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GERMANS RETREAT RAPIDLY IN SICILY

Berne Observers Think War In Europe May End Soon

Nazis May Collapse Within Eight Months

By Thomas F. Hawkins
Associated Press Staff Writer

BERNE, Switzerland, Aug. 9.—(AP)—Judged from news and comment here, there is a good chance that the war in Europe may end within five to eight months, a possibility that it may end sooner, a remote chance that it may endure through another year.

Three months ago, the general opinion in both allied and Axis camps was that two more years of fighting would be reckoned as the maximum, even though the military front, sharpened by the political and economic downfalls of Italy and Mussolini, has set up a new picture.

The situation today has sharpened the picture. These can lead to a new picture, but it also

are so marked that they cannot be ignored.

Few, if any, in the allied military ranks believed on Aug. 9, 1943, that the war would end that year. But the allied armies in France successfully smashed through the German lines east of Amiens that same day to clear a supply line from Paris. For the first time in that war, whole German divisions yielded themselves to be captured without resistance, as C. R. Crutwell wrote in the Oxford University history of the conflict.

At the end of that day, 26 years ago, the German crown council decided that the war must be ended, but the situation was not desperate enough to require a direct proposal of peace. It was sufficient to require a most speedy effort toward mediation through

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How They Voted In By-Elections

Federal By-Election Vote Totals

Montreal Cartier (163 polls), Fred Rose (Lab. Prog.) 5,784, Paul Masse (Bloc Populaire) 5,463, Lazarus Phillips (Lib.) 4,129, David Lewis (C. C. F.) 3,302, Moses Miller (Ind.) 307.

Stanstead (66 polls)

Armand Choquette (Bloc Pop.) 6,702, R. G. Davidson (Lib.) 5,390, Pierre Thomas (C. C. F.) 246.

Selkirk (100 of 134 polls)

Bryce (C. C. F.) 8651, Filmore (Lib.) 2639, Hayward (C. C. F.) 872.

Humboldt (85 of 108 polls)

Burton (C. C. F.) 6254, Kronin (Lib.) 4,190, Langendhoff (SO) 112.

Liberals Lose Four Federal Constituencies

(By The Canadian Press)

The Liberal representation in the House of Commons suffered a severe setback when four ridings formerly held by Liberal members fell tonight to candidates representing the C.C.F. and the Bloc Populaire, and a lone labor Progressive aspirant.

The by-elections were held in Montreal Cartier, Stanstead, Quebec, Selkirk, and Humboldt, Saskatchewan, and the C.C.F., which contested all four ridings, was successful in the western constituencies, with William Bryce an easy victor in Selkirk and Joseph W. Burton leading by a substantial margin in Humboldt.

R. G. Davidson, who was elected as a Liberal in Stanstead in the general elections of 1940, ran second to Mr. Choquette with Pierre Thomas, C.C.F., a poor third.

In Montreal Cartier, the greatest opposition to Mr. Rose came from the Bloc Populaire candidate, Paul Masse, with Liberal Lazarus Phillips and David Lewis, C.C.F., third and fourth respectively and independent Moses Miller in last place. In both ridings the voting was close, with practically all polls reported before a winner could be declared.

Canadian Army Appointments Announced

OTTAWA, Aug. 9.—(CP)—Defence headquarters announced tonight the promotions of 110 officers and 48 other ranks of the Canadian army overseas, including three nursing sisters with the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps who were appointed Lieutenant-Colonel, 30 Captains acting Major, 75 Lieutenants acting Captain and 47 other ranks received their first appointments as Lieutenant. One other rank a corporal, was promoted honorary Captain and appointed to the Canadian Chaplain service.

To be acting Captain—L. Begin Quebec.

To be Lieutenant (first appointment)—J.S. Bateman, Theford Mines, Que.

To be acting Captain—H.F. Atkinson, (address unavailable), H.E. Hoar, East River Side, N.B.; K. Smith, St. Maries, N.B.; E.G. Morgan, Saint John, N.B.; W. Stewart, Moncton, N.B.

To be Lieutenant (first appointment)—L.H. Monahan, Fredericton, N.B.

To be Lieutenant (Nursing Sister)—Mrs. Miriam MacArthur, Lewisville, N.B.

M.D. No. 6 Halifax

To be acting Major—B. Loble, London, Eng.

To be acting Captain—J.K. Dexter, Yarmouth, N.S.; P.D. Ferguson, Oklawaha, N.S.; J.C. Culbertson, Dartmouth, N.S.; A.G. McDonald, Halifax, J.C. McKenna, Summerside, P.E.I.

To be Chaplain and Honorary Captain—K.M. Eaton, Stowacke, N.S.

Fall Back To Temporary Line

By DANIEL DE LUCE
(Associated Press War Correspondent)

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NORTH AFRICA, Aug. 9.—(AP)—German troops on Sicily's north coast recoiled tonight on temporary defences at Cape Orlando, 43 miles from Messina Strait, under combined seaborne and land attacks by Americans while formations of the British 8th army driving northward captured Acireale on the east coast and San Maria Di Licodia, on the southern slopes of Mount Etna.

The American attacks obliterated the San Agata-Cesaro line and the combined Allied drives threatened disintegration of all the Messina bridge-head.

Men of Lt.-Gen. George S. Patton's American 7th army carried out a sea-borne flank attack on the enemy lines at San Agata, attacking the Germans from behind. This coupled with frontal pressure led to the fall of both San Agata and San Fratello, five miles to the southwest. Hundreds of Germans were captured in the rocky fortifications in this area.

British and Canadian 8th army troops were reported in late dispatches from the front to be only seven miles from the Nazi base at Randazzo, and Americans, thrusting eastward from Cesaro, were about 10 miles distant.

(The Algiers radio reported in a broadcast heard in London by The Associated Press that the 8th army was about nine miles from Randazzo, half-way between Catania and Taormina on Sicily's east coast.)

The whole German defence system about the north slopes of Mount Etna, centred at the Hilltop town of Randazzo, was imperilled. Allied aerial squadrons raked the dwindling Axis holdings with

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Premier Jones Takes Issue With Patriot Interpretation Of Soldier Labour Proposal

Large Freight Cars Cleaned of Debris

OTTAWA, Aug. 9.—(CP)—T.C. Transport controller, in a prepared statement tonight to "speed up shipments of war materials and to conserve car supply, it is essential that all receivers of railroad freight cars remove from the cars, before they are used, all damaged, all dunnage, nails, straps and other debris."

Mr. Lockwood said, would be eliminating the necessity of switching the cars to cleaning tracks causing delay."

Interviewed yesterday regarding the arrangements for employing men of the service forces to work on farms under direction of the Department of Labour, Premier J. Walter Jones said there was no change in the situation so far as the service forces were concerned. The Department had insisted that the farmer pay a minimum of \$3.00 a day for soldier labor. Premier Jones said that the Department had not even interested in such an offer, as the proposed wage rate, to which must be added board and lodging, was far too high.

The Premier's attention was drawn to an editorial appearing in yesterday's Patriot, to the effect that the federal proposal was that farmers in the Maritimes would pay not \$3.00 a day as understood by Premier Jones, but merely the difference between \$3.00 and the soldier's military pay and allowance.

The Premier, who is also Minister of Agriculture, said in reply to no such proposal had been made to him by Ottawa. He did not know where the Patriot got its information, but he had no hesitation in saying it had received.

Later Premier Jones notified The Guardian that he had re-checked on the proposal received from the Department of Labour and that it substantiated what he had said. When he had suggested to the Department that soldiers should be paid from \$35 to \$40 a month, with exceptionally good men receiving \$50, he had received a telegram setting forth the wage scale, which insisted on a minimum payment of three dollars a day for every day the soldier is available for work. This rate applied to the Maritimes Provinces where it was progressively higher in Ontario and the western Provinces.

Canadian Mosquito Bombers Fly Atlantic

LONDON, Aug. 9.—(CP CABLE)—The first Canadian-built Mosquito bombers have been across the Atlantic and landed safely at a British airport, it was announced today.

The announcement did not indicate how many planes made the initial flight but it was understood there were two.

The arrival was the culmination of a process begun in the autumn of 1941 when two Canadian Mosquito engineers went to Canada. Following them came 8,000 drawings, jigs, sample units and other supplies.

The first Canadian-built Mosquito was flown at Toronto on Sept. 22, 1942, a year after the arrival of the engineers. Previously they had been used only for training air squadrons in Canada. Now the announcement said Canadian constructed Mosquitos soon will be facing the enemy.

The Mosquito is a light, fast bomber, built of plywood.

War Situation Last Night

By Kirke L. Simpson, Associated Press War Analyst

The fate of the whole right flank of the Nazi battle line in Russia is at stake in the Red Army's drive to envelop the Kharkov anchor from the north, west and east.

If Kharkov falls, as seems inevitable, the Germans evidently must relinquish their precarious toe-hold in the Caucasus and evacuate the whole Crimean Peninsula, as well as the Dnieper Plateau around which the great river makes a wide loop. The line south of the Dnieper, ranging north and west of Kharkov, and the Don-Donets Basin could be cleared as well at one stroke.

The Russian capture of Orel and Belgorod has broken the back of the whole German front. It probably did more to bring about the indicated politico-military crisis in Germany than even the fall of Mussolini.

Says Convoy Lanes Quiet as Milk Routes

AN EASTERN CANADIAN PORT Aug. 9.—(CP)—There's not enough action at sea these days for Chief Petty Officer Wilfred McWaters, R.C.N.V.R., of Regina, who claims the convoy lanes are as quiet as milk routes.

The Navy said tonight in a press release that McWaters, a 27-year-old Coxswain aboard a Canadian Corvette, has been going to sea for nearly three years and has experienced several bouts with the enemy.

"There was a time when hardly a day would go by without some contact with enemy submarines while conveying ships," said McWaters, "but now it's novelty to bump into a U-boat during a crossing."

"Don't know whether we've just been having lucky breaks or whether we've knocked all the submarines out of the sea, but it's been quite some time since we've contacted one."

"Our last trip was so quiet that it was a wee bit boring."

Coal Situation Is Regarded As Serious

Gov't Making It An Offense To Waste Coal Or Heat.

OTTAWA, Aug. 9.—(CP)—Munitions Minister Howe said here tonight that an order-in-council will be passed which will make it an offense to waste coal or heat, and that the order will apply to every one—householders as well as commercial establishments.

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Enemy Planes Shot Down

LONDON, Aug. 9.—(CP)—Allied planes in three formations shot down two enemy fighters today. The Air Ministry said seven enemy planes were destroyed and Allied fighters lost.

R. C. A. F. Mustangs attacked a group of Paris and Spitfires over the coastal area of Western France.

One of the three planes which was lost was an R. C. A. F. fighter.

Expect Alaska Road Completed This Fall

EDMONTON, Aug. 9.—(CP)—Completion of work on the Alaskan Highway this fall is expected to release between 3,000 and 3,500 Canadian civilians by Dec. 31, Selective Service officials announced today. Many of the men came from the east and it is expected they will be returned to eastern centres.

KEEP FLEET FROM NAZIS

NEW YORK, Aug. 9.—(AP)—A BBC broadcast recorded by CBS said today a secret Italian radio station "has addressed another appeal to Italian soldiers to be on guard against German attempts to seize the Italian Navy." Guarding of both fleet and merchant ships from Nazi hands has been urged in previous clandestine broadcasts.

Kharkov May Become Summer Trap For Nazis

By Edward D. Ball
Associated Press Staff Writer

LONDON, Aug. 9.—(AP)—Russian troops threatened to turn Kharkov into a summer Stalingrad today, trapping great numbers of German troops as they crashed through Nazi defences to within 12 miles of the city in the north and captured a town 30 miles due west of it.

The Russian offensive rolled on unchecked from Orel to many miles south of Kharkov, Moscow announced in a special communique tonight.

The main thrusts came southward from the Orel sector, north of Kharkov, shearing through Nazi supply lines feeding Kharkov from the west like giant shears cutting through threads.

At the same time the Red Army drove to points 25 miles west of Orel, which placed them only 50 miles from the key Nazi base at Bryansk, while the Germans said the Russians had also opened a new offensive farther north aimed at Smolensk, key bastion of the Nazi defence system west of Moscow.

Great quantities of men and material were involved in the Kharkov battle, and the Germans apparently were retiring in haste. The Russians reported capturing 212 tanks, 139 guns, 96 mortars, 323 machine guns, and 618 trucks in two days of fighting.

The Russians said they captured more than 100 populated places in their Kharkov drive, while 80 more were taken in the advances west of Orel.

Even the Germans admitted the Red Army were doing their "utmost" to capture Kharkov from the northwest and German troops were "facing no easy situation," the Berlin radio reported. The Germans said the Russians were attacking with great masses of artillery and tanks and "strong reserves."

The War Secretary of the United Kingdom has before him an appeal to allow kilts to the Scottish Home Guard.

DIES IN ANTIGONISH

ANTIGONISH, N.S., Aug. 9.—(CP)—William J. Cameron, 58, prominent businessman and manager of the co-operative store in nearby Hesterport, died in hospital here last night after a brief illness. His widow is the former Sally Chisholm, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Chisholm Summerside, P.E.I.

F. D. R. Spends Short Holiday In Canada

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—(AP)—Fanned by a week of Ontario sunshine, President Roosevelt plunged immediately today into the affairs of state and of war which apparently were also his vacation companions.

First announcement that the President had taken a short vacation in Canada came today from Presidential Secretary Stephen Early at the White House. Mr. Roosevelt, the statement said, "has returned to Washington from a short vacation on the north shore of Lake Huron near McGregor and Whitefish Bays."

President, almost simultaneously, came the announcement that the President had a luncheon engagement with State Secretary Cordell Hull, a conference later with Gen. George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff, and after that, with the British Ambassador, Lord Halifax.

Indications that the President's expedition into the picturesque north country was not all a vacation-fishing trip came from Birch Island Station, Ont., near where a little white house was established. Twice daily his mail and government dispatches were brought by fighter planes. Urgent messages were carried to him by special telephone and telegraph wires. In his train on a Canadian Pacific Railway going at the edge of the

COMING EVENTS

- Walkies—Murray River Thurs. 8-10-21.
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- Four young cattle. Two red and two white and red. 8-9-21.
- Annual Picnic, St. John's Church, Craupid, Wednesday, Aug. 11. 8-10-31.
- Four young cattle. Two red and two white and red. Wesley Park, York. 8-9-21.
- Collecting hogs for Davis and Smith every Friday. Bulman and Smith. 8-10-21.
- Dance Sauris Potato Warehouse, 11th August. Two Orchestras. At aid of Sauris Hospital. Refreshments. 8-4-31.
- Cream Festival, Bingo, Sauris, St. James Church, Georgetown, Tuesday, August 10th. 8-9-21.
- Just arrived carload baled shavings suitable for livestock bedding. Excellent good and inexpensive. Contact Marketing Board. 8-10-21.
- Women's Progressive Conservation Association are holding a week-end at the Armouries, sponsored by the Women's Progressive Conservation Club. Proceeds in aid of the Sauris Hospital. 8-10-12-14.
- Reserve Monday Aug. 16th for the Women's Progressive Conservation Club. Proceeds in aid of the Sauris Hospital. 8-10-11.
- Collecting hogs at Charlottetown every week-day except Saturdays. Market prices paid. Truck service for busy farmers can be arranged on request. Livestock Marketing Board. 8-10-21.

Old Home Week Program Opens Today

Bigger and better than ever with records going by the boards even before the opening guns have been fired the Old Home Week and Provincial Exhibition program swings into action this afternoon when three classes of harness racing will be held interspersed with thrilling, colorful acts of vaudeville that will make you hold your breath from the time the world-known performers make their first appearance on the stage.

Then in the evening there will be the usual colorful main ground display. For the past several years now this night performance has been looked forward to avidly. People who witness it always come back for more and this year with better artists obtainable here and waiting for the signal to go, even greater and more enthusiastic crowds are expected.

But these will not be the only highlights of this outstanding annual event. In the main grounds, the cream of the Island's cattle, poultry and show horses will be on display. The entry list this year due to unavoidable circumstances, may be slightly smaller than those of previous years but the quality will be far better. A difficult time in picking the winners and the show ring will attract lots and lots of attention.

Then here is Bill Lynch's Midway. Yesterday workers were busy from early morn until late

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High tide this morning at 5:15 and this evening at 6:31. Sun sets this evening at 8:15 and rises tomorrow morning at 5:56. Full moon August 15, 3:34 p.m. Summer tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

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From Borden — Leave 8:40 a.m. 1:45 p.m. and 4:55 p.m.
Leave Cape Tormentine 11 a.m. 3:25 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

DAILY AIR SERVICE (EXCEPT SUNDAY)
Charlottetown — Summerside — Moncton
Leave Charlottetown 7:50 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.
Arrive Summerside 1:10 p.m. 5:45 p.m. 7:05 p.m.

P. E. I.—N. S. FERRY SERVICE DAILY INCLUDING SUNDAYS
Leave Wood Islands — 7:00 a.m. and 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.
Leave Carleton — 5:00 a.m. and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.