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## R. A. F. C. MAXIMS WEEK - END RAIDS ON GERMANY

### Churchill Gets Rousing Welcome To Can. Army, Navy And Air Force Unite In Heavy Blows

#### Takes Ottawa By storm; To Speak today

(By C. R. Blackburn, Canadian Press Staff Writer)  
OTTAWA, Dec. 29—(CP)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill, with his smile of courage and confidence, his jutting cigar, and fingers raised in the "V for victory" sign, made a one-man conquest of Canada's capital today.

To government leaders he gave this message:—  
He believed that the salvation of the world lay in some organization which would have as its core the English-speaking peoples.  
Ottawa's capitulation to Mr. Churchill was complete. Thousands stood in the sunny but stinging-cold winter air to cheer and warmly acclaim the British war leader at every appearance from the moment he stepped from the special train which brought him from Washington overnight.

At a private luncheon by Prime Minister Mackenzie King, Mr. Churchill said he could not return to England without having visited Canada to personally express his appreciation of the part played by the Dominion in the war.

He will deliver an address in Canada in the House of Commons Chamber tomorrow afternoon.

Mr. King introduced his distinguished guest as "the embodiment of the determination and courage of the British people." He pledged that Canada would spare nothing in the efforts to achieve victory.

Britain felt particularly grateful to the Dominions. Mr. Churchill said, because there was one dark period—presumably after Dunkerque—when their help and encouragement were the British Isles to carry on the struggle.

Newspapermen did not attend the luncheon meeting but through the official channels a few brief notes on the Prime Minister's speech were released.

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#### Eden returns From Moscow

LONDON, Dec. 30—(Tuesday)—(CP)—Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden returned to London early today from two weeks of Moscow conferences at which Britain and Russia came to complete agreement on conduct of the war.

"Our talks in Moscow were full, frank and sincere," Eden said in a statement.

"It was lucky enough to see something of the military performance of the Russian armies, which are truly magnificent."

#### Probe Opens Into Car Ferry Sinking

#### Capt. John L. Read gives evidence of events leading up to loss of S. S. Charlottetown.

HALIFAX, Dec. 29—(CP)—Captain John L. Read, master of the foundered ferry Charlottetown, testified before the Court of Wrecks Commission here today that failure of tugs from Hated to arrive in time and inadequate protection for the ship's settling tanks contributed to the loss of the vessel off Nova Scotia last June 18.

The hearing was resumed today before Mr. Justice M. B. Archibald.

Captain Read, on the stand throughout the day, gave evidence from his log book and charts and disclosed technical details of the Charlottetown's navigation equipment under questioning of J. Gordon Fogo, representing the Dominion Department of Transport.

When the craft struck a shoal, Capt. Read said, the engines were put full speed astern. She began making water in the forward engine room and stove hold, filling the settling tanks and quenching fires in the four boiler holds. Only the two forward boilers were left under steam, he said.

The skipper testified that a double bottom on the vessel would have protected the settling tanks.

He gave a detailed account of all that happened from the June 16 when the big ice-breaking ferry was ordered to proceed to Saint John, N. B., from Borden, P. E. I., via Mulgrave, N. S., until she sank at 7:07 p. m. June 18.

Shortly after leaving Mulgrave, they ran into a heavy fog and the following morning the court was held for the Sambre Lightships off the west coast of Saint John.

The fog signal of the lightship was heard early in the evening and the course was changed for the Little Hope Gas Whistle.

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The Russian Army newspaper Red Star said Soviet paratroops landed in the rear of the retreating Germans blew up 29 bridges, killed 400 German officers and men, burned quantities of equipment and then rejoined their detachments.

While battle line correspondents told of still other successes in every one of the main fighting sectors, the Russian press hailed the Soviet let-British accord on anti-Axis strategy and declared the bonds of the two nations have been "strengthened by the flames of war."

Izvestia the government newspaper, declared there is no doubt Russia would receive with great satisfaction the announcement that as a result of the visit of Foreign Secretary Eden to the Kremlin the two countries are in agreement on policies of defense against Hitler and aggression.

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#### Coming Events

- Show Souris Thursday 1. L-261-12-30-21.
- Show Montague Saturday 3. L-232-12-30-31.
- Come to the dance in Graham's Road Hall tonight, Dec. 30. L-258.
- Wanted to buy Chicken, Fowl, Island Cold Storage. L-219-7-9-tf.
- Buying pigs Friday at market square, Charlottetown, Knud Jorgenson. L-280-12-30-31.
- Kinkora Hall Bingo and dance postponed until Friday night. L-266.
- Receiving live hogs for winter months as usual. Albany Station Thursday afternoons, Emerald Friday A. M. until 11 o'clock. Signed A. C. Green, Albany, G. C. Green, Emerald.
- Loading hogs at Bradalbane today until 2 o'clock, also buying young pigs, paying \$7 a pair for pigs over 20 lbs each. Knud Jorgenson. L-268.
- On account of New Year's coming on Thursday will receive hogs at Kensington Friday, January 2 till 3 p. m. Bulman and Bagnall, Hunter River and North Wilshire Friday till noon. Arthur Haslam, Bradalbane Friday afternoon. McEwen and Campbell. L-271-12-30-21.

#### Curtin seeks to Cool criticism

CANBERRA, Dec. 29—(CP)—Prime Minister John Curtin tonight sought to cool critics of his "Look to America" week-end statement and declared that "no part of the Empire is more steadfastly determined to maintain the Empire than Australia."

The Prime Minister said in an article he wrote for the Melbourne Herald that Australia refuses to regard the war in the Pacific as a side-show to the war in Europe and that she places her chief reliance in the Pacific States.

The article brought statements of protests from the political opposition and from some newspapers.

#### Draw noose Around Axis Troops in Desert

CAIRO, Dec. 29—(AP)—British mobile columns drawing a noose around the main Axis forces at Agedabia, 80 miles south of Benghazi, were announced tonight to have smashed German tanks in a sharp prelude to the big conclusive battle of Cireneica.

Heavy rains turned the desert into vast mud fields and made ground operations difficult, but the R. A. F. still sprayed explosives on the latter German and Italian columns which had escaped into Tripolitania via the Bengasi-Agedabia coastal road.

Official dispatches established that the Axis concentration in the Agedabia region is not a mere covering force but embodies the main remnants of Lt.-Gen. Erwin Rommel's African tank corps along with Italian contingents.

#### War—25 Years Ago Today

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