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ALLIES WINNING SECOND ROUND AT ANZIO

Opposition Leader Reveals How Liberal Victories Were Won

A scathing condemnation of Liberal tactics used in the general election last September was made in the Legislature yesterday by Hon. Dr. W.J.P. MacMillan, O.B.E., leader of the Opposition.

Speaking on the Draft Address, Dr. MacMillan said he hoped Premier Jones and his colleagues would reconsider well that they had a pretty close call, and that they represent only 51 1-2 per cent of the people of this Province." 1940, he said, would go down in history for two important things, one of them being the "discovery" of Mr. J. Walter Jones, who for eight years had sat in the House without creating much attention. A recent eulogistic article about him was read by Dr. MacMillan, which compared Premier Jones to such outstanding Islanders as Dr. Schurman, Franklin Lane, Sir Andrew MacPhail, Sir Louis Davies, Archbishop McGuigan, Bishop Kelly and Bishop Sinnott. "I am sure these gentlemen would be delighted to learn that they have been placed in that high category," said Dr. MacMillan.

"What an election it was!" he said, referring to the Government's return to power last September. "I would sooner sit here in the Opposition for the next twenty five years than sit where my hon. friend sits, knowing that he disfranchised 8,000 or 10,000 soldiers of this Province in order that he might get elected."

Dr. MacMillan recalled that on two occasions during the last session the Opposition had pointed out that an election would be held before another year, that the Election Act made no provision for votes for soldiers on active service and that it was time this matter was dealt with. These suggestions were ignored by the Liberal government in power. The result is that Prince Edward Island is the only place in the Empire which has disfranchised its fighting forces. In Ontario an attempt was made to give soldiers overseas a chance to vote, and now they are making preparations in the United States for soldiers to vote in the next presidential election.

HON. DR. MACMILLAN

Disgraceful Deal

"But not Prince Edward Island," said Dr. MacMillan. "I protested against this just as soon as the election was called, and I still protest against it as a disgraceful deal on the part of the Government of this Province.

Soldiers from other Provinces who were stationed here were allowed to vote, but our Island boys training in other provinces could not do so, he continued.

"With regard to the R.A.F. vote, the Sheriff of the County, when interviewed by two responsible delegates on behalf of the Conservative party, was told that no British service man would be allowed to vote on election day. But what happened? Acorn's big busses brought them in in loads, and that is the reason the Liberal member for Charlottetown is sitting opposite me today. Worse than that, one man wearing a military uniform claimed to know where they had bought 158 of them for a dollar a head.

"On election day the office of the Sheriff of this County was closed. He couldn't be found, and I and other gentlemen went to his house and dug him out of his kitchen. He was complaining of a stomach ache. I asked him where his deputy was. He said his deputy's name was Beaton. He couldn't be found. But the story goes that he was working in the interests of a certain party at the Royal Bank corner on that day.

"At half past nine that morning they were trying to sweep out the former premises of R. E. Mutch and Company to make a poll, and the voters of this city had to go into that place, through dust and dirt, in order to record their votes.

"An hour and a half after the polls opened I went over to another poll. The poll officials were standing there because there were no tables or chairs for them to use.

The Hitler Way

"In many of the polls in Charlottetown there were no Bibles, and many of the poll officials were not sworn in. In one place where they had no Bibles the deputy returning officer attempted to swear them in in bulk,—in the Hitler way.

"And the returning officers were a disgrace! They didn't know their duty and had to be watched like children.

"And the manipulations of the polls—not following the old boundaries—caused the utmost confusion. So much so that even the Patriot had to complain about the disorder that was caused.

"Then there was the spectacle of Liberal candidates going to the polls and taking sworn officials out to do work for them in other districts on election day.

"They took the voters out of the Infirmary. One Conservative car went out there in the morning, because there are persons there who can vote. When he went back he was told not to go in again. It was the orders of the doctors that no more voters were to be taken without special permission. And who do you think was the leader of the gang that took the voters out to vote Liberal? The president

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Commons Briefs

OTTAWA, Feb 16 — (CP) —Finance Minister Ilsley said today in the Commons that the government plans to bring down "as soon as possible" legislation to amend the bank act.

He was replying to a question by Frederic Dorion (Ind.-Charlevoix-Saguenay) who said the bank year ends July 31 and he wished to know when amendments to the act would be introduced.

P.C. Black (P.C.-Cumberland), Karl Homuth (P.C.-Waterloo South) and Clarence Gillis (CCF-Cape Breton South) each asked whether the government would take steps to relieve a shortage of potatoes in Nova Scotia. Speaker J.A. Glen ruled in each case that the question should be put on the order paper.

A transport department reply tabled for W.K. Esling (P.C.-Kootenay West) said the government has not considered any change in its policy of government control of international and trans-Atlantic air lines as a result of the recent commonwealth air conference in London.

The government has no intention of purchasing large farms and placing more than one soldier settler on such farms, it was reported in a reply for F.D. Shaw (ND-Red Deer.)

Recent increases in the ration-coupon allowance for maple sugar and maple syrup are intended to allow as far as possible normal marketing of these products and there is no consideration being given to removing ration restrictions on them, Finance Minister Ilsley said in a reply tabled for H. H Hatfield (P.C.-Victoria Carleton).

COMING EVENTS

**Hard Wheat Flour $2.29 bag. McGuigan & Boyle. 2-16-5i.

**Card Party, Box Social, Dance, Tracadie Hall, Friday, February 18th. 2-16-2i.

**Loading hogs for Davis & Fraser at Breadalbane until 11.30 Friday. Arthur Haslam. 2-17-1i.

**Notice — Dance in Sea View Hall Thursday night, February 17th. If not fine, Friday. 2-16-2i.

**Enjoy Darlington Institute Leap Year Dance at Wiltshire, Friday, February 18th. 2-17-2i.

**Loading hogs at Colwill Friday, Feb 18th until 12 o'clock. Leslie MacDowell. 2-15-3i.

**Spring Park W. I. Rummage Sale, February 19, 7 P. M., at L. H. Kennedy's, Show Room, Kent St. 2-5-1?.

** Unloading car of Barley at Charlottetown Thursday of this week. Close price for cash at car. Bring bags. Livestock Feed Agency. 2-16-2i

**Loading hogs for Davis & Fraser every Thursday afternoon at Albany and Emerald. Every Friday forenoon until further notice. G. C. Green. 2-7-tf.

**Livestock Marketing Board loading hogs at East Baltic Monday, February 21st and Elmira February 26th. John Pierce in charge. 2-17-2i.

Inquest Opens Into Death Of Young Woman

An inquest which was ordered by Coroner Dr. I.J. Yeo, following the death of Miss Winnifred Jean MacLeod Tuesday night opened yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Cutcliffe Funeral Home.

The following jurors were empanelled: Major MacKenzie, H. H. Horne, Geo. W. MacLeod, Wendell H. Beaton, Wm. Flynn, James Brown and Herbert W. Pletch.

After viewing the remains the inquest was adjourned indefinitely. In the meantime an autopsy is being conducted by Dr. J. D. McGuigan and Dr. H. H. Pierce.

The latest report from police headquarters is that the condition of the others involved, who are also in the hospital, is said to be improving.

Two Million For U. S. Army Private

OAKVILLE, Ont., Feb. 16 — (CP) — A United States Army private now serving overseas will receive $2,000,000 from the estate of Mrs. Mary Martin who died recently in Oakville after making a fortune in Northern Ontario mines.

The private, 26 year old Ben R. Violatte, is a nephew of Mrs. Martin and is military policeman in London.

Mrs. Martin first went to Northern Ontario in 1907 as a stenographer in the days of the Cobalt Silver Rush. There she laid the foundation for her fortune, making $50,000 by making out legal forms for prospectors, adding to it later in mining speculation and investment.

Born in Indiana, Mrs. Martin came to Canada in 1906. She was the first woman ever elected to the executive of the Ontario prospectors association in which she was active for many years.

She arrived in Haileybury, near Cobalt, in 30 below zero weather only to be told there was no accomodation in hotels there for women. However two prospectors allowed her to use their tent as a home until she found other living quarters.

Saint John Man Killed By Truck

SAINT JOHN, N.B., Feb. 16—(CP)—John W. Quinlan, a trucker, was found dead on a city street today, his body crushed between the body and frame of his dump-type truck. No one witnessed the accident but it is believed that the vehicle body, raised while he was working on the truck, suddenly slipped.

Murder Charge Faces Montreal Resident

MONTREAL, Feb. 16 — (CP)— Judge Rene Theberge today ordered Clifford Smith Sinclair, 46, to appear Feb. 24 for preliminary hearing on a charge of murder after a coroner's jury yesterday held him criminally responsible for the death Jan. 23 of his wife in their suburban St. Lambert home.

The coroner's jury verdict was returned after Sinclair told them he had found his wife hanging in the cellar of the house and that he burned the rope and a suicide note she had left.

Police investigators testified that the body would have been covered with dust from the ceiling if it had been hanging as Sinclair described, and that it had not been covered with dust.

Sinclair was identified as assistant superintendent of a dairy products firm (Kraft Cheese Ltd.) here.

Red Advance Is Continued

LONDON, Feb. 16 — (A. P) — Soviet forces, diving down from the north, have reached the narrow neck of water between Lakes Peipus and Iskov, 45 miles northwest of Pskov, and German reports said tonight the Russians had already sent sledges over the ice in an attempted crossing into southern Estonia.

Meanwhile, Moscow reported that 2,500 more Germans were killed and 107 of their tanks wrecked in a German attempt to break the relentless contracting Soviet ring around the remnants of 10 Nasi divisions trapped in the Ukraine.

LONDON —(CP)— A pool of 100 British artists of stage and screen are standing by for the opening of the second front. They have already signed contracts and arrangements have been made for them to follow Allied troops into Europe.

War Situation Last Night

By Kirke L. Simpson, Associated Press War Analyst

Bitter Nazi resistance at the Anzio beachhead and the Cassino front in Italy may be in reality rear-guard actions to cover an impending general German retreat to a new and shortened defence line..

That at least is suggested by the cheerful confidence of General Alexander, Allied field commander in Italy. Having won the first and second rounds of the battle of Rome, his forces are about ready to open round three he told press interviewers at Anzio.

"It will come," he added, "when we have built up for a strong push and start our punch. We will pull it off."

The plain intimation of the Alexander forecast is that the third round punch will come as a three-front attack.

Even lacking General Alexander's intimate knowledge of Allied battle plans in Italy, the resources available to carry them out, and his probable information as to impending Nazi moves, there are many straws to show that an ill wind is blowing up for the foe.

Linked with Alexander's summary of the situation, reports of Nazi behind-the-line demolition activities on the relatively quiet 8th army sector suggest the next Allied major stroke is expected there by the Nazis. The implication is that the Germans are preparing to fall back on that flank before 5th army elements on the Cassino-Anzio fronts can break through to effect a junction that might entrap the Nazi left flank..

It is a fair assumption that the Nazi commander in Italy, once the Anzio beachhead had been firmly consolidated turned his attention to orderly extrication of his armies farther south. The blasting of Mount Cassino could have left him in no doubt what was coming. Short of air and ground reinforcements on a major scale, retreat to prepared new short front positions must be his answer to his problems even if it meant ultimate evacuation Rome.

That seems to be what General Alexander foorcasts.

Draft Address Debate Launched

Opening Speeches By Messrs. T. R. Cullen And F. C. Ramsay.

The Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne was moved and seconded in the Legislature yesterday by two Liberal members in maiden speeches which elicited warm congratulations from Hon. Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan, leader of the Opposition.

Mr. T. R. Cullen, Second District of Kings, in moving the Address said the Speech was of more than usual length and showed that the Liberal Government intended to do something of a practical nature for the Province.

He referred with regret to the recent passing of Mr. Justice A. C. Saunders, Mr. D. N. McKay, former member for First Queens and Mrs. T. M. Linkletter, wife of the member for Third Prince.

It was fitting that a large part of the Speech should be devoted to agriculture, Mr. Cullen said. It was a matter for thankfulness that farm prices have kept up with price ceilings, but until floor prices are established as well, farmers will not feel safe.

The increased prosperity of the fishing industry was noted with approval, also the Government's efforts in establishing soil analysis. In addition to the reconnaissance survey Mr. Cullen suggested that a movable laboratory be provided, to bring soil testing facilities to the farmers of outlying districts.

Reference was made to the ravages in the poultry industry caus-

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Strange Case Of Missing Engineer

SAINT JOHN, N. B., Feb. 16—(CP)—This story was too good to keep, so it leaked out today. It happened recently on the heaviest grade between Saint John and McAdam, after a Canadian Pacific Railway passenger train left here for Montreal.

When the fireman exhausted his supply of coal within immediate reach, the engineer left the throttle and climbed to the top of the tender to shovel down more coal. After finishing his job the fireman saw no sign of the engineer. He immediately pulled the emergency cord and stopped the train.

While the fireman and conductor consulted about the strange case of the missing engineer they saw a section handcar pounding along the rails at full speed. It stopped, and there was the engineer, shovel and all ready to take over his train.

Explaining the mystery, he said he had slipped from the tender a mile back, luckily landed in soft snow and escaped with minor bruises and a shaking up. The section car and several railway workers were nearby.

The train reached McAdam on time.

Condemns Peace Now Movement

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16—(AP)—The Dies committee today attributed acts "clearly seditious and which tend toward the encouragement of treason" to the "peace now movement."

The group was organized last year to advocate a negotiated peace.

This special house of representatives committee on un-American activities condemned it in a formal report to the House as "an un-American group whose activities are calculated to interfere with the successful prosecution of the war."

Maritime Trust Co. Holds Annual Meeting

SAINT JOHN, N.B., Feb. 16 — (CP)—Howard P. Robinson, Saint John, was re-elected president today at the annual meeting of the Maritime trust company, the dividend rate of 2½ per cent was increased to 3 per cent, payable March 1.

British By-Election Arouses Interest

BAKEWELL, Derbyshire, England, Feb. 16—(CP Cable)—The wildest political scramble of the war, the West Derbyshire by-election was climaxed tonight by the Churchill-backed candidate, the Marquess of Hartington, and Alderman Charles White, one of his two opponents, speaking at the same time in Bakewell's old town hall.

Their speeches were the final shots in a hotly-contested campaign which, while not breaking the wartime party truce, showed people's strong interest in the independents' will to challenge a government- supported candidate. There was no suggestion, however that the caution of the war ever was an election issue.

Although voting takes place tomorrow, the result will not be known until Friday. West Derbyshire became vacant through retirement of Hartington's uncle, Col. Henry Hunloke

BLOSSOM
CANADA
FLOUR
EXCELS IN THE KITCHEN

Lists R. A. F. Losses For 1943

LONDON, Feb. 16 — (C P) — A total of 3,366 bombers — 2,369 of the R. A. F. and 997 American — was lost over Germany and northern Europe during 1943 in operations from British bases, Sir Archibald Sinclair, Air Secretary, told the House of Commons today.

January, 1944, losses were 319 British and 178 American, he said.

Presumably Sir Archibald's statement of R. A. F. losses included those of the R. C. A. F. adn other Dominions air forces flying with bomber groups of the R. A. F.

Berlin Hard Hit Again

LONDON, Feb. 16—(AP)—The R. A. F. and R. C. A. F. seared the remains of Berlin Tuesday night with well over 2,500 tons of explosive and fire bombs—the heaviest aerial bombardment of a single target ever delivered.

This unprecedented bomb load was dumped on the capital by probably close to 1,000 bombers in 30 minutes from 9.15 to 9.45 p.m., sending through it a hurricane of flame and shattering explosions from which smoke quickly rose four miles high.

In the raid on Berlin, a feint attack on Frankfurt-On-Oder, 50 miles to the east, Mosquito raids on western Germany and Holland and mine-laying operations, the R. A. F. used more than 1,200 bombers, including 1,000 "heavies," and lost 43, including four Canadian

Helsinki Bombed Again By Soviets

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 16—(AP)—Two waves of Russian planes bombed Helsinki tonight and caused fires and damage to the Finnish capital from which rumors of manoeuvres for a separate peace have been emanating since it was last attacked on Feb. 6.

Finnish foreign Minister Sir Henrik Ramsay reported on the "foreign political situation" to the foreign affairs committee of parliament today, a Swedish news agency dispatch from Helsinki said.

No details were given on Ramsay's meeting with the committee.

The Finnish press meanwhile demanded more news of the peace situation to forestall rumors coming from foreign capitals.

Premier Edwin Linkomies, who has been ill at his country home since Jan. 26, returned to his capital office today.

A Moscow dispatch said there was no official comment on peace rumors, but that the Russian people, remembering the sneering of Leningrad and other Finnish participation in the war, would insist on hard terms, and have almost the same hatred for the Finns as for the Germans.

Blackfeet Indian Tribe Adopts Wendell Willkie

GREAT FALLS, Mont., Feb. 16 —(AP)—Wendell Willkie became a member, by adoption, of the Blackfeet Indian Tribe today. Chief Bull inducted him into the Tribe, and gave him the name "Flying Eagle" at a colorful ceremony here

British After Nazi Warship?

LONDON, Feb. 16—(CP Reuters) —British planes were claimed by the Berlin radio today to have bombed Hammerfest, most northern town in Norway and 30 miles northeast of Alten Fjord where the Nazi battleship Tirpitz is lurking. Hammerfest is on one of the stretches of water connecting the fjord with the Arctic Ocean.

From landlocked Alten fjord German capital ships for a long time sallied forth against Allied shipping in the North Atlantic and on the way to Russia. It was from here that the Scharnhorst sailed and met her end last Dec. 26 in a battle off the North Cape with British Home Fleet units.

The nearest British territory to Alten fjord is the Shetlands, a good 1,000 miles to the southwest.

To Head National Fitness Council

OTTAWA, Feb. 16—(CP) — Maj. Ian Eisenhardt of Ottawa and Vancouver has been appointed chairman of a new national council of physical fitness to administer the National Physical Fitness Act of 1943, it was announced today by Pensions Minister Mackenzie. The Minister also announced appointment of eight members to the council.

Five Provinces — Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Saskatchewan, Alberta and New Brunswick—so far have entered into agreements with the Dominion to participate in the national fitness program, Mr. Mackenzie said Quebec has the program under consideration and that it is believed all provinces eventually will associate themselves with the program

BELFAST —(CP)— A belt buckle deflected the bullet and saved the life of Nat Robinson, prison warder, when he was shot by two gunmen on the street.

Alexander Says Rome Will Be Taken

By Richard G. Massock

NAPLES, Feb 16 — (AP) —British and United States troops are winning the second round of the battle on Anzio beachhead and ultimately will smash on to Rome without assistance from the Cassino front, declared Gen. Sir Harold Alexander, commander in chief of Allied forces in Italy, in a statement released today.

United States planes dive bombed the Rome railway yards for the second straight day and fighter bombers attacked the ruins of the Benedictine Monastery on Mount Cassino. Artillery was reported still pouring shells into what was left of the monastery by yesterday's attack. The Bari Radio appealed to Italian patriots behind the German lines to sabotage Nazi traffic.

In the most cheering forecast to come from the bloody beachhead since it was established Jan. 22, Gen. Alexander told his troops there two days ago that "there is absolutely no Dunkerque here — there's no basis for pessimistic rubbish" and said that with ideal conditons Rome might have been captured quickly by the landing forces.

"I assure you the Germans opposite us here are a very unhappy party", he said, his eyes glinting with determination. "The Germans realize they've lost the battle, though events have not gone as swiftly as we ourselves hoped. Had everything been perfect we might have gone straight through to Rome in the first round."

Gen. Alexander, after touring the beachhead front, told correspondents he had been upset by reports of the seriousness of the situation there that had alarmed the public at home. He used strong, unqualified language to express his conviction that the landing would lead to eventual success.

Maj. Power Announces Changes In Air Training

OTTAWA, Feb. 16 — (CP) — A supplementary agreement on the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan which envisages provision of an even flow of trained air personnel to operational units overseas and closing out of training units behind them was read today to the House of Commons by Air Minister Power.

At a press conference just before the House convened the minister and Rt. Hon. Harold Balfour, British undersecretary for air, answered questions on the agreement.

They said the new program will work like this:—

1. The intake of trainees will be gradually reduced;

2. Training schools will be gradually closed down;

3. Training school personnel and trainees will move forward toward operations as schools close down behind them;

4. For a long period, guaged by the demands of war and anticipated losses, there will be an even flow of graduates for operational duty.

The two air officials said that in the general process of curtailment, R. A. F. units transferred to Canada will be the first to go but R. A. F. personnel will still come to Canada for certain parts of their training.

Maj. Power said the supplementary agreement contains understandings which confer on Canadians "a larger measure of responsibility for our own personnel."

One of the most important results of the talks which preceded the agreement, he said, was establishment of a joint R. C. A. F. - R. A. F. committee in London to discuss pre-demobilization training. Canadians, whether in the R. C. A. F. or R. A. F., should have the same opportunities with regard to priorities in demobilization, repatriation and rehabilitation, he said.

R C A F men "in their thousands" were serving through the world and innumerable questions arose concerning their welfare, careers and conditions of service. The R. C. A. F. was responsible to the Canadian people for their welfare and future prospects.

MAKE FINE BLANKETS

Woollen blankets so fine that one 13 feet long can be rolled inside a bamboo pole are made in Mysore, India

Gen. McNaughton's Leave Again Discussed In House

By JAMES McCOOK

OTTAWA, Feb. 16—(CP) — The granting of leave to Lt.-Gen. A.G.L. McNaughton and relieving him of the overseas army command was brought back into House of Commons debate today by Gordon Graydon, Progressive Conservative House Leader, but the discussion brought out no new information.

Prime Minister Mackenzie King said the government had nothing to conceal in respect to the leave granted Gen. McNaughton, but that the House should consider whether further discussion was likely to have an adverse effect on the war effort of Canada and the United Kingdom, the United States and other United Nations.

Morale of armies of the United Nations might be "very seriously affected were there to be a general discussion which went into a number of matters that have taken place in the past, the discussion of which might provoke, as I say, a very serious condition of affairs if begun at this time," he said.

Mr. Graydon, one of the three opposition party leaders who yesterday conferred privately with Mr. King on Gen. McNaughton's leave, reopened the subject today by saying it was his opinion Defence Minister Ralston had not the "whole story" when he said the General had been relieved of his command for health reasons.

The responsibility remained with the government as to whether the "whole story" would be told, Mr. Graydon said.

Mr. King replied that he had intervened during debate on Monday to say he did not believe public policy made it advisable to say anything further at that time with respect to Gen. McNaughton. He had placed the essential information before the opposition leaders at the private meeting yesterday.

The government did not intend to discuss the matter further, he continued, unless some opposition members or persons outside the House, by statements they made, rendered it necessary for the government to make further disclosures.

M.J. Coldwell, C.C.F. leader, said that if the matter were to be pursued a House committee should meet Gen. McNaughton and discuss the situation with him.

John Blackmore, new Democracy leader, said the House should recognize its responsibility and cease discussion about the General, leaving the matter up to the government.

Col. Ralston said it "cut just a little" to have Mr. Graydon suggest that he, as Minister, had not told the whole story. He had made clear previously that he believed Canadian morale would not be promoted by the discussion of factors which had no application at the moment.

High tide this afternoon at 4.47 and tomorrow morning at 6.01.

Sun sets this evening at 6.30 and rises tomorrow morning at 7.57.

Last quarter moon Feb. 17, 4.46 a.m.

Summerside tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

DAILY AIR SERVICE

Charlottetown — Summerside — Moncton

Leave Charlottetown 7.35 a. m.
12.00 noon. 4.30 p. m.
Arrive Charlottetown 1.10 p. m.
5.45 p. m. 7.05 p. m.

SUNDAY SERVICE

Leave Charlottetown 12 noon.
Arrive Charlottetown 5.45 p. m.