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Nazis Launch Massive Surprise Drive

Canadian Legion Debates Selective Service Heavy Attack

Ralston Address Is Highlight Of Legion Meeting

Defence Minister says Canadians Are Training for Offensive.

WINNIPEG, May 25 (CP)—Defence Minister J. L. Ralston told delegates to the Canadian Legion convention today that "the presence in Britain of the Canadian Corps is not a definite factor in deterring Hitler from attempting his long threatened invasion was the highlight of the opening business session of the Legion convention, largest in 17 years with some 1,000 delegates attending.

Under the plans we are working on, he said, "the Canadian army in Britain will have a larger proportion of armored troops than any army in the world. That is the highlight of the opening business session of the Legion convention, largest in 17 years with some 1,000 delegates attending.

Officials Will Visit Ch'Town

OTTAWA, May 26 (CP)—Five groups of officials will leave during the next two days to visit the selective service officers in the field offices of the unemployment insurance commission throughout Canada in their new duties under the manpower mobilization program, the office of director of public information, G. H. Lash, announced tonight.

Labor Still Strong for Churchill

LONDON, May 25 (AP)—Led by two cabinet ministers, delegates to the Labor party's annual conference today crushed by a vote of more than 14 to 1 the first attempt to rebuke the government and to participate in Prime Minister Churchill's wartime national government.

Coming Events

- *Show—Bradabane Tuesday, 5-23-21.
- *Show—Malpeque Wednesday, 5-23-21.
- *Show Crapaud, Thursday, 5-24-21.
- Show Canoe Cove, Friday, "Paper Bullets", 5-25-21.
- *Talkies Mt. Stewart, Saturday, 5-25-31.
- *Program of music, etc., dance after, Lorne Valley Hall, May 27, 5-26-11.
- *"The Dust of the Earth" at Wiltshire Hall, May 27, 5-26-11.
- *Due to arrive car bulk feed wheat, Book now, McQuigun and Boyle, 5-26-51.
- *Important business meeting Cornwall Swine and Bee Club, Cornwall Hall tonight, 5-26-11.
- *Dance in Georgetown Hall Wednesday, May 27th, Webster's Orchestra, 30 cents, 5-26-26.
- *Georgetown Young People's 3 comedy, "Southern Cinderella", at Mt. Stewart Tuesday 26th, Sturgeon Thursday 28th, 5-25-29.
- *Trucking hogs as usual for the summer months. List your hogs with A. C. Green, Albany and G. C. Green, Emerald, 5-6-7-11-W-T-M-F, 5-25-29.
- *Collecting hogs every Friday. Please list with Leary MacDonald, 5-19-20-twif, Allied leaflets.

War Situation Last Night

(By KIRKE L. SIMPSON, Associated Press War Analyst)

Conflicting reports from the Kharkov front in Russia throw little light on the probable duration or outcome of the first pitched battle of the summer campaign; but they do reveal that for once the Russians are on something like even terms with their Nazi foes in modern war equipment.

The size of the armies involved can only be conjectured from the fact that an irregular fighting front more than 200 miles long appears to be aflame with attack and counter-attack. That means troops by the hundred thousand on both sides.

More than two weeks have elapsed since Marshal Timoshenko seized the initiative and struck out to block an impending German offensive. In that time, there has been no intimation that the Nazis have succeeded in gaining control of the air or breaking armored panzer columns loose to lunge deep behind Russian lines.

Lacking those two prime factors, which have figured in every preceding German victory in Russia, the battle of Kharkov may go down in history as the turning point in the war. Even Russian failure to take Kharkov or to break through to the Dnieper crossings and undermine the whole German southern flank could not be set down as a defeat if it delayed Hitler's promised master offensive.

If Timoshenko has succeeded in sucking into the blazing struggle any substantial portion of Nazi reserves behind the Ukraine front and worn them down by losses in men and equipment to the extent Russian official accounts report, he has already seriously short-circuited the Hitler offensive schedule.

Kerch Peninsula, bridgehead to the Caucasus, is again completely in German hands. Heavy Red losses there are highly probable. Unless the Nazis can soon clinch an even greater victory in the Kharkov fight, however, and emerge from that conflict in shape to exploit it promptly, the value of the Kerch bridgehead to them will be doubtful.

It has seemed certain since Timoshenko's broad strategy became clear with the Red attack at Kharkov that he regarded the Kerch front as wholly secondary. He had opportunity to mass men and equipment there in sufficient strength to challenge the foe successfully had he so desired; but elected to make Kerch merely a holding operation while he concentrated for a counter smash at Kharkov.

Kerch Peninsula in Russian hands was obviously only an outpost position covering the far better defensive terrain that Kerch Strait and the area east of it afford. If its loss has cost the Nazis as heavily as indicated, it served its purpose well.

The cumulative attrition of Kerch and Kharkov on Nazi striking power is yet to be measured by events. If it has been any where near as great as Russian observers claim, in their tales of German tanks shattered by the hundred and Nazi planes shot down and bombed on the ground, the battle of Kharkov must be regarded as a Russian victory regardless of the status of the city itself or Russian failure to reach the Dnieper crossings immediately.

The high command said Kinhua was being attacked from all sides but the southwest, but declared the town still was in Chinese hands and that a Japanese column which had seized Kienteh, 28 miles to the north, had failed in an attempt to cross the Chientang River.

More than 500 Japanese were drowned, the communiqué said, and Chinese dispatches said the column in its first attack north of Kienteh had been routed and 3,000 casualties inflicted.

Japanese columns were reported northeast and southeast of Kinhua, while another force reached a point near Lanchow, only 12 miles northwest of the city.

Declaring the Japanese had left 5,000 dead on Chekiang battlefields in 10 days, the high command said it was employing "magnetic" warfare and that the main battle now was beginning with the Japanese lines far drawn out.

It told of spreading guerilla warfare which raged along the northern tier of provinces bordering Chekiang and to the west.

Mr. Hanson said he heard that amounts of gasoline on hand in the Maritimes, with one dealer having as much as 3,000,000 gallons. If this were so, Mr. Howie said, he would be glad to take "appropriate action."

Mr. Hanson opened the discussion by asking when Mr. Howie could reconquer the Maritimes gasoline rationing order. Mr. Hanson said he had found considerable criticism of the rationing order in the Maritimes.

Fashion Rules To Be Tighter Officials Say

OTTAWA, May 25 (CP)—War-time clothing restrictions which already have made an impact on summer fashions will be tightened up further, Wartime Prices and Trade Board officials said today.

Regulations effective June 15 direct manufacturers' shears to direct more deeply into the cloth being used for all garments and all those manufactured after that date.

After scanning the long list of regulations designed to conserve clothing materials, board officials commented that the general trend is to lighter, more simple rainment.

Effect Of Orders
The effect of existing orders on summer fashions may be summarized thus:

- 1. There is no more silk; and cotton and wool are not so plentiful.
- 2. There are no more imported straw hats.
- 3. There is no rubber for corsets or girdles and there will be no more rubber bathing caps.

The railway will serve to remind Canadians that umbrellas are fewer and if they have to buy new rubbers they will obtain them in black only.

Luxuries like frilly underwear and lounging pyjamas are finished. One official drew comparisons with other countries in other words of the commonwealth to show that Canadians are not as badly off as they might think.

With a grim smile he pointed to (Continued on page 9, Col 7)

More Britons Arrive Here For Training

(By The Canadian Press)
Sheila MacDonald, daughter of the late British prime minister Ramsay MacDonald and novelist, now a squadron leader in the Royal Air Force, have arrived in Canada with hundreds of young Britons of the R.A.F. who will receive air training in the Dominion, Canadian, British and Polish officers of the R.A.F. and R.C.A.F. and merchant seamen.

Miss MacDonald has been in England observing conditions there and plans to go on a lecture tour of Canada.

Squad-Ldr. Travers is a veteran of the Royal Naval Air Service and the R.A.F. in the First Great War. He is in charge of the training on information, but would say nothing of his plans. He held the Air Force Cross and other decorations.

A Canadian tank expert with the rank of brigadier was among the arrivals. He asked that his name be withheld.

Higher Income Taxes Hinted?

OTTAWA, May 25 (CP)—Some listeners in the House of Commons galleries today wondered whether heavier income taxes would be foreseen by a remark made by Finance Minister Isley during discussion of the bill authorizing agreements with the provinces on taxation field division.

Mr. Isley was answering a question as to the value of having the provinces surrender to the Dominion the income and corporation tax fields for duration of the war.

"I cannot put any dollar value on it," Mr. Isley said.

"The Dominion is now free to increase its income tax to the level which the people should properly be asked to bear."

"That may be of very substantial benefit to the Dominion as the war years go on."

"In fact that has been regarded as virtually essential if the Dominion Government is to finance the war with any degree of efficiency and equity."

Develops South Of Kharkov

150 Tanks spearhead smash under umbrella of Nazi Planes; Ferocity of fighting mounts hourly.

MOSCOW, May 26 (Tuesday)—(AP)—The Germans have launched a massive surprise attack on the Izyum-Barvenkova front south of Kharkov with 150 tanks spearheading the assault under an umbrella of Nazi planes, frontline dispatches reported early today.

The Germans also hurled heavy artillery into the battle and the ferocity of the fighting mounted hourly, but Red armies were declared holding steadfastly to their positions.

IN FATEFUL BALANCE
On the Russian right and centre Marshal Timoshenko's men were reported slowly moving forward upon Kharkov itself but with his forces on the defensive about Izyum-Barvenkova the whole of the action stood in fateful balance.

MOSCOW, May 25 (AP)—The right and centre of the Russian armies of the Ukraine were reported slowly grinding forward upon Kharkov tonight, but the left was fighting desperately to contain the Nazi counter-thrusts about Izyum-Barvenkova and the whole of the action yet stood in fateful balance.

On the front immediately before Kharkov, field dispatches reported that Marshal Timoshenko's resumed advance had progressed measurably, although only over the most violent and tenacious of German resistance, to overrun a number of German defensive points, one an important centre of resistance.

The counter-attacks endlessly thrown in by Nazi Field Marshal Von Bock meantime were being beaten off in the bloodiest struggles yet to be fought in the 14 days of the battle for Kharkov.

All accounts received here agreed that the fighting had reached a wild crescendo, and these were supported by official descriptions of isolated but fairly typical actions.

In one of these, for example, German forces surrounded in a settlement fought on from every house and pillbox—some of the latter being buried in Nazi tanks—until they were utterly smashed by Russian artillery and infantry fire.

Parachute Supply Line
The invader sought to supply his encircled troops with munitions and food dropped by parachute; his final effort was a futile attempt to break into this small area with a dozen tanks.

Some indication of German losses was offered by the testimony of a captured German officer, Lieutenant Max Gummel.

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U-Boat Sunk Off Coast Of Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 25 (AP)—High sources in Fortaleza disclosed today that North American patrol planes had sunk an Axis submarine off the northeastern state of Ceara and it was announced here that Brazil's seventh ship attacked by torpedoes had survived a U-boat raid and arrived in port.

The damaged ship, which was found and helped to safety by United States patrol vessels, was the first Brazilian vessel attacked in waters close to Brazil itself.

The other six Brazilian victims of undersea warfare were sunk considerably farther from home.

Mayors gather In Ottawa for Conference

OTTAWA, May 25 (CP)—Faced with a three-day program of discussion on a wide range of topics relating to municipal governmental problems in wartime, mayors from all parts of Canada and from Newfoundland, the United States and Mexico, were registering here today for the fifth annual conference of the Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities.

The conference opens tomorrow morning with an address by Mayor Adhemar Raynault of Montreal, chairman of the conference, to be followed by the treasurer's report from Mayor F. J. Conboy of Toronto.

The first conference session, under the chairmanship of Mayor F. W. Storey of Montreal, N. B., will hear a discussion in tax exemption of federally-owned defence property. The subject will be introduced by Frederick G. Gardiner, Recv. of Forest Hill, Ont.

Maritime mayors held a pre-conference meeting today under chairmanship of Mayor E. Roy Holman of Charlottetown, to discuss special Maritime problems which will be brought up at subsequent sessions of the conference.

19 Australians Charged With Conspiracy

SYDNEY, May 25 (CP)—Army Minister Francis M. Forde announced today the arrest of 19 men and women, believed to have been associated with the so-called "Australia first front," on charges of treasonable conspiracy to assist the Japanese if they invaded Australia.

Mr. Forde said documents which were seized gave plans for the assassination of leading Australians and for sabotaging vulnerable points.

"These documents indicate fifth column activity of the worst kind to be very small and by a small band of people," he said.

The arrests were made by military authorities. Mr. Forde said three other men and a woman were arrested at Perth, West Australia, on charges of conspiring to assist the Japanese.

Leaders of the "Australia first" movement said they were astonished at Mr. Forde's allegations. One member said the accusations are "silly and ridiculous."

All those arrested were committed to trial on heavy bail.

BRITAIN'S RADIO SETS

LONDON (CP)—Cabinets for many of 125,000 new radio sets to be placed on the civilian market in June will be made from cardboard and asbestos, the sets being cheaper-wise of pre-war quality though mostly smaller.

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