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ALLIED INVASION OF BALKANS POSSIBLE

Big Break-Through By 5th Army Appears Imminent

No Danger Of Losing British Bacon Market Says British Minister

Gardiner Statement Answered Authoritatively At Dominion-Provincial Conference On Agriculture.

By James McCook

OTTAWA, Dec. 7 — (C P) — Suggestion that provincial governments consider sharing with the Dominion the cost of a bonus to help maintain bacon production was made today by Agriculture Minister Gardiner at a closed meeting of the Dominion - Provincial agriculture conference, it was learned tonight.

Bacon production to meet British requirements to an extent greater than the contracted 450,000,000 pounds annually during each of the next two years came under discussion at the conference as farm output objectives for 1944 were reviewed.

Total shipments during 1943, it is hoped, will be 675,000,000 pounds. At the morning conference session Rt. Hon. J. J. Llewellyn, British Food Minister, said that if no more than 450,000,000 pounds is shipped next year the British bacon ration may have to be cut from four to three ounces a week.

Delegates said a higher price would help maintain hog production near its present level.

While the conference may return to discussion of an actual hog production objective, giving the number of head required in 1944, it was understood the discussion turned to other subjects, leaving the provinces to consider the suggestion that they share with the Dominion any increase in the hog price.

"Need Have No Fear"

Col. Llewellyn said before the conference today that the Canadian farmer need have no fear that by going into hog production extensively now he will have his market slip away from him.

Delegates said this statement might be a factor in consideration by the provinces of the suggestion that they share a bonus to encourage hog production in 1944.

Provincial ministers of agriculture and the deputies are attending the conference and it was considered probable they could give federal representatives an indication of their attitude on the bonus suggestion before the conference ends.

Col. Llewellyn said the United Kingdom consumer, treasuring his four ounces of bacon a week, looks to Canada to see that his wartime ration is maintained.

Gardiner's Statement

(In a statement made at Regina on Nov. 30 Hon. Mr. Gardiner was quoted as saying: "We are not going to keep urging the Canadian farmer to produce enough hogs to supply the British market when the British advise us that they may not require our bacon production after the war." The Canadian Government was "justified in looking after Canadian agriculture first and foremost, just as the British Government must look after the future of the British producer," he said. He emphasized that the Canadian Government was taking care that it would not be caught in the same position that it had been following the last war when there were surpluses of wheat and livestock in Canada, and no markets.")

King George III With Influenza

LONDON, Dec. 7 — The King has been stricken with influenza and will be confined to his room for several days, Buckingham Palace announced today. However, it was thought that the attack was not serious.

Thus the King joined the growing list of those suffering from the malady which is spreading through Britain. Latest figures showed that 275 deaths due to influenza had occurred in London and other big cities in Britain up to the week ended Nov. 27.

Former P. E. I. Man Dies At Sussex N. B.

SUSSEX, N.B., Dec. 7—(CP)—Irvin G Evans, 78, retired civil railroad engineer, died at his home here today after a long illness. He was born at Margate, P E. I. Mr. Evans became divisional engineer of the Canadian National Railways at Moncton in 1918 and was right-of-way engineer there from 1926 to 1932.

To Break Up Crosby, Hope, Lamour Team

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 7 — (AP)— Bing Crosby, Bob Hope and Dorothy Lamour are travelling their last road together.

They've done "Road to Singapore," "Road to Zanzibar" and "Road to Morocco," and now are nearing the end of "Road to Utopia."

Then, says Paramount, the team will be broken up, for "in these time of manpower shortages why waste three stars in a film when any one of them can pull 'em through the box office?"

COMING EVENTS

"Cherry Valley Christmas Concert December 23rd. 12-8-1i.

"Reserve December 23rd for Newtown Cross, Christmas Concert. 12-8-1i.

"Pantry Sale Rogers, Saturday, December 11th, Meadow Bank Women's Institute. 12-8-10.

"East Wiltshire School Concert, North River Hall, December 20th. 12-8-1i.

"Hot Chicken Supper, Crapaud Hall, December 11th. Auspices I. O. A. 12-8-3i.

"Unloading car Coal today. Take delivery off car for lower price. M. Kennedy. 12-8-1i.

"Arriving soon, car bulk wheat. Order now. J. P. Callahan. 12-8-2i

"Booking orders car bulk wheat. Simmons and McFarlane. 12-8-2i

"Don't miss concert and box social at York, Dec. 9. Under auspices 17th Armoured Regiment. 12-8-2i

"Wanted to buy live and dressed chickens and fowl. Paying top market prices. Island Cold Storage Co. Ltd. 8-26-tf

"Alberton, December 9th. Drawing Matched Team Horses, etc. Tickets available Box 165 Alberton. Cash returns. 12-2-6i.

"Christmas Concert, North Granville School will be held in Hall December 20th at 8 o'clock. 12-8-1i.

"Chicken supper and drawing in aid of St. Ann's Church, Hope River, December 13. Please send tickets. 12-6-6i.

"Loading live hogs for Davis & Fraser at Albany Thursday afternoon 9th, at Emerald Friday 10th until 11 o'clock A. M. G. C. Green and A. C. Green. 12-6-3i.

"We will buy dressed poultry, Turkeys, Geese, Ducks, Chickens, Fowl at our Warehouse, at St. Peters, December 15th and 16th. Quigley & Son. 17-7-4i.

"Annual Meeting "Four Branch" Farmers Institute, will be held in North Carleton School Thursday evening, December 9th. All are asked to attend. Hermas Myers, Secretary 12-8-1i.

Allies May Reach Valley Leading To Rome

ALGIERS, Dec. 8— (Wednesday) — A break through which would send British and American troops spilling down into a wide valley leading to Rome appeared imminent with the announcement last night that Lt.-Gen. Mark W. Clark's 5th army had won 25 square miles of dominating heights southwest of Mignano in the heart of the Nazi "winter line" across Italy.

The Germans were counter-attacking frantically in an effort to seal the breach.

ALGIERS, Dec. 7 — (AP) —Allied 5th Army troops, stabbing their way on to heights six miles southwest of Mignano overlooking the flooded Garigliano River, have driven a deep wedge into German winter line fortifications while at the other end of the Italian front the 8th Army's infantry and armor crashed across the Moro River near the Adriatic seas.

Gen. Sir Bernard Montgomery's 8th Army troops crossed the river before the reinforced and desperately resisting Nazis could establish new fortifications on the northern bank of the stream. Four German tanks were destroyed in this sharp clash.

How far Montgomery's advance guards penetrated beyond the Moro was not disclosed but the thrust along comparatively level ground on the eastern coast put the army within 13 to 14 miles of the Adriatic port of Pescara, terminus of a major highway to Rome.

New Vaccine For Tuberculosis?

CHICAGO, Dec. 7—(AP)—A new way of making a vaccine, by using tuberculosis germs killed by suffocation, has increased the possibility that this disease can be prevented by vaccination, the university of Chicago reported today.

The method was developed by Dr. Truman Squire potter of the university's laboratory of preventive medicine. The vaccine has been tested—with promising results—on rabbits with human-type tuberculosis.

Wing Cmdr. Shelfoon To Head Flying University

LONDON, Dec. 7 —(CP Cable) — Appointment of Wing Cmdr. Allan Joseph Shelfoon, A.F.C., of Toronto, as Chief Flying Instructor at the Empire Central Flying School to succeed another Canadian, Wing Cmdr. A. Watts of Westmount, Que., was announced tonight by the Air Ministry. Shelfoon, who is 33 years old, is a member of the R C A F.

The Central Flying School is something of a United Nations flying university and is attended by officers who apply their operational experience to training problems. The aim is to insure that flying instructions throughout the Commonwealth is progressive and abreast of operational requirements.

Confirm Plans For Premiers Conference

LONDON, Dec. 7 —(CP Cable) —Clement Attlee, Lord President of the Council and Deputy Prime Minister, told the House of Commons today that arrangements have been made to hold a meeting of Dominion Prime Ministers. Details were still under discussion, he said.

The Dominion Prime Ministers have visited London at least once each during the war but they have never been here together.

Admits Throwing Child Into Lake

AUGUSTA, Ga., Dec. 7—(AP)—Solicitor General George Hains of Georgia said today that Isaac West, 50-year-old textile worker charged with murder in the death of his seven-year-old daughter, Barbara, confessed he threw the child into the lake on Nov. 10.

A coroner's jury had returned a verdict of accidental death soon after the body was recovered but detectives began an investigation after insurance claims were filed. The solicitor said insurance policies, including a double indemnity policy on the child, exceeded $5,000.

War Situation Last Night

By Kirke L. Simpson, Associated Press War Analyst

Turkish adhesion to the war-and-peace fellowship cemented by Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin at Teheran rivets in place the final link of the Russian-Allied steel chain being forged to throttle Nazi Germany.

Regardless of the specific role Turkey is to play, whether as an active belligerent or not, it puts the tottering Balkan facade of the once-powerful Axis European war structure under a breaking strain. Collapse of pro-Axis Regimes in Bulgaria and Rumania to leave Nazi Germany fighting alone is clearly foreshadowed.

Eventual Turkish fulfillment of her treaty obligations to Britain calling upon her "to collaborate effectively" in the event of a war on aggression in the Mediterranean, and to lend "all the aid and assistance in her power" has long been in Allied plans. There was no doubt in Berlin or in European neutral capitals that the hour for that had struck long before any official word of such action was released.

It was not until the Allies established control in the Mediterranean and until the Teheran conference had finally sealed Russian-Allied pacts for smashing blows against Germany, however, that these plans could be brought to fruition. Without these achievements, her entry into the conflict as a belligerent would have imposed new and heavy burdens on Anglo-American resources.

The "big three" powers now are able to protect Turkey against possible German attack. And it is a sardonic note in the changed war scene in the Mediterranean that made-in-Germany weapons in Turkish hands will be available to meet a German attack on Turkey if it comes as a result of a Turkish formal alignment with Germany's foes.

Much of Turkey's modern military equipment came from Germany under the Nazi-Turkish barter arrangements. More German tanks, guns, ammunition and even planes—captured by the Allies in Africa and Italy —now are either in Turkish hands or close to Turkish borders in Iran.

All usable Axis equipment seized in Egypt, Libya and French North Africa began moving in Turkey's direction upon completion of the Tunisian campaign. It is assumed more has followed it from Sicily and from the Italian mainland.

Whether the Germans will hit back at Turkey remains to be seen. It is clear, however, that the Nazis' minor successes in overrunning British-held Aegean Islands now are offset.

Those Islands, and others in the Aegean of greater strategic value, are within close range of the Turkish coast. The grant of sea or air base facilities by Turkey would eventually mean the Nazis' loss of all those eastern Aegean footholds guarding the Aegean flank of the Balkans.

Plans Approved For Eastern Kings Co. Hospital At Souris

Plans for the new hospital to serve the medical needs of the people of Eastern King's have been given final approval by the board of hospital trustees. The plans, as prepared jointly by J. E. Harris and E. S Blanchard, both of Charlottetown, call for a two storey building 82 feet by 36 feet, finished with insulated art brick siding in colour Indian red or jasper, as procurable.

The main floor contains a 4 bed ward, which may be increased to 6 beds in an emergency; a semi-private room of 2 beds, which may be increased to 3; and two private rooms. The main floor also contains the operating section, consisting of a large and commodious operating room, immediately adjoining which will be the anaesthetic room and rooms to be used by the doctors and nurses while preparing for operations. The remainder of the main floor provides for the administration section, diet kitchen, superintendents office, linen closets, utility rooms, bath rooms and sleeping quarters for the female help.

The second floor contains the maternity section, consisting of a delivery room, a sterilizing room and a nursery. In addition there is another 4 bed ward, which may be increased to 6 beds in an emergency; and 2 semi-private rooms of 2 beds each, which may be in-

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Red Army Closes In On Vital Railway Junction

LONDON, Dec. 7 —(AP)— One Red Army spearhead has reached to within four miles of Znamenka, rail junction in the Dnieper Bend, a Moscow dispatch said today, as three columns drove on the city from separate directions — but in the north Russian defenders fell back from "a number of populated places" in the Kiev bulge before a German counter-attack using as many as 1,700 tanks.

The fall of Znamenka — which would be a painful wound to German communications in the area —was believed imminent as an important push by Gen Rodion Y. Malinovsky's 3rd Ukrainian Army pounded into its third day.

More than 1,800 Germans were killed in this area alone, said the Moscow communique, recorded here by the Soviet Monitor from a broadcast, while "a considerable number" of prisoners and three railroad trains complete with supplies fell to the Russians in the capture of 16 German strongholds. One of them was the railway station of Pantayevka 10 miles southeast of Znamenka, 12-mile advance from Alexandria whose capture Monday was acclaimed in a special order of the day from Premier Marshal Joseph Stalin.

Soviet Gov't Approves Parley

MOSCOW, Dec. 7 —(AP)—The full and official satisfaction of the Soviet Government with the results of the Teheran conference was expressed today through its newspaper Izvestia in a statement that Prime Minister Churchill, President Roosevelt and Premier Stalin "adopted decisions which will have a historical significance on the fate of the world."

The emphatic terms of the newspaper's editorial, which will be read by millions of Russians from the battlefront in the west to the Pacific Ocean, left no doubt that Stalin and his advisers were greatly pleased with what they learned from their allies.

SINK ENEMY SHIPS

More than 100 enemy supply ships and 15 warships were sunk or probably sunk during 1942 by British and Allied submarines, excluding American.

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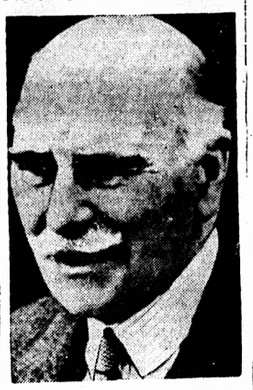

EARL OF ATHLONE

OTTAWA, Dec. 7 — (CP) —The Governor - General, chief scout of Canada presided today at the semi-annual meeting of the Boy Scouts Association of Canada, and said he is satisfied with what has been done so far this year.

"In view of the tremendous number of our leaders and older Scouts who are serving in the armed forces I think we can be well satisfied with what has been done," the Governor General said.

"It is my hope that we shall keep up our numbers and increase them generally across the country."

He gave his approval to selection of Feb. 20-26 as Boy Scout Week in 1944 and consented to open the week's events with a broadcast address.

He also approved the association's decision to provide basic books on scouting in Polish, Flemish Netherlands, Norwegian and Czechoslovakian languages for use in occupied countries as soon as the war is over. The association will spend between $7,500 and $10,000 on the project.

Many Children Ill With Flu

TORONTO, Dec. 7—(CP) — Thomas E. Jones, assistant superintendent of schools, said today between 7,000 and 10,500 pupils of city public schools were flu victims in the last two weeks. He said at least 100 teachers are absent as a result of the epidemic, which shows no signs of abating.

MONTREAL, Dec. 7 — (CP) — Statistics released at city hall today showed that out of 60,717 pupils attending 204 schools, 12,404 were absent with the grippe. One hundred and seventy-four teachers also have reported ill.

Pope Pius Asks Prayers For Peace

BERNE, Dec. 7 —(AP) —Pope Pius XII has asked all Catholics to hold public prayers for peace tomorrow on the occasion of the feast of immaculate conception, the Swiss Telegraphic Agency reported today in a dispatch from Rome.

The Pontiff sent his "urgent exhortation" to the faithful throughout the world to "scrupulously observe the law of God", the dispatch said.

SECURE SUPPLY LINES

The successful campaigns in Syria, Iraq and Persia consolidated the important Middle Eastern area against Axis designs and secured the supply line by way of the Persian Gulf to Russia.

Talks With Turkey May Be Prelude

By WADE WERNER

LONDON, Dec. 7 — (AP) — Turkey's new alignment in "closest unity" with the big three powers poised for death blows against Germany was seen here tonight as a prelude to a Balkan smash calculated to precipitate the collapse of Adolph Hitler's already tottering satellites, Bulgaria and Rumania.

The terse Cairo communique issued after the three-day talks among President Ismet Inonu of Turkey, Prime Minister Churchill and President Roosevelt did not disclose whether it meant the outright entry of Turkey into the war or friendly neutrality under which Turkish air bases might be placed at the disposal of the Allies — as Portugal granted bases in the Azores.

It is the likely strategy of the big powers to keep Germany guessing to the last minute, but the effect on Bulgaria and Rumania of the news that Turkey is pledged to "closest unity" with the chief destroyers of Hitler's calm is expected to be explosive. Repercussion in Hungary also is likly to shake the nerves of that war weary land.

A long tradition of friendship with Russia has kept Bulgaria out of hostilities against the Soviet Union despite her satellite status with Germany. It is a question whether German troops garrisoned in Bulgaria could compel resistance against any Balkan invasion in which Russia participated.

Fateful Warning

Rumania, viewing the approach of the Red Army to her northeastern border, must see in the Turkish-Russian-British-American accord a fateful warning that her only hope is to break loose from

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Big Need For Invasion Craft

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 —(AP)—The United States War Production Board tonight issued a hurry-up call for vast quantities of steel plates and sheets to build invasion craft for "further attacks on German and Japanese areas."

Record-breaking production of plates and sheets is "vitally needed", in December and January, W.P.B. said, for "troop carriers, landing craft of all kinds and other equipment."

"Stepped-up attacks would require larger quantities of these products," W. P. B. said.

More Canadian Troops Reach Great Britain

AN EAST COAST CANADIAN PORT, Dec. 7 — (CP) — Additional thousands of Canadian and Allied reinforcements for sea, land and air forces in the old world sailed from this port recently. Their arrival in Britain was announced tonight.

By far the largest part of the movement was made up of a large draft of R. C. A. F. air crew and ground crew personnel, recruited from all parts of the Dominion, and trained in countless air schools of the Commonwealth Air Training Plan.

With them was a large group of women's division personnel, headed overseas to take up their jobs as clerks, instrument operators, ground maintenance workers and dozens of other jobs formerly filled by men who now have transferred to vital aircrew posts.

Others in the eastward movement were Canadian soldiers who had completed their training in Canada and were being moved to bases in Britain for eventual action on the second front, and men from New Zealand, Australia, and other parts of the Empire.

News Briefs

OTTAWA, Dec. 7 — (C P) — The Labor Department announced tonight that representatives of the provinces and Selective Service officers will give "detailed attention" to special sources of seasonal labor for farms at the conference now being held here simultaneously with the Dominion - Provincial conference on Canada's agricultural program for 1944.

INVERMERE, B. C., Dec. 7 — (C P) — Lava Talc, a valuable war material, unobtainable now from former sources, is being mined in Kootenay National Park, and production of 40 tons monthly is expected.

It is the only known source of Lava Talc in Canada and is chiefly used in the manufacture of radio equipment.

LONDON, Dec. 7 — (CP Cable) — More than 1,000 delegates from war factories throughout Britain held a "put Mosley back" demonstration at the Houses of Parliament today — the second since late November when a delegation went there to protest the government's release from detention in Holloway Prison of Sir Oswald Mosley, pre-war British Fascist leader.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7 — (A P) — Irvin S. Cobb, 67, prominent author, who was reported "quite sick" today at his home, was "getting along very well" tonight, his wife said. Cobb recently underwent a hospital check up.

LONDON, Dec. 6 — Wednesday) (CP) — A new move by Turkey within the next few days giving clear cut implications to the Cairo meeting of Prime Minister Churchill, President Roosevelt and President Inonu of Turkey was predicted today by London morning newspapers.

CHUNGKING, Dec. 7 — (AP) — Loss of the vital rice bowl city of Changteh, after 15 days of siege by Japanese was announced by the Chinese High Command today in a communique which said the ancient city fell Dec. 3.

REFUSED TO TRAVEL

SWANSEA, Wales — (CP) — Welsh workers have no legal right to refuse to work in England, Sir Marlay Samson, Swansea magistrate, ruled in fining a 24-year-old girl the equivalent of $112 for failing to obey a National Selective Service order to work in Birmingham. The girl said she was prepared to work within reach of her home.

High tide this morning at 7.46 and tonight at 8.20.

Sun sets this afternoon at 5.19 and rises tomorrow morning at 8.25

Full moon Dec. 11, 12.24 p.m.

Summerside tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

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