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News Briefs

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Feb. 27—(Saturday)—(CP)—A Japanese merchant vessel has been bombed and damaged off the New Guinea coast, the Allied High Command announced today.

HALIFAX, Feb. 26—(CP)—Major to enlist under the banner of the Fighting French, about 30 sailors from the giant battleship Michigan and other French war vessels in United States ports have arrived here en route to Britain to join the forces of Gen. Charles De Gaulle.

COURTENAY, B. C., Feb. 26—(CP)—At the first school of his kind in Canada members of the Canadian Army are being trained through courses in command operations, tactics, and the guidance of battle-hardened veterans. The intensive course covers a 10-day period and emphasizes the use of landing tactics in co-operation with the R.C.A.F. and Royal Canadian Navy.

Farmers Receive Small Income

CAMPBELLTON, N.B., Feb. 26—(CP)—Although Canadian farmers comprise one-third of the country's population, they receive only one-sixth of its income, said John Bracken, Progressive Conservative leader, at a public meeting tonight. This was one of many things outstanding recently. Nearing the end of his New Brunswick tour, Mr. Bracken planned to visit Dalhousie tomorrow before returning to Ottawa. The wealth of Canada must be fairly distributed, he said. He had come to this Province because he knew the economic problems were acute and among the worst in the Dominion. His visit had given him a new understanding of New Brunswick's needs.

Coming Events

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- It's coming! the concert at Sea View. 2-27-43.
- Concert and Pic Social at Stanley Bridge, Monday, March 1st. 2-27-43.
- Buying pigs at Fredericton Monday, Tuesday, Charlottetown Market Square, Knud Jorgensen. 2-27-43.
- Leading hogs for Davis & Fraser Wednesday, March 3rd, Fodhla Station. J. J. Beck. 2-27-43.
- Leading live coal for season. Get yours now. J. F. Callahan, Kinross. 2-26-43.
- Borden line shipping club leading hogs at Albany Tuesday 10 to 12. Secretary, George Mackay. 2-26-43.
- Rummage sale Saturdays Feb. 27. Kindy send donations to C.W. L. Hall (over Provincial Bank) Friday afternoon beginning 2-26-43.
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- The annual meeting of the Tryon Dairying Co will be held in the Greenery on Tuesday, Mar. 2 at 1:30 p.m. All patrons urgently requested to attend. Warehouse at Albany will be open Wednesday afternoon, Mar. 3rd. 2-26-43.

Some Plants May Be Closed Temporarily

OTTAWA, Feb. 26—(CP)—Labor Minister Mitchell today outlined to the House of Commons a national farm labor policy for 1943 which, he said, may necessitate the temporary closing of some industries which can temporarily suspend operations without impairing the war effort.

The program provides:—

1. Continuance of a policy for stabilizing employment in agriculture through the freezing of farm labor and postponement of call-up for essential agricultural workers;
2. Extension of a Dominion-Provincial plan for enlisting the services of men, women and students in urban centers;
3. Action to ensure the return to farms by spring of some 175,000 agricultural workers temporarily employed in other seasonal work;
4. Use of other available pools of manpower including treaty Indians, recruitment and training of women, men discharged from the armed forces, civilian internees and Japanese;
5. Temporary release of men and women from certain industries;
6. Direction to productive farms of unmarried men called for military service but found unfit;
7. Payment of transportation in farm labor movements from one province to another and assistance for movements within a province;
8. Encouragement to workers in low productive farms to move to more productive farms;
9. Consideration of the use of prisoners of war.

In seeking industrial workers it is proposed to make a survey on which action will be based, Mr. Mitchell said.

Industries which can do so without impairing the war effort will be required to release men and women suitable for farm work.

"This may mean that during the next seasons some industries may be closed temporarily," he said.

A Dominion-provincial plan on a dollar-for-dollar basis had been successfully operated in Ontario for three years, and more recently, in some other provinces.

Under this plan 50,000 placements of high school students, university students, school leavers, townspersons and others were made on Ontario farms in 1942. The plan would be expanded and further extended in all provinces in 1943.

"Suggestions have been made that we develop a women's land army," he said, "and we have had three years of successful experience with a much broader scheme in Ontario and to a lesser degree in other provinces."

Agricultural workers now in other employment temporarily would be compelled to return to the farms by spring. Otherwise they would be sent to military service and would be refused permits for work in any other industry.

The local agricultural war committees now established in several provinces was under consideration in other provinces and an announcement within a few days concerning the use of conscientious objectors now engaged in forestry work.

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Plane Crashes in Bay of Fundy

HALIFAX, Feb. 26—(CP)—Four airmen are missing and believed killed after the crash of an R.C.A.F. plane in the Bay of Fundy today, the Eastern Air Command announced tonight.

The brief announcement said the twin-engine craft, based at Yarmouth, crashed at nine o'clock this morning. Cause of the accident is "obscure," the R.C.A.F. said.

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LONDON, Feb. 26—(AP)—American four-engine bombers attacked the battered German naval base of Wilhelmshaven in force today through determined opposition that cost seven of the big bombers.

The raid was in swift succession to a heavy night assault by the R. A. F. on Nuremberg, industrial city of 500,000 in south Germany which is a vast production centre for submarine engines and fittings. Nine British planes were lost in that attack.

The Canadian bomber group, which carried out its biggest operation of the war in Wednesday night's assault on Wilhelmshaven, was not in action Thursday night, but several Canadians flew among the R. A. F. crews over Nuremberg.

Pt. Sgt. Earl Belford of Fort Credit, Ont., described the scene created by incendiary bombs as resembling the lights across Sunny-side Beach on the lakeshore at Toronto.

War Situation Last Night

By Kirke L. Simpson, Associated Press War Analyst

The Allied crisis in Central Tunisia has passed sufficiently to recall attention to Russia, and to a marked change in tone of Nazi outgivings concerning events on the eastern front.

In contrast with the recent acknowledgements of "embittered" but always "successful" defensive fighting against overwhelming Soviet odds, Berlin now describes the situation, at least from Kharkov southward to the sea of Azov coast near Taganrog, as generally stabilized. It says that the main Russian attack has shifted northward, above the early thaw range in the lower Ukraine.

Whether due to over-extended Red Army communication lines, to thaw conditions that have made the drainage region east of the Dnieper Bend a sea of mud, or to the stepped-up Nazi resistance in that sector, it seems true that the Russian push in the south is lagging at its most critical stage. Little significant progress toward the Dnieper Bend crossings or through the Mius River line to unhinge the Nazis hold on Taganrog has been reported recently from Moscow. Nor have Soviet forces yet succeeded in closing the Donets Basin trap east of Stalino on the enemy.

There is no question, however, that new and dangerous dents in the Nazi defence front west of Kharkov and Kursk have been carved. It is also indicated by German reports that another vast Soviet pincer movement is being attempted northward, possibly designed to envelop within its deadly embrace.

Bryansk, the vital southeastern anchor of the Nazi lines west of Moscow seems to be the Russian objective. It is far more important completely in the air, a potential little Stalingrad, and expose Smolensk.

Coupled with the Russian thrust westward from the Kursk-Kharkov line, that indicated new drive at Bryansk from the northeast has great possibilities. It suggests an ambitious Russian attempt to reach the eastern slopes of the Dnieper Valley far above Kiev in the region of Gomel. Success would cut the main Nazi communication and supply line for all forces still east of the Dnieper Bend, within the Bend and also on the broad front from Gomel to Kremenchug covering all eastern approaches to Kiev.

Intense Diplomatic Activity At Vatican

BERNE, Feb. 26—(CP)—Rumors of important negotiations on the conduct of the war and its possible efforts toward its mediation circulated from both Vatican City and Rome tonight with great intensity and more veiled implications than at any time since Archbishop Francis J. Spellman of New York arrived at the Vatican.

The great reserve with which the Vatican greeted questions on the intense diplomatic activity of the last few days helped spur the rumors further.

Informed sources at Vatican City expected the speeches the Pope and Count Galeazzo Ciano will exchange tomorrow on the occasion of Ciano's acceptance as Italy's minister to the Holy See might clarify the atmosphere, but for many was doubtful that the speeches would be made public.

The negotiations extended from Vatican City into Rome itself and "perhaps more will be known about this in the next few days," said the correspondent of the Swiss Newspaper Die Tat.

The Geneva Tribune correspondent of what is going on, said rumors of the appointment of a representative on the Selective Service Advisory Board.

(Labor Department officials said the appointment referred to by the minister was that of F. D. McArthur of Howard, Que.)

Men qualified in agriculture were also being placed on an agricultural branch of the labor supply branch and on regional employment staffs.

The farm labor plan was being sent at once to provincial agriculture departments and would be the subject of discussions between their officials and labor department representatives.

In reply to a question by Tom Reid (Lab. New Westminster) Mr. Mitchell said he expected to make an announcement within a few days concerning the use of conscientious objectors now engaged in forestry work.

Asks Clarification Of Butter Order

FREDERICTON, Feb. 26—(CP)—Agriculture Minister A. C. Taylor expressed "disappointment" today concerning a recent Prices Board order providing a market for dairy butter throughout the Dominion. He said he had asked Ottawa for clarification of the order.

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Sudden Death Of Miss DesBrisay

News was received in Charlottetown yesterday of the sudden passing in Montreal of Miss Amy DesBrisay, who had spent the early years of her life here and after the death of her father, the late Benjamin DesBrisay, whom she had so fondly tended in his latter years, she took up the study of nursing graduating from the Montreal General Hospital and since practising her profession in Montreal. But she continued her attachment to Charlottetown where she was dearly loved by many friends and relatives and almost every summer spent her holidays here. She was an enthusiastic worker of St. Paul's congregation while living in this city and always maintained her interest in its progress, at the same time being an active member of St. George's in Montreal. Her only brother is Mr. Louis C. DesBrisay now living in Westmount to whom with his family will go the sympathy of many Charlottetown friends. Mrs. James Simpson of this city is a cousin. She will be brought home for burial in the family plot at Sherwood. Time of the funeral will be announced later.

N.S. Newsmen Heads Squadron

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Pt. Lt. Gerald J. O'Hanley, a native of St. Peter's district and listed in an air force casualty list last night as killed on active service overseas enlisted in the summer of 1941. He had been working in the Morel Branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia prior to that. He received his wings in the winter of 1942 and left for overseas about one year ago.

His parents were informed he was missing after air operations on January 29. This week they were informed he was presumed killed on active service.

He was 24 years old.

Two brothers are in the Canadian Armed forces. They are Lieut. J. A. O'Hanley with the North Nova Scotia Highlanders overseas and Lieut. J. H. O'Hanley with the Prince Edward Island Highlanders.

Three sisters also survive, one at home, one a student at the Convent in Kinross and one at nearby Morel. A younger brother, William O'Hanley is also at home.

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Alexander O'Hanley.

Three Airmen Missing After Plane Crash

HALIFAX, Feb. 26—(CP)—Search continued today for three airmen missing since their two-engine bomber crashed near Shediac, N.B., on Wednesday night, while four days went on following the crash of a companion aircraft six miles from Dartmouth, N.S., on the same night.

Both planes were from the Dartmouth, R.C.A.F. station, and were on a routine flight with two other bombers which managed to land at Charlottetown airport. Wing Cmdr. W. C. Camp, commanding the station, announced the crashes and the names of the fliers today.

The plane that crashed near Shediac was the one from which a depth charge was dropped about a mile outside of Charlottetown Wednesday night. Lost in the fog and in difficulties, the crew apparently dropped their load to lighten up for the flight back to base. Two unexploded charges were found nearby.

The plane then headed toward the mainland, and crashed near Shediac. The crew parachuted out before the crash and it is feared they drifted into the icy waters of the strait.

The other plane nearly reached its base before being forced down.

Moncton Citizens Robbed, Assaulted

MONCTON, N.B., Feb. 26—(CP)—Robbery, with violence of two Moncton citizens was charged today against Pte. J. Pilep and Pte. G. A. Sturrah, Ontario soldiers stationed in this area. They were remanded until Tuesday.

Donald Nelson told police he had been followed by two soldiers. One threw him to the ground and the other kicked him in the abdomen. About \$3 was taken from his pocket, he said.

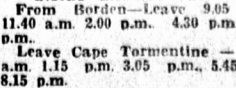
Murray MacKinnon reported he was accosted by two soldiers who knocked him down and took his wallet, a folder and a watch. The wallet was empty.

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