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# TRIPOLI IS CAPTURED BY ALLIED ARMY



This map shows the scene of much of the heaviest fighting now underway in Russia. But the Germans are being forced back so rapidly the map makers cannot keep up with developments. Note Salak, whose capture was announced last night, is shown well behind German lines as they retreated only a few days ago. The map indicates the multi-pronged Soviet drives on the pivot city of Rostov which the Soviets are threatening from north and south.

## S' Side Reports Surplus Of \$3,513,17 For 1942

Annual Reports Submitted At Meeting Last Night; Liquor Question Discussed.

SAINT JOHN, N.B., Jan. 22 (CP)—The disastrous fire which swept the north side of King Street, in the heart of Saint John's business district, early today is estimated to have caused losses which may exceed \$500,000. Origin of the fire was still undetermined tonight.

A red cloud out of which seethed clouds of smoke and flame was visible from all over the city as the buildings, mostly of wood, flamed like matchwood.

## Coming Events

- Loading live hogs at Souris every Monday all day. Signed George Dingwell. 12-7-35-W-11.
- Farmers wishing to ship dressed hogs advise McGuigan & Boyle. 1-13-121.
- East Royalty Rink tonight. West Royalty vs Royals. Skate at 8. 1-23-11.
- Loading hogs for Davis & Fraser at Murray River Monday, January 25th. J. J. Beck.
- Buying live and dressed chickens and fowl every Wednesday. Paving top market prices. P. J. Roy Hunter River. 9-26-5-M-11.
- We are buying live and dressed chickens and fowl daily, paying top market value. Phone or write for prices. Island Cold Storage, Ltd. 12-15-11.
- Livestock Marketing Board taking hogs at Charlottetown every week day. Special price paid for young sows suitable for breeding purposes. 1-23-21.
- We are taking orders for Swift's baby chicks. Book your order now. Car of bulk wheat will arrive shortly. R. L. Dickieson, New Glasgow. 1-23-31.
- Livestock Marketing Board require young sows suitable for breeding purposes. Will pay cent per pound over regular bacon price plus \$1.00 premium. 1-23-21.
- Wanted—Six light Sussex Cockerels, suitable to head hatching flock. Good price. Apply Dillon & Spillet, Charlottetown. 1-23-26-21.
- Buying pigs at Fredericton Monday, Tuesday 11 A. M. Market Square. Paying \$0.00 a pair for good pigs over 18 lbs. each. Will also buy smaller ones. Knud Jorgenson. 1-23-21.

## Chief Librarian At Ottawa Dies

OTTAWA, Jan. 22 (CP)—Alvin Fraser Macdonald, former chief editor of the Halifax Chronicle, died here today.

Mr. Macdonald had been chief Librarian of the public archives in Ottawa for 10 years.

A native of Hopewell, N.S., and educated in Hopewell schools, he began his newspaper career with the Halifax Morning Chronicle following his graduation from Dalhousie University. In 1908 he was chosen first Canadian representative to the Imperial Press Conference in London, Eng., and in later years served as chairman of the Canadian committee.

He is survived by his widow, the former Agnes Johnston, and one daughter, Flora of Montreal, a sister Mary and a brother, Robert, both of Hopewell, N.S.

## BULLETIN

OTTAWA, Jan. 23 (Saturday) (CP)—An official statement issued early today said that "the way seems clear for resumption of steel production at once" in steel plants at Saint Ste. Marie, Ont., Sydney, N.S., and Trenton, N.S., which have been strikebound for more than a week.

The statement was issued on behalf of Prime Minister Mackenzie King and the United Steelworkers of America.

The statement said that details of the agreement of settlement are being communicated to the union locals involved in the strike by officials who attended conferences here yesterday and early this morning.

The details were not made public in the official statement.

Principal demand of the U. S.W.A. in the strike has been establishment of a basic minimum wage rate of 35 cents an hour plus cost-of-living bonus.

## Praise Canadian Ack-Ack Battery

SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND, Jan. 22 (CP Cable)—A Canadian anti-aircraft battery was praised today for its part in the aerial defence of London last Sunday when it tossed four tons of high explosive shells a minute at German bombers.

It is the only Canadian heavy anti-aircraft battery in the London defence area. The unit was praised by the General Officer Commanding the Ack-Ack Command, Sir Frederick Pile, who messaged: "Keep up the good work, Canada."

## French River Airman Graduates

OTTAWA, Jan. 22 (CP)—Air Marshal L. S. Brender, chief of air staff, today presented wings to a graduating class of pilots at the annual meeting of the Summer-side Town Council which took place last evening. Total revenue amounted to \$124,451.51 and total expenditures to \$120,834.

The recorder pointed out that ten years ago the revenue was \$54,000.00 about half of what it is today while in the same time the salaries of town officials had decreased slightly.

Councillor Mollison, chairman of the Finance committee, said that it was a very favourable statement particularly in view of the fact that the sinking funds have been well taken care of. He said that while most of the expenditures were for the street expenditures were lower.

Councillor Gorrill congratulated the finance committee and pointed out that the streets had spent \$300 less than their estimates and that they were in good condition.

Mayor W. J. Lidstone presided and Councillors Gorrill, Mollison, Morrison and Wedge were present.

Councillor Mollison asked if anything more had been done about the meeting with the Premier. Councillor Gorrill said he wanted to know if they met the Premier did they intend to discuss the enforcement of the Prohibition Act or the changing of the act. Councillor Morrison, "we are going to ask him to change the act." The

## Day Sweeps Over France

LONDON, Jan. 22 (AP)—Swarms of British, Canadian, American and other Allied planes carried out extensive, large-scale offensive sweeps over Northern France and Belgium today in a follow-up to the night bombing of this month on Hitler's Ruhr valley arsenal.

The air ministry said seven German fighters were destroyed and that four Allied bombers and six fighters were lost in the daylight operations that extended over 350 miles of German-occupied coastal territory from Ghent to the Cherbourg Peninsula.

## Dealers Told To Ration Coal In Prairies

(By The Canadian Press) — Coal dealers in the three Prairie Provinces tonight were instructed by the Prices Board not to deliver fuel to any person having 10 days supply on hand in an effort to overcome the acute fuel shortage at many points following the coldest weather in many years.

With no sign of a letup in the cold wave that struck western Canada earlier in the week, civic officials in Red Deer, Alta., were making plans to move entire families into public buildings. Prince Albert sent an appeal to farmers for wood, and Lethbridge, Alta., 37 schools were closed because they had no fuel.

British Columbia also was in the grip of a record prolonged cold spell which has crippled transportation and caused hardship due to shortages of fuel and other necessities.

Temperatures ranged from four degrees above zero, almost a record low for Vancouver, to 49 below in Northern Saskatchewan. In Southern Saskatchewan and Manitoba temperatures were higher than Thursday but in Southern Alberta Lethbridge had a 32 minimum temperature and Calgary 28.

## War Situation Last Night

(By Kirke L. Simpson, Associated Press War Analyst)

The fall of Tripoli before British forces portends an important change in the aerial aspects of the battle of Tunisia even if Marshal Erwin Rommel's remnants escape to join forces in north Tunisia.

Axis airfields that have come in for furious Allied east-west bombing to hamper Rommel's retreat lie to the south and west of Tripoli. They now are highly important to the Allies for their own use in the coming battle of Tunisia.

The quicker those fields within 200 miles or less of Tunis and Bizerte can be taken, repaired and put back in service as Allied air bases, the sooner a triple bomb fire at relatively short range can be opened on Axis defences on the Tunisian foreland.

The rainy season in northeastern Tripolitania where the air fields lie is nearly over.

The fight for control of the Mediterranean seaboard, confined largely to air operations except for the 8th Army advance and Nazi efforts to hold open and widen Rommel's escape corridor, must therefore enter a new phase soon.

It seems obvious that apprehension is running high in Berlin of some new Allied offensive stroke, perhaps in Norway, even before the battle of Tunisia is fought out or the final series roared in the Russian winter offensive. Sweden appears worried that the war is coming closer to her. Finland is startled by Russian success in cracking the Nazi siege of Leningrad.

## Soviets Report Salak Captured

LONDON, Jan. 22 (AP)—The capture of Salak, important railway junction in the North Caucasus 100 miles southwest of Rostov, was announced tonight in a special Russian communique recorded here by the Soviet Monitor.

Salak is on the Stalingrad-Tikhoretsk railway and is the terminus of another branch line from Rostov. Besides its rail facilities, it is an important German air base from which transport planes had flown supplies to the encircled Germans before Stalingrad.

The Russians also announced the capture of Mikoyan-Shakhar in the North Caucasus.

Mikoyan-Shakhar is deep in the Caucasus mountains on the headwaters of the Kuban River slightly north and west of Mount Elbrus, king peak of the towering range. It lies 120 miles southeast of the Maikop oil fields and about 60 miles south of Nevinomisskaya, the farthest point of Russian advance on the Rostov-Baku railway.

## Extensive Search For Missing Airman

HALIFAX, Jan. 22 (CP)—An "extensive" search is being made for one of the Dominion's best known aviators, Capt. L. S. Alward (Al) Chesman of Port Arthur, Ont., and two companions, missing since last Sunday, the headquarters of the Eastern Air Command announced.

The recorder pointed out that he has been found since it left its base at Scoudouc, N.B., on a routine flight.

With Capt. L. Chesman were Col. G. A. Nimmons, North Peterborough, Ont., and Lt. P. G. Landry of Moncton, N.B.

## Germans Gloomy Over Eastern Front

LONDON, Jan. 22 (CP)—In their gloomiest communique of the war, the German High Command reported today that Nazi troops encircled near Stalingrad were forced back several kilometers by a Russian break-through from the west and tacitly admitted a retreat in the Caucasus.

The plight of the "Stalingrad defenders" was acknowledged about 10 days ago when the Germans, after two days of exporting the troops to fight, said the Russians were attacking from all sides.

The communique broadcast by Berlin and recorded by the Associated Press today, said the Russians broke the west wall before Stalingrad and "are storming with far superior forces." They claimed large numbers of Soviet tanks were destroyed.

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## Flt. Lt. G. C. Keefer Is Awarded D. F. C.

OTTAWA, Jan. 23 (CP)—Award of two distinguished flying crosses and seven distinguished flying medals to members of the R.C.A.F. serving overseas and of two distinguished flying crosses to R.A.F. officers who took their training in Canada was announced today by R.C.A.F. headquarters.

Following are the award winners with next of kin:

—D.F.C.—(R.C.A.F.)  
Flt. Lt. Grenfell J. Conrad of Melrose, Ont., Rev. W. B. Conrad (father) Post Office Box No. 1 Bedford, Que.  
Flt. Lt. George Clinton Keefer of Charlottetown, Ont., Grace Hughes (aunt) 167 Euston St. Charlottetown.  
—D.F.C.—(R.A.F.)  
PO. Herbert F. Dickert (hometown, next of kin not given).  
PO. Ernest J. Saunders (hometown, next of kin not given).  
—D.F.M.—  
Flt. Sgt. Lorne Weller Maunts of Kingston, Ont., Mrs. Ellen Maunts (mother) 412 Albert St. Kingston, Ont.  
Flt. Sgt. Douglas Palmer Hobson of Saskatoon, Mrs. Annie G. Hobson (mother) 621 Sixth Ave. Saskatoon.  
Flt. Sgt. Desmond McCabe of Victoria, Henry McCabe (father) 1089 Foul Bay Rd. Victoria.

Flt. Lt. Keefer is a nephew of Mrs. G. C. Keefer, Hughes of this city, and is well known here having spent his summers in Charlottetown. He enlisted from here.

He was born in New York, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Clinton Keefer, (Mrs. Keefer was a sister of Mrs. Hughes).

Flt. Lt. Keefer enlisted in October, 1940, and received his wings with the rank of Pilot Officer at Uplands Training School, in April, 1941. The following month he was transferred to the Middle East to a Fighter Squadron. While there he was engaged in air operations over the Mediterranean Sea.

Last summer he was promoted to the rank of Flt. Lt. and in September, 1942 he was made an instructor in the Middle East Air Training School. He was still there when relatives here last received word from him.

No official citation has been received by relatives here in connection with the award.

In a clipping from a South African paper received in Charlottetown last August, Keefer is made to be a young Canadian pilot officer, G. C. Keefer of Prince Edward Island, having received a South African pilot, whose plane had been shot down in an engagement with Stukas and enemy fighters.

Flt. Lt. Keefer was educated at President School in West Newton and at Phillips' Textile School in New Hampshire. Before enlisting he had completed his first year in engineering at Yale.

## Coldwell Makes Reference To Strikes

OTTAWA, Jan. 22 (CP)—M. J. Coldwell, C.C.F. leader, said in an address prepared for broadcast tonight three vital steel mills are idle because "the arbitrary price and wage freezing policy adopted in this country decrees that men employed in this arduous and hazardous occupation should work for a wage that is demonstrably too low."

In his first radio address over the National Network of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation since his election as C.C.F. leader last year, Mr. Coldwell said the C.C.F. calls for the immediate establishment of a post-war planning commission "truly representative of all classes in the community."

War planning and post-war policies were two parts of the same fight for victory and "we are indeed building the post-war world now by the way we organize the war."

## Japs Wiped Out At Sanananda

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Jan. 23 (Saturday) (CP) The Japanese in all the Sanananda sector of New Guinea have been overwhelmed and the Allies now control the entire Papan Peninsula, the high command announced today.

The noon communique also reported the destruction of 24,000 tons of Jap shipping at Rabaul, New Britain.

## Bad Fire At Amherst

AMHERST, N.S., Jan. 22 (CP)—Five families are homeless following a fire which gutted the Hewson Block here today, causing damage estimated at \$5,000.

Firemen succeeded in preventing the flames from spreading to nearby buildings after a stubborn battle.

The Hewson Block, fronting on Victoria and Havelock Streets, contained Oak Hall, men's furnishing store, the lodge and recreation rooms of two Masonic Lodges, offices of Tom's Taxi Service, offices of D. E. MacPhee, Agriculture Department representative, and several apartments.

## Axis Army Escaping To Tunisia

Only Few German Rearguards Left Behind In Tripoli To Delay Allied Advance.

LONDON, Jan. 22 (Saturday) (CP)—The Daily Telegraph reported that "early today the Cairo radio announced that Tripoli had fallen."

Reuters News Agency, however, quoted a midnight Cairo radio announcement as saying merely "It is possible that at this moment the 8th Army is entering Tripoli but we have no news here."

LONDON, Jan. 22 (AP)—The last important defences of Tripoli were reported in British hands tonight and the main remnants of Marshal Erwin Rommel's fugitive Africa Corps were believed to have escaped into Tunisia.

Only a few German rearguards had been left behind to engage in a bitter last-minute defence of the capital and chief city of Mussolini's African Empire which now was swept by demolition explosions and fires set by the withdrawing Axis forces.

Their flight was clearly visible to Allied planes who flew over the burning city, and the Morocco Radio said all important defences had fallen.

The Axis Tunisian Army of Col. Gen. Jürgen Von Arnim, already playing host to the Rommel corps, meanwhile was reported smashed back in bitter battles of considerable scale for control of a mountain highland guarding Rommel's coastal escape corridor.

## War Winning Strategy Now Being Shaped

LONDON, Jan. 22 (AP)—A war-winning strategy for the United Nations in 1943 is believed by London observers to be in the stage of final settlement at this moment.

During the formation of a four-power supreme war council as one of its main bases.

Although they are without official confirmation, negotiations are reportedly reported under way to complete arrangements for a round-the-world offensive which began in 1942 with the war's first major Allied land victories in Africa, the southwest Pacific, and Russia.

The belief here is that the discussions are primarily concerned with the defeat of the Axis in Europe this year or in 1944; the full force of the United Nations then to be turned to the far east in a gigantic assault against Japan and every part of her Empire.

## Big Bomber On Mercy Flight To Grenfell Mission

MONTREAL, Jan. 22 (CP)—The Royal Air Force Ferry Command has added a "mercy flight" to a routine that includes delivery of bombers, urgent war material and official passengers.

Responding to an urgent request from the Grenfell Mission in Labrador a big Liberator bomber flew medical supplies to Hopedale and parachuted them to a post where serious illness had broken out.

Cheery waves from mission officials after they retrieved the supplies and absence of any frost requests led Ferry Command men to believe "they got what they wanted and had the situation well in hand."

The Liberator took two cases of supplies which were dropped by parachute. The Liberator crew was composed of Capt. H. J. Bowen, first pilot of Atlantic, Ga., and Schenectady, N.Y.; Capt. K. N. La-Palm, co-pilot, of Belleville, Ont.; Radio Officer K. J. O'Brien, Dublin, Eire; Flight Engineer F. Marshall, St. John's, Que., and H. W. Hutchings, St. Lambert, Que.

## Flt. Lt. MacLean Now Test Pilot For New Planes

OTTAWA, Jan. 22 (CP)—Flt. Lt. J. Angus MacLean, R.C.A.F., now test pilot on "everything from Spitfires to Lancasters," has received the Distinguished Flying Cross from the hands of King George.

MacLean was formerly an R.C.A.F. instructor in Canada, but his "song" was not an award either for the job he held or the one he now is carrying out.

R.C.A.F. Headquarters said in a statement that his D.F.C. was awarded for a hair-raising bombing raid on a target in the Ruhr when MacLean was Captain of an aircraft attacking a target in that important German industrial valley.

MacLean's official citation tells the story in terse but excellent terms:

"Flt. Lt. J. Angus MacLean was Captain of an aircraft engaged in an attack on a target in the Ruhr. During the bombing run, heavy anti-aircraft fire was encountered. The aircraft sustained damage; the Aileron became jammed and when another shell burst immediately below the port wing the aircraft turned on its back and went into an inverted dive.

"Flt. Lt. MacLean recovered control."

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No NOT ALL THE CHEWING GUM IS USED BY SYNOGRAPHERS

High tide this afternoon at 1.40 and tomorrow morning at 1.10. Sun rises this afternoon at 5.55 and sets tomorrow morning at 8.23. Last quarter moon, Jan. 29, 4.13 a.m. Summerside tide 16 minutes later than Charlottetown.

CAR FERRY SERVICE DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY From Summerside—Leave 9.05 a.m., 11.40 a.m., 2.00 p.m., 4.30 p.m., 7.00 p.m. Leave Cape Tormentine—10.30 a.m., 1.15 p.m., 3.05 p.m., 5.45 p.m., 8.15 p.m.

DAILY AIR SERVICE (EXCEPT SUNDAY) Charlottetown—Summerside—Leave Charlottetown 8.30 a.m., 12.30 p.m., 4.30 p.m. Arrive Charlottetown 1 p.m., 3.45 p.m., 7.05 p.m.