basis.

Even to break relations with Portugal would deprive the Germans of their listening post in Lisbon, the Portugese capital—possibly the most valuable they have abroad.

Japan and Portugal also remain officially at peace, although Japan has been exerting pressure upon the Portugese colony of Macao on the South China coast.

For five years Japanese armies have isolated this segment of the Portugese empire and have staged numerous incidents which infringed upon Portugese rights. The latest is the reported attempt to kidnap the acting British Consul in Macao.

Meanwhile Japan continues occupation of the Portugese half of the Island of Timor, 500 miles northwest of Australia.

Although London recently reported a "crisis" in Japanese-Portugese relations, it appeared today that the Japanese would be equally reluctant to lose their Lisbon listening post by driving Portugal into belligerency.

Spain To Continue Vigilant Neutrality

MADRID, Oct. 12—(AP)—Gen. Francisco Franco's foreign ministry announced today in connection with the Portugese grant of anti-submarine bases in the Azores to Britain that Spain would continue to maintain vigilant neutrality.

British Air Raid Deaths Low In Sept.

LONDON, Oct. 12—(CP)—Civilian air raid deaths in Britain in September were the lowest of any month in more than three years, with five killed or missing and 11 hurt badly enough to require hospital treatment. It was the best record since May, 1940, when three were injured and none killed.

New Uses For Potatoes

COLUMBUS, O., Oct. 12—(AP) — You can eat it or you can eat off it. You can bake it or you can bake with it.

The answer, says the National Farm Chemurgic Council, is a potato.

Culled potatoes, usually left to rot in the fields, can be converted successfully into plastic dishes, ovenware, machinery parts and similar articles at a much lower cost than can the materials now used in plastic production, Ernest L. Little, managing director of the council, reports

$1,000,000 Fire Loss At Sydney

SYDNEY, N.S., Oct. 13—(CP) Charred, smoldering debris of buildings and equipment was all that remained tonight of the half-mile long jetty at the New Point Edward naval base near here, swept into ruins with an estimated loss of $1,000,000 by a 10-hour fire last night and early today.

Fire crews from the new $12,000,000 naval base, opened only this summer stood by to prevent a new outbreak after their gruelling but successful fight to turn the flames aside from the rest of the sprawling establishment.

Lost in the blaze were two large buildings, the boilershop and another workshop, while unconfirmed reports said one ship tied up at the jetty had been destroyed and two others badly scarred by the blistering heat.

Naval authorities have issued no statement on the outbreak and maintained close watch over the area. The base was closed off while the fire was in progress, but thousands watched the soaring flames from the surrounding countryside while the fire was in progress.

Cause of the disastrous blaze had not been determined officially, but it is reported to have started in some oil, ignited by a spark from a welder's torch.

WIN BAKING LAURELS use BLOSSOM OF CANADA THE ALL PURPOSE FLOUR

Ilsley Urges Canadians To Break Records

Finance Minister tells of great need for support in fifth loan.

TORONTO, Oct. 12—(CP)—Finance Minister Ilsley said today, in his first major speech of the Fifth Victory Loan campaign, that until the loan's objective of $1,200,000,000 is exceeded Canadians will experience a "saturation campaign" aimed at stripping their pocketbooks of all but essential finances.

In an address prepared for delivery to a Canadian Club luncheon, he warned against home-front complacency because of recent successes, against believing Hitlerite propaganda which is trying to drive a wedge between Russia and the western democracies and against relaxation of the determination that has speeded Canada from an uncertain standing start in 1939 to her present strong position among the world's military powers.

"Possibly victory in Europe is in sight, but between us and victory lies much the hardest part of our Canadian struggle—both overseas in the battles themselves and here at home in our efforts to provide our forces and our Allies with their vital requirements," he said. "If we let our attention wander from the work in hand, if we slacken our efforts, and particularly if we begin looking to individual advantage rather than national interest, then we shall do less than our part, others more exposed than ourselves will suffer, and victory will be delayed."

He said he had felt during much of the war that Canadians have been over-confident, "first of the certainty of complete victory and more latterly of the time which it will take to achieve it." He traced the steady improvement in the war situation during the last year, but said that our "over-enthusiastic "optimism" has been slammed back recently by revival of submarine warfare on the North Atlantic with U-boat wolf packs using "new, secret and terrible instruments of sea attack."

Turning to the Pacific war, he said the pace of the attack in that theatre "in relation to the huge distances and great natural barriers to be overcome naturally suggests the war must last much longer in this theatre than in Europe."

Local Man To Head Maritime Florists Ass'n

HALIFAX, Oct. 12—(CP)—James Tait, Charlottetown, was elected president of the Maritime division of the Allied Florists and Growers of Canada Ltd., at a meeting here tonight organizing the new division. William A. Gunn of Toronto, representative from the organization's head office, was special speaker.

Mrs. Mary Beazley, of Truro, N. S., was appointed secretary of the Maritime Division, while Mrs. E. J. Chase, also of Truro, was one of three directors elected.

At a further organization meeting to be held tomorrow in Moncton, N.B., four more directors will be named.

Britain To Draft Men For Mines

LONDON, Oct. 12—(CP CABLE) Men will be drafted for work in Britain's coal mines on the same basis that they are called up for service in the armed forces, Maj. Gwilym Lloyd George, Minister of fuel and power, announced in the House of Commons today.

Opening a two-day fuel debate, precipitated by recent large and small coal mine strikes, Maj. Lloyd George said voluntary recruiting had failed to produce enough men to keep the mines operating at the required speed. The voluntary system, however, will be retained under the new plan, he said.

At the same time he announced that the government is considering steps to take tighter control of the strike-breeding mines but he indicated there was no immediate intention to nationalize the industry as has been requested by the powerful mine workers federation.

Severs Artery, Drives Two Miles On Bicycle

RICHIBUCTO, N.B., Oct. 12—(CP) Improvement was reported tonight in the condition of E.T. Richard, clerk of the peace for Kent County, who severed an artery in his ankle and then bicycled two miles to his home. The accident occurred Saturday when his axe slipped while he was cutting wood alone.

Will Do Much To Defeat Nazi U-Boat Threat

(By The Canadian Press)

Germany's last hope of averting defeat through the wholesale use of submarines probably vanished with the announcement by Prime Minister Churchill Tuesday that Portugal had granted Britain anti-submarine bases in the Azores Islands, the crossroads of the Atlantic.

Without surrendering her neutrality, Portugal thus made it possible for the United Nations to complete their aerial umbrella over the Atlantic and to provide convoys with both surface and air protection so tight as virtually to defy the U-boat wolf packs.

LONDON, Oct. 12—(AP) — Portugal, in an agreement announced by Prime Minister Churchill in the House of Commons, today granted Britain naval and air anti-submarine bases in the Azores, strategic Atlantic crossroads commanding all routes from the United States to Europe and the Mediterranean.

The new bases, made available to Britain immediately, will give the Allies valuable aid in the battle against the German submarine menace, expected to rise sharply again as the Allies prepare to invade the continent. The Azores lie 1,643 air miles southwest of London, 1,237 miles west of Lisbon and 1,495 miles southeast of the big Atlantic air base at Botwood, Nfld.

British forces will be withdrawn from the Azores at the end of the war, Mr. Churchill said. Britain for her part is to assist "in furnishing essential material and supplies for the Portuguese armed forces and for the maintenance of Portugal's national economy."

Hope was raised immediately in London today that Eire, Turkey and other neutrals might take Portugal's action as a precedent and extend military facilities to the Allies. Turkey is allied with Britain under much the same sort of treaty as the 500-year-old Anglo-Portuguese agreement under which today's action was taken.

The new agreement, has been under negotiation for several weeks, and a Berne dispatch early today, hours before the agreement was announced, said Allied vessels already were patrolling off the Azores.

With their big international seaplane base, naval harbors and military barracks all probably ready for immediate use, the nine Azores Islands will:—

1. Give the Allies land bases for anti-U-boat sea and air patrols.

2. Enable the Allies to provide a 24-hour patrol over all routes from North America to Europe and the Mediterranean and a reinforced patrol over the Bay of Biscay, main hunting ground of submarine packs.

3. Provide a refuelling base on the southern shipping route to Britain and the Mediterranean, which hitherto has been little used because of its extreme danger.

4. Possibly enable fighter planes, and certainly bombers, to be flown directly across the Atlantic to Africa and later to the continent with a refuelling stop at the Azores.

5. Provide a more suitable winter air ferry route to Britain.

84 Million Oranges For British Children

LONDON, Oct. 13—(Wednesday) —(CP)—Citrus - hungry Britain learned today that 84,000,000 oranges have reached this country—for youngsters only. Food minister Lord Woolton said children up to five will receive two pounds of oranges each, and those between five and 16 will get one pound. Retailers must reserve their supplies for children for five days after receiving their stocks, then the remainder can be cleared without restriction.

German Naval Officer Recaptured

OTTAWA, Oct., 12 — (CP) — Defence Headquarters announced today the recapture of Wolfgang Heyda, German naval officer who escaped Sept. 24 from an eastern Canadian internment camp. He was taken into custody at Grand Anse, N. B., after a chase extending 870 miles.

Heyda was spotted by a coast watching patrol while walking along a beach.

He was almost captured at Mntreal, Quebec, and Bathurst, N. B., before his apprehension at Grande Anse, it was disclosed. He had made his way east partly on trains and partly by being given rides by motorists.

Military authorities said he spoke good English, and carried food supplies with him.

Churchill Slips Up On Subtraction

LONDON, Oct. 12—(CP) — Prime Minister Churchill slipped up on his subtraction by a matter of 30 years in recounting today the length of time that Britain and Portugal had been allied.

Reporting to the House of Commons that Portugal has granted Britain anti-submarine bases in the Azores, Mr. Churchill said the alliance between Portugal and Britain dated back to 1373.

Two paragraphs later he said:—"This engagement has lasted now over 600 years and that is without parallel in world history."

Actually the time involved is 570 years.

Admiralty Announces Loss Of Minelayer

LONDON, Oct. 12—(CP)—The Admiralty today announced loss of the minelayer Abdiel.

There is no remaining trace of the Colossus of Rhodes, one of the seven wonders of the ancient world.

Says Allies Abandon Balkan Plans

LONDON, Oct. 12—(AP) — The Berlin radio, despite continued Allied aerial attacks in the eastern Mediterranean and the operations of Yugoslav guerillas, said tonight that the Allies now had abandoned a plan to land in the Balkans this year.

Berlin conceded that at the time of the Italian armistice Sept. 8 the Dalmatian coast ports were in the hands of troops loyal to Premier Pietro Badoglio or anti-Axis Partisans. The broadcast described that period as the "most favorable moment" offered British and American forces for a land operation in the Balkans and added that an operation "seems to have been definitely abandoned in view of the approaching winter."

Direct contradiction of the German claim that Nazi forces had weathered the worst of the storm in Yugoslavia was contained today in a communique of the Jugoslav liberation army which announced that partisan forces "firmly held" the Dalmatian coast south of Split. This would place these forces in control of approximately half their country's coast line

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