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ENEMY HIT BY RECORD AIR BLOWS

Houde Is Elected Mayor Of Montreal

3 Big Developments On 6th Army Front

By Seaphing Maynes
Senior War Correspondent

WITH U.S. FORCES ON THE ALSCA - RHINE FRONT, Dec. 11 - (CP) - Three big developments were reported late tonight from the 6th Army front:

1. In northern Alsace, the western wing of the United States 7th Army striking toward the German border has linked up with the United States 3rd Army south of the frontier.

2. German troops in Baden on the east bank of the Rhine have been ordered to shoot any German troops attempting to cross from the west (Alsatian) bank without orders.

3. Air raid wardens and policemen from Stuttgart have been flown into the German High Seas area, still wearing their uniforms.

1,600 Heavies Take Part In One Big Raid

MONTREAL, Dec. 11 - (CP) - Camille Houde, firebrand of municipal and provincial politics for more than a decade, was elected Mayor of Montreal tonight, four months after he came out of imprisonment.

Mr. Houde defeated Adhemar Raynault in one of the closest elections in Montreal's history, moving to the front in late returns after the lead had changed several times early in the counting.

Mayor-elect Houde, returning to the chief magistrate's chair for the fifth time, drew most his support from the French-Canadian sections of the city. English-speaking districts were strongly pro-Raynault, but the retiring mayor also collected a heavy ballot in many French-speaking districts.

The voting was considerably heavier than the 22 per cent of the electors who turned out for the 1942 campaign when Mr. Raynault won handily for his third term of office. The approximately 100,000 ballots cast, however, was well below the record 150,000 compiled when Mr. Houde was elected in 1938, for a term which ended a few months before his time when Mr. Houde was interned.

His interment came after he had urged residents of Montreal not to comply with national registration regulations.

Mr. Raynault conceded the election three hours after polls closed, at a time when Mr. Houde had run his lead to about 10,000 votes. In all the English districts showing complete returns and with scattered polls from other districts still to report.

Although the English vote was small, Mr. Raynault was not a heavy ballot. Notre Dame De Grace, for instance, gave Mr. Raynault a margin of 7,355-1,008 votes, but the turnout was only about 40 per cent of the eligible voters in that district. Other predominantly-English districts, such as Westmount and Curlewton, as well as 50-50 Verdun, the BPC and the Little and Grand No. 10, in today's voting.

Mr. Houde was elected for a three-year term. Along with the elections went a referendum in which citizens decided that the two year term of previous years should be replaced by a three-year term.

War Situation Last Night

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON
(Associated Press War Analyst)

Creation of a massive British "Pacific Fleet", to operate against Japan as "the strategic situation dictates" is bad news for Tokyo.

The more is more than first formal implementation of Anglo-American commitments exchanged at Quebec for joint action against Japan. It makes good Prime Minister Churchill's declaration to Congress long ago that Japan ultimately would face the supreme challenge of seapower.

Of greater power in all fleet categories than Japan's now crippled navy, the British Pacific fleet's appearance in those waters will virtually double the already heavy sea odds against Japan. While no over-all Allied commander is created the British fleet will operate under direction of Admiral Nimitz in the central Pacific or of General MacArthur in the southwestern Pacific as occasion requires.

Complex with American cracking of the Japanese defensive front in northwestern Leyte by capture of Ormoc, the British move marks the opening of a new phase of the war across the Pacific. Based in Australian waters, the British fleet will be available to complete the isolation of Japanese garrisons in the Netherlands Indies and to drive into the southern end of the South China Sea itself without prejudice to contemplated American naval operations farther north.

Between them the British and American fleets in the Pacific could dominate simultaneously both the north and south approaches to the China Sea. As Gen. MacArthur completes the conquest of Leyte and Archipelago to that sea will be opened. Complete denial of the China Sea to Japan for shuttling reinforcements and supplies of far-flung conquest garrisons either in the Islands that fringe the China Sea or on the south continental coast can be foreseen.

The important part of the British announcement of its new Pacific fleet under Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser, the recognition of the Pacific as "an American area of responsibility" in the war against Japan. That leaves the question of strategy in the Pacific in American hands and refutes any suggestion that the purpose of the British naval reorganization was aimed only at expediting recapture of Singapore or Hong Kong.

Total defeat of Japan is the objective.

Nazis Retreating Across Roer River

PARIS, Dec. 11 - (AP) - The United States 1st Army was driving the enemy across the Roer River today as the United States 3rd Army pushed to the Saar Basin from the south after breaking all organized resistance in Sarreguemes. The 7th Army meanwhile seized Hagenuau, greatest base left in Germany in France.

Multiple attacks by the three United States armies were pressing the enemy back deeper inside Germany on the west, and forcing him on the south to yield the French buffer zone before the Siegfried Line.

The 7th army drove into the outskirts of Wertz, eight miles north of Hagenuau in the Maginot Line seven miles from the German border. Ahead of the Americans in the Siegfried Line, the Germans have been feverishly strengthening the fortifications by the forced labor of 15,000 foreign workers.

The Germans were in retreat to the east bank of the Roer under relentless blows of the 1st army's renewed offensive, which after two days has hammered three miles through rugged defences at the edge of the Cologne plain to a point 17 miles deep into Germany.

The 3rd army advanced from the south and reached the border three miles north of Sarreguemes, the 7th Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' forces broadening their assault on the Roer and taking heights overlooking the Roer on the southern end of the front, overran three miles or so from Duren, key to enemy positions on the river.

Important German rail centres feeding this front were bled by 1,600 United States heavy bombers, the 22nd bomber group, which sent aloft in an effort to isolate the Germans and set them up for decisive blows.

The attacks exceeded even those by heavy bombers which preceded the Normandy break-through last summer.

Failure of the Germans to mount effective counter-attacks in this battle swirling 20 miles west of Cologne indicated that they were being pushed back to fortified positions on the eastern bank of the Roer leaving only screening forces behind.

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13 Witnesses Give Evidence At Inquest

Coroner's Inquiry Into Death Of Roy Rose Of Red Point Concluded.

"We, the undersigned jurors, empaneled to inquire into the cause of death of Roy Rose who died in the Prince Edward Island Hospital on Dec. 8, 1944, from evidence submitted, find that the cause of death was hemorrhage, condition of the brain and shock as the result of being hit by an automobile, in an accident, on the highway near Burns on Wednesday, December 6th," was the verdict returned by a coroner's jury last night at an inquest held at the Charlottetown General Hospital.

The deceased Roy Rose was found in an unconscious condition on the side of the road early Thursday morning, December 7th, during the following day without regaining consciousness.

The verdict was signed by William M. Flynn, foreman, by Byron Brown, W. R. Jenkins, James Brown, H. L. Hardy, J. A. MacKenzie and G. W. MacLeod.

As a result of the above finding further prosecution of the case rests with the Attorney General's department. Mr. R. Holmes, who represented the Attorney General, stated last night.

Coroner Dr. J. J. Yeo conducted the inquest.

Dr. D. D. McGuigan was the first witness called and on being sworn testified that he had performed an autopsy on the body of Roy Rose. He described in detail the injuries sustained by the deceased, stating that there were several marks on the face wound on the left side of the forehead about two inches long together with another wound on the left leg about two inches long. There was a compound fracture of this limb, in addition to other injuries which included a swelling of the left side of the spine, a laceration three inches long and two inches wide. Cause of death the witness stated was due to hemorrhage resulting from the fracture of the spine, the spinal column, injury to the head causing concussion of the brain, all being ascertained with shock.

Dr. H. H. Pierce, who performed the autopsy on the body with Dr. McGuigan, corroborated the previous witness' testimony.

Clive Bruce, fisherman of East (Continued on page 9, Col. 5)

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City Protests Lay-Off At Bruce Stewarts

The City Council last night sent a telegram to the Hon. Angus L. Macdonald, Minister of Naval Affairs, protesting against the lay-off of 130 men at the Bruce Stewart & Co. Ltd. shipyard. The telegram asked that a boat be sent to the Bruce Stewart plant so that work would be provided for those men during the winter months. Copies of the telegram were also sent to the Hon. Cyrus MacMillan, Federal member for Queen's, and to Premier J. Walter Jones.

The Council was presided over by Mayor J. E. Blandford. Couns. P. G. Gay and A. T. McKinnon were absent by reason of illness. Lt. Col. K. S. Rogers was present on behalf of the Associated Services and requested the aid of the City in erecting two slides for the children as well as for the flooding of certain areas in Rochford Square and Prince Street School grounds to make free skating possible for many of the children. His request was granted.

Civic Finances

A general summary of the City's financial position was given by Coun. B. Earle Macdonald, chairman of the Finance Committee and carefully considered. Coun. Macdonald first dealt with the collection of taxes. "The taxes on current account to the end of November this year were \$182,231.00 in real estate and personal property as against \$178,855.00 for the same period in 1943," he reported. "The 1944 poll tax is against \$3,321.00 for 1943. This shows an increase in current taxes this year over last year."

"It appears in 1944 we have collected (Continued on page 9, Col. 6)

Report Russians Enter Budapest

LONDON, Dec. 11 - (Paris and Algiers broadcasts said tonight) Red Army vanguards had entered Budapest.

Advices from Moscow said part of the Red Army had entered the city and that the Germans had thrown the city with orders not to burn an inch.

Another Berlin broadcast said that a tremendous Soviet offensive was imminent in southwest Poland, industrial Silesia.

The Germans said that the Russians were massing men and materials at Krakow and Breslau and a long dormant sector of the eastern front.

Start of the offensive, added the German report, "depends on favorable weather."

Freak Wind At Savannah

SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 11 - (AP) - A freak wind coming out of the northwest in gale-like proportions blew the water out of the Savannah River late today, caused postponement until 7 a.m. tomorrow of the launching of the liberty ship William L. McLean.

The vessel, named after the late publisher of the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin, will be sponsored by Mrs. Hazel Palmer of Athens, Pa., mother of a 14-year-old boy who led newspaper carriers boys in war bond sales.

The wind blew the water with such force toward the Atlantic Ocean, 22 miles downstream, that a tide which normally would reach 7-10 feet at Savannah got only to 4-5 feet and then started receding.

Suspect Dog Chewed Head Off Master

RAINIER, Ore., Dec. 11 - (AP) - Sheriff's deputies beat through the backwoods near this Columbia River town today seeking a dog, suspected of chewing off the head of its master.

The decapitated body of George Roe, 60, was found in the man's isolated cabin three miles from here. His huge dog, described by nearby farmers as vicious, fled to woods nearby at the approach of investigators.

Sheriff M. R. Calhoun, said the condition of the body indicated the head might have been chewed away.

Calhoun said no definite clue to the cause of the man's death was found.

V-Bombs Killed 716 In November

LONDON, Dec. 11 - (CP) - (CP) - The German V-bombs killed 716 persons and seriously injured 1,511 in the United Kingdom during November, the Ministry of Home Security announced tonight.

Of those killed 269 were men, 345 women and 102 children under 16 years the Ministry announced.

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ATHENS, Dec. 11 - (AP) - A reinforced British force confronted E.L.A.S. guerrilla forces of 25,000 men inside and around this capital tonight, a well-informed source said.

The leftists were ready to offer to withdraw their forces from Athens and the entire Department of Attica in return for guarantees they would not be prosecuted.

As British reinforcements arrived, Athens had a quiet day, although the British were still clearing buildings in the capital's central squares. The E.L.A.S. still held most of the commanding heights in the city but in sections cleared of combat, stoppers were out in the streets and near-normal life resumed.

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