Of late we have received many inquiries as to just what are the prospects for baseball in the City this season and we confess that we are just as much in the dark about the matter as the ones making the inquiries are.

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Outside of a limited number that we know of there seems to be little or no enthusiasm for hardball. Of course that assumption is based entirely on what we have heard and there may be quite a number interested in the game who have not expressed their views in any kind of a public manner.

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But it appears likely that if a real determined effort were made by those wishing to attempt to restore the game here that at least a three-team league might grow out of the efforts put forth. As is the case in any branch of sport it needs lots of backing to make it flourish and if those interested would start the wheels rolling they might come up with far better results than anticipated.

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That they will not lack a playing surface is a certainty. Only the other day we had reliable information that when the government grader gets to work on the softball diamond at Victoria Park the diamond is going to be enlarged sufficiently to also include a baseball diamond. That will be one difficulty that will be overcome; there are plenty more as we see it, particularly such as the obtaining of equipment, and it would seem a good idea if those really interested got down to work instantly and see just what can be accomplished in the way of forming a well-balanced three-team league.

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No matter how he performs Pete Gray, one-armed outfielder with St. Louis Browns in the American League continues to draw the fans, and here is an account of how he performed in his first appearance at Yankee Stadium recently:

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They came to Yankee Stadium —38,378 strong, all curious to see the kid with the empty sleeve, and they stayed more than five hours in dismal rain to give him a thunderous ovation.

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The big town got sentimental over one-armed Pete Gray, taking him in as one of its own, which indeed he is, since only a few blocks away from Yankee Stadium, the scene of his triumphant return yesterday, he once played baseball on a semi-pro sand lot.

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There was nothing sensational about Gray on this dark gray day, except the fact that he could be out there playing at all. It was almost beyond belief that this wasp-waisted Brownie outfielder with the jutting jaw could be playing baseball in the Major Leagues with a championship team and doing more than his share to keep that team in a contending position.

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He couldn't make a move without drawing a cheer from the crowd. Obviously nervous as he stalked each batter in left field, he removed his glove countless times to stroke his head or hitch at his belt.

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And he had reason to be tense. Failure to hit had prompted Manager Luke Sewell to bench him so he didn't start in the first game, but went to left field to replace Boris Martin in the seventh in response to Bronx chants of "We Want Gray" from the Bronx rooters. Martin, a long ball hitter, had made a homer in his previous time at bat.

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In the stands were his parents, who came from Nanticoke, Pa., to see their son play big league ball for the first time. Perfect balance and timing, his chief assets afield, were made difficult by the slippery underfooting from the day-long drizzle.

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So it was only natural in the last of the ninth that the peskiest of the Yankees, Frankie Crosetti, sent a singing single in Gray's direction and the kid bobbled the play.

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The bases were filled and two runs came home to tie the score, though neither came as a result of the error. Gray fielded the ball perfectly but dropped it as he flipped off his glove and attempted to throw to the infield, permitting the runners to move up to second and third.

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The game went on into extra innings and Gray batted three times, hitting two sharp fly balls to the outfield and walking. Afield he had one more chance, a long fly, which he handled perfectly.

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He was benched in the second game but had his "big moment" of the day when Sewell sent him in as a pinch hitter for catcher Frank Mancuso. He came through with a sharp single to right about six feet inside the foul line and seconds later went down in the mud at second base in a beautifully executed slide as Don Gutteridge hit into a double play.

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Weary and bespattered he got up to leave the game and was awarded the standing tribute—the most enthusiastic for any player since Babe Ruth.

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When he walked in the first game, he cat-footed it far off base, worrying Pitcher Jim Turner so much that he also walked the next batter.

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Owner Donald Barnes, proud of the youngster whose right arm was amputated near the shoulder when he fell off a grocery truck as a six-year-old, said he was "definitely satisfied" over his performance.

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"If it hadn't been for this wet field, he would have done much better," Barnes said. "He was under great pressure with all of this big crowd and with his mother and dad there. But any impression that he isn't a Big Leaguer is strictly his own, because I know he is."

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New York things so, too. They won't forget the kid with the empty sleeve for a long time.

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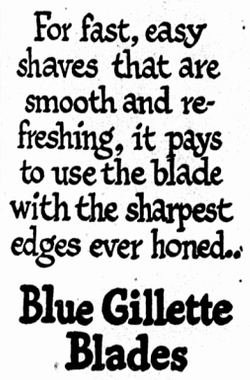

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SPORTING NEWS

Yankees Still Cling To Top Of American League

(By The Associated Press)

The largest baseball crowd of the season, 67,816 paying customers, watched New York Yankees cling to first place in the American League by a two-game margin yesterday by swapping 3-2 decisions for an even split with Detroit Tigers.

Skeeter Webb's squeeze play bunt scoring Doc Cramer from third in the ninth inning of the opener gave the Tigers' Stubby Overmire the 3-2 edge over Walt Dubiel, snapping a Yankee eight-game win streak.

Stirnweiss made up for a first-game error in the second tilt driving home two runs with a sixth inning single that gave Al Gettel the edge over Hal Newhouser also 3-2. It was the second time Newhouser was defeated by the Yanks who lost to the Lefty six times in 1944.

Thornton Lee and Russ Christopher exchanged hurling triumphs as Chicago White Sox and Philadelphia Athletics divided a double-header before a holiday crowd of 25,221. The visiting Sox won the first 5-2 and Athletics the second 4-2.

Lee's seven-hitter, backed by a 12-hit attack on Bobo Newsom, gave the Chicago lefthander his sixth victory of the season in the first game.

Christopher gained his seventh this year on a five-hit performance in the nightcap as Bobby Estalella, with a home run, double and single, led an assault that beat Johnny Humphries.

At Boston, with second baseman Ben Steiner playing both the villain and hero roles, the Red Sox lost the first game to Cleveland Indians, 4-3, and then won the nightcap, 7-6.

With two out and two on in the ninth inning of the opener, Steiner gave the Indians their tying run by dropping Jim McDonnell's pop fly, thereby bringing up Pat Seerey, who doubled in manager Lou Boudreau with the clincher.

The Red Sox were trailing 6-1 when Steiner opened Boston's second game eighth inning with a double and then ended a six-run rally by singling with the bases filled to provide the tying and winning tallies.

Baseball Standings

(Not including Wednesday night's games)

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	P	W	L	P.C.
New York	34	22	12	.647
Detroit	30	18	12	.600
Chicago	32	17	15	.531
St. Louis	29	15	14	.517
Cleveland	30	14	16	.467
Boston	34	15	19	.441
Washington	31	13	18	.419
Philadelphia	34	13	21	.382

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	P	W	L	P.C.
New York	37	26	11	.703
Pittsburgh	34	19	15	.559
Brooklyn	36	20	16	.556
St. Louis	36	19	17	.541
Chicago	34	18	16	.529
Cincinnati	32	14	18	.438
Boston	32	13	19	.406
Philadelphia	37	10	27	.270

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

	P	W	L	P.C.
Montreal	32	21	11	.656
Jersey City	26	15	11	.577
Newark	29	15	14	.517
Baltimore	26	13	13	.500
Syracuse	26	12	14	.462
Rochester	26	12	14	.462
Buffalo	27	11	16	.407
Toronto	28	11	17	.393

Reds Tackle Germans In Football Tilt

LONDON, May 30—(Reuters)—A Red Army football team is to meet a German team next Sunday in Berlin, Berlin Radio reported tonight.

"Berlin football clubs are working hard at repairing their grounds," the radio said. "The stadium in the Lehrterstrasse is unscathed and a Red Army football team will meet a picked eleven from Moabit, working class district of the German capital."

Winnipeg Is Training Site For Rangers

(By The Canadian Press)

WINNIPEG, May 30—New York Rangers of the National Hockey League will hold their annual fall training session here this fall, it was announced today by Johnny Petersen, manager of the Ampitheatre rink.

Baseball's Big Six

(By The Associated Press)

(Three leaders in each league):

Player, Club	G	AB	R	H	Pct.
Holmes, Braves	33	143	32	56	.392
Ott, Giants	38	130	30	50	.385
Kurowski, Cards	36	136	28	52	.380
Cuccinello, W. S.	31	109	18	38	.349
Stirnweiss, Yanks	34	132	30	44	.333
Etten, Yankees	34	124	20	40	.323
Stephens, Browns	26	96	22	31	.323

Home Runs: National League, Lombardi, Giants, 12; American League, Stephens, Browns, 8.

Runs Batted In: National League, Lombardi, Giants, 24; American League, R. Johnson, Red Sox, 24.

REMEMBER WHEN

By The Canadian Press

Henry Armstrong, Los Angeles negro, became a three-time in world boxing championship records when he defeated Barney Ross, welterweight, in New York seven years ago tonight. Armstrong was featherweight champion in 1937 and took lightweight honors in 1938. He retired in 1940 but later staged a sensational ring comeback as a lightweight.

NAVAL RATING ARRESTED

HALIFAX, May 30 — (CP) —A Canadian naval rating, Kenneth Bain, (address unavailable) has been lodged in city jail on a charge of committing damage by night by burning one electric street car. His arrest was the first in connection with the burning of a street car and a police patrol during the VE day rioting. The rating, who was arrested by the naval shore patrol and turned over to the local police, is scheduled to appear in city police court tomorrow.

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Baseball Results

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Detroit 101 000 001—3 7 1
New York 200 000 000—2 8 1
Overmire and Swift; Dubiel and Crompton.

Second Game:
Detroit 000 101 000—2 7 0
New York 010 002 00x—3 8 1
Newhouser and Richards; Gettel, Turner and Garbark.

Chicago 110 101 100—5 12 1
Philadelphia 000 000 200—2 7 1
Lee and Tresh; Newsom, Gassaway and George.

Second Game:
Chicago 000 001 010—2 5 1
Philadelphia 000 200 02x—4 11 0
Umphries and Tresh; Christopher and Pruett.

Cleveland 000 001 003—4 8 1
Boston 000 120 000—3 9 3
Gromek, Center, Klieman, Reynolds and Hayes, McConnell; Wilson, Ryba and Garbark.

Second Game:
Cleveland 000 102 030—3 11 1
Boston 000 001 06x—7 15 0
Bagby, Klieman, Center and Hayes; Terry, Judd, J. Johnson, Housmann and Walters, Garbark.

St. Louis 010 100 000 000 0—2 8 1
Washington 000 000 020 000 1—3 8 2
Shirley and Hayworth; Leonard Carasquel, Holborow, Ullrich and Guerra.

St. Louis 000 000 000—0 5 4
Washington 002 020 10x—5 7 1
Potter, Jakucki, Caster and Mancuso; Pieretti and Ferrell.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Philadelphia 000 000 000—0 4 0
Cincinnati 000 021 00x—3 8 1
Wyatt and Mancuso; Heusser and Lakeman.

Second Game:
Philadelphia 032 002 100—8 10 1
Cincinnati 010 020 023—9 13 0
Kennedy, Karl, Lucier, Sproull and Peacock; Lisenbee, H. Fox, Bouser and Unser.

New York 220 120 001—8 13 0
Chicago 303 000 000—6 12 5
Hansen, Emmerich and Lombardi; Wyse, Prim, Passeau and Livingston.

Second Game:
New York 100 010 000— 2 3 1
Chicago 114 122 00x—11 16 1
Voiselle, Harrell, Pyle and Berres, Dekoning; Chipman and Livingston.

Boston 000 000 101 000—2 9 0
St. Louis 100 000 100 002—4 10 2
Logan, Hutchings and Klutz; Wilks, Byerly, C. Barrett, Docking and Rice, O'Dea.

Second Game:
Boston 003 005 001—9 12 0
St. Louis 100 000 100—2 11 2
zTobin and Masi; Burkhardt, Byerly, Jurisich, Partenheimer and O'Dea.

Brooklyn 010 003 001— 5 8 1
Pittsburgh 000 090 40x—13 14 2
King, Seats, Webber, Nitcholas, Hathaway and Sukeforth; Sewell and Salkeld.

Second Game:
Brooklyn 003 513 101—14 14 1
Pittsburgh 030 322 000—10 13 2
Pfund, Gregg and Dantonio; Gerheauser, Rescigno, Gables, Butcher, Cuccurullo and Lopez, Salkeld.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

Jersey City 000 000 510—6 9 2
Newark 003 000 000—3 6 3
Mellis and Daues; MacKay, Ockey, Piccirillo, Mistos and Taylor.

Second Game:
Jersey City 000 000 000—0 7 1
Newark 000 000 1—1 4 0
Tellier and Clausen; Hiller and Vangrofski.

Syracuse 010 000 0—1 3 2
Baltimore 042 000 x—6 10 0
Katz, Krall and Kerns; Vanslate and Lollap.

Montreal 000 000 4—4 8 2
Rochester 010 001 0—2 4 3
Roy and Todd; Trotter, Koch, Sakas and Pratt.

Toronto 000 000 001— 1 3 4
Buffalo 321 102 02x—11 16 1
Martin, Smola and Lady; Oana and Radakovich.

Second Game:
Toronto 021 061 5—14 12 2
Buffalo 321 340 2—16 20 3
Jordan, Ananicz, Johnson, Cronin, Martin and Lady; Roscoe, Gillespie, Bowman and Modarski.

Montreal 100 100 000—2 7 2
Rochester 732 000 00x—12 9 0
Wurm, Warren, Davis, Tanner and Todd; Shope and McWeeney.

Syracuse 050 000 210 4—12 13 3
Baltimore 014 001 200 0— 8 10 6
(10 innings)
Bebber, Grabowski, Krall and Kerns; Hooks, Smith, Podgajny,

N. Y. Giants, Chicago Cubs Divide Twin Bill

(By The Associated Press)

The National League-leading New York Giants divided with Chicago Cubs in a doubleheader yesterday witnessed by a sellout crowd of 42,565, the Giants taking the opener, 3-6, and the nightcap going to the Cards, 11-2. It was the largest Wrigley Field throng since 1939, with several thousand turned away at the gate.

Bill Voiselle suffered his second setback against eight victories in the afterpiece as he lasted three innings after yielding seven hits, including a three-run homer by Andy Pafko in the third.

In the first game the Giants thumped three Bruin hurlers for 13 hits. Ray Prim, second Cub tosser, was charged with the loss, while Bill Emmerich, who replaced starter Andy Hansen in the third and scattered four hits the rest of the way, was the winner.

At Pittsburgh, Brooklyn stopped the Pirates' nine-game winning streak in the second game of a doubleheader, taking the free-scoring nightcap 14-10. Nine runs in the fifth inning of the first game helped the Pirates to a 13-5 victory before a crowd of 27,029.

Twelve of the 42 runs in the two games came from three-run homers. In the first game, Pittsburgh's Johnny Barrett and Brooklyn's Bill Hart homered with two on. Augie Galan of the Dodgers and Al Gionfriddo of the Pirates duplicated the feat in the second game. Galan drove in six runs in the second game.

Boston Braves staged two stout batting rallies to win the second game of a doubleheader from St. Louis Cardinals 9-2 after losing the first 4-2.

Jim Tobin hurled the Braves' victory and had easy sailing as his mates took a two-run lead in the third inning then salted the affair away in the fifth with another uprising good for five runs.

Cardinals' first baseman Ray Sanders broke a 2-2 deadlock in the 12th inning of the second game with a home run, scoring behind Buster Adams, who had walked.

The Cincinnati Reds took their first doubleheader of the season when Ed Heusser shut out Philadelphia 3-0 in the opener. The Reds grabbed the nightcap after two were out in the ninth when Frank McCormick doubled to score Dain Clay and Woody Williams for a 9-8 victory.

Jeep And Hoop Jr. Flash Racing Form

NEW YORK, May 30 — (AP)— Two strong eastern candidates for the June 9 running of the Kentucky Derby came out of the Wood Memorial at Jamaica today when Jeep and Hoop Jr., won the two sections of the $25,000-added stake. A record crowd of 64,537 sent betting marks soaring to new highs.

Jeep, carrying the famous Eton blue-and-brown-capped silks of Col. C. V. Whitney, won the first division of the 1 1-16-mile stake by three lengths and Hoop Jr., owned by F. W. Hooper, Florida contractor, duplicated the feat in the second section.

The turnout, which surpassed all previous attendance marks in New York, hung up a world wagering mark for seven races by pouring $3,564,151 through the machines, topped the old daily double mark by betting $202,216 and surpassed the state's one-race wagering with a $596,679 figure on the second division of the Wood.

Approximately $130,000 was turned over to various war relief funds as the track's share of the day's net profits.

The times favored Hooper's three-year-old son of Sir Gallahad III as Eddie Arcaro sent Hoop Jr. over the route in 1:45. Jeep, sired by the English Derby winner, Mahmoud, was clocked in 1:45.4, with Arnold Kirkland handling the reins.

Owners of the two winners each picked up $19,025. Jeep was the choice of the crowd that packed the stands, designed to seat only 15,500, and paid $6.20 for a $2 win mutuel. Hoop Jr., with Alexis favored to chalk up his third straight victory, reutrned $15.10 for $2.

Lord Haw Haw Is Recovering

By CHARLES CHAMBERLAIN

LUENEBURG, Germany, May 30 — (AP) — British surgeons, in a simple operation, removed a bullet from William (Lord Haw Haw) Joyce's buttocks today and a report from the British 2nd Army hospital said the renegade British broadcaster would be "quite fit" in several days.

Joyce, who broadcast Nazi propaganda during the war, was under heavy guard in the hospital.

"Haw Haw" captured recently by two British officers who recognized his voice, had been shot when he made what appeared to be a threatening move.

As soon as his condition permits he will be transferred to London by plane.

Grapefruit Juice To Be Available

OTTAWA, May 30 — (CP) — Blended grapefruit and orange juice in cans will be available to Canadian consumers in limited quantities, the Prices Board announced today in a new order establishing ceiling prices on the sale of this product.

The Board said adverse grapefruit crop conditions in the United States and heavy commitments to the armed forces have resulted in a decrease in Canada's allotment of pure grapefruit juice for the year.

To offset this loss of citrus juices and to satisfy Canada's nutritional needs of vitamin "C", the Board has imported a quantity of the blended grapefruit and orange juice, of which a relatively small amount was available.

The price on the blended juice will be higher than the established price of grapefruit juice in keeping with the normal differential between the two types.

EARLY ADVERTISING

Ancient traders advertised their wares by mural inscriptions before printing was invented.

Discuss Local Hospitalization Of War Veterans

The Boards of Governors of both City hospitals, together with members of the Canadian Legion executive, met with Brigadier W. P. Warner, Ottawa, at the City Hall yesterday afternoon. Brigadier Warner, who is director-general of treatment services for the Department of Veterans' Affairs, was present to receive suggestions relative to the establishment in the City of hospitalization facilities for ex-personnel of the Armed Forces. Dr. G. L. Smith presided.

Upon his return to Ottawa, Brigadier Warner will prepare his report for submission to his Department. Today, he consults with the local hospital authorities and Legion executive of Summerside.

N. B. Potato Crop Cleaned Up

SAINT JOHN, N.B., May 30 — New Brunswick's 1944 potato crop is reported almost completely "cleaned up". Most of the stores that still have a few bags to sell are doling them out today in quarter-pecks. A wholesaler estimated today that there isn't a carload of potatoes left in the entire Saint John area.

"I haven't seen a situation like it," another dealer commented, "since the last war, when potatoes went up to $20 a barrel." A shipment of potatoes from the Southern States is reported to be on the way.

As to the cause of the sudden scarcity in New Brunswick, J. K. King, Provincial Deputy Minister of Agriculture, said today that the farmers, with a good crop on their hands, knowing that Ontario and Quebec had a good carry-over, naturally were inclined to sell at current favorable prices available rather than take a chance on being caught at the end of the season with potatoes but without a market. So, apparently, the growers sold out at such a swift pace that New Brunswick's potato reserve dwindled rapidly toward the vanishing point.

He said he had not seen potatoes sold out so quickly for 10 years or more. He felt that if the weather was good from now on, New Brunswick would have a fully satisfactory crop, although it might be harvested a little later than originally expected.

Claims Germans Planned Conquest Of North America

(By The Canadian Press)

MONTREAL, May 30—Charles Herdt, director of the French banking house of L. G. Beaubien of Paris, said in an interview today that the Germans forced the French bank to remain technically in operation to deal with conquered French Canada "after North America had been conquered."

The first French businessman permitted to come to Canada by the French Government since the end of hostilities in Europe, Mr. Herdt said that he was seeking Canadian products for the French market.

"Forty hours after the Germans entered Paris, they came to the Beaubien Company," he said. "They knew much about our business but not enough. I had withdrawn all the available funds previously and hidden them. Consequently we could not operate.

"We were required by the German Banking Administration to issue a monthly statement. I told him we could not operate because we had no funds and I wanted to close the business. He said he wanted it kept open to deal with French Canada after the Germans had conquered North America."

$4,500 Taken From Safe At Airport

Thieves made a big haul last Monday night when they broke into a safe in the accountant's office at No. 2 Air Navigation School, Charlottetown, and stole the sum of $4,500.

Apparently, it was an inside job as no civilians, who cannot give good reasons for wishing to get inside the gates, are allowed entrance.

The R C M.P. have been called in to assist the R.C.A.F. service police in the investigation.

Asks Armistice

DAMASCUS, May 30—(Reuters)—The Syrian Mayor of Hama, 110 miles north of Damascus, has appealed to British military authorities to arrange an armistice at Hama for the collection of dead and wounded civilians, estimated to number 200.

In an appeal to the commander of the 9th Army, the Mayor said: "Violent and bloody combat has gone on in Hama since eight o'clock this morning.

"The French are using planes, guns, tanks and armored cars and are bombing the town without mercy. There are more than 100 killed and 100 wounded.

"I beg you to intervene for a cessation of fire for 48 hours to move the dead and wounded and to discuss with the French the question of Hama."

Meeting Of Big Three Necessary

By JAMES F. KING

LONDON, May 30 — (AP) — Joseph E. Davies, president Truman's special envoy, completed a series of conferences in London amid increased indication that only a meeting of the "Big Three" could break deadlocks on European questions confronting Britain, the United States and Russia.

A meeting of the leaders of the three countries was expected to be held shortly after the conclusion of the San Francisco conference, tentatively set for June 6.

Mr. Davies said he would fly to Paris tomorrow for a meeting with Gen. Eisenhower and then return directly to Washington to report to the President on the results of his conferences.

During the day he and the United States Ambassador, John G. Winant, conferred with Soviet ambassador Fyodor Gusev, concluding three days of conferences with Prime Minister Churchill, Foreign Secretary Eden and others members of the British Government.

The discussions included a wide range of subjects preparatory to a meeting of Mr. Truman, Mr. Churchill and Marshall Stalin.

Reports from Moscow said Harry Hopkins, in the Soviet Capital on another special mission for Mr. Truman, had had highly satisfactory conversations on a wide range of subjects with Marshal Stalin and high Russian officials.

Censorship From Europe Relaxed

(By The Associated Press)

ALLIED SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, Paris, May 30—Supreme Headquarters announced today that censorship in the European theatre of operations had been discontinued "except for major troop movements and details connected therewith and such other matters of high military importance as may require reference to the Supreme Commander."

The terse directive was handed down from advanced Supreme Headquarters and surprised the censors themselves as much as the correspondents, for both had been told that the A.S.H. censorship branch expected to maintain a measure of control over all news sent from the theatre for some time.

Marshal Zhukov On Control Commission

LONDON, May 30 — (CP) —The Moscow radio said tonight that Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov had been named Russian representative on the Allied Control Commission for Germany.

Zhukov commanded the 1st White Russian Army Group which captured Berlin and is one of the Soviet Union's greatest military heroes.

Moscow said the appointment completed the membership of the Control Commission which includes Gen. Eisenhower for the United States, Field Marshal Montgomery for Great Britain and Gen. Jean De Lattre De Tassigny for France.

DIED IN GERMAN PRISON

SHEDIAC, N. B., May 30—Dr. and Mrs. J. Clarence Webster have received word that their daughter, Mme. Camille Roche, died in a German prison camp on Jan. 1. She was arrested at her home in France in 1942 after the Gestapo found a letter, which she had written to her father, on the person of a friend who failed in an attempt to escape from France.

Six Months Service Personnel To Return

OTTAWA, May 30 — (CP) — Provisional arrangements have been made to bring home during the next six months all Canadian service personnel with more than six months service overseas, except certain key personnel and occupation troops, Prime Minister Mackenzie King announced last night.

Mr. King's statement followed two other government announcements during the day dealing with demobilization.

Earlier, Air Minister Gibson had announced a program calling for demobilization of about 65,000 R.C.A.F. men, with some of the remaining 100,000 going to the Pacific as volunteers and the rest making up the occupation force in Europe, a replacement group in Britain and an administration and training staff in Canada.

A Pacific pay plan also was announced by Col. Gibson, who said it would work out to about the same as the campaign bonuses for army privates of approximately $10 extra a month.

A Defence Headquarters statement gave details of new discharge regulations under which operational service, wounds, age, service in the first great war and high-point scores will be considered in the point-scoring priority program for repatriating men on the basis of long and hard service.

Mr King's announcement indicated it was planned to bring home during the next six months about 365,000 of the 400,000 Canadian service personnel now overseas and on the Atlantic. This leaves the occupation force in Europe at 35,000. As it has been announced that the Army contingent will be 25,000, this was taken to mean that the additional 10,000 men will be R.C.A.F. personnel.

Chinese Close In On Liuchow

By SPENCER MOOSA

CHUNGKING, May 30 — (AP) — Chinese veterans, hot on the heels of Japanese forces reported to be pulling out of South China, ripped along a 50-mile front tonight toward the great former American air base city of Liuchow, now swept by fires.

Battering seven miles through Japanese fortifications, President Chiang Kai-Shek's battle groups reached the outskirts of the fortified Japanese stronghold of Ishan, 43 miles west of Liuchow, while Japanese were reported to have evacuated points only 38 miles northwest.

Great fires were reported raging in the Kwangsi Province rail hub as the Japanese garrison apparently put the torch to the city yesterday in preparation for ar abandonment, believed planned as part of a general Japanese withdrawal from all South China.

But the Chinese Minister of Information, Dr. Wang Shih-Chieh, warned that although Japan's land bridge to Singapore had been cut, there was no indication that enemy troops in South China would pull out without a desperate fight.

Liuchow is the greatest key in enemy communications in South China. While its recapture would strengthen American air power in the area, Chinese seizure of the city also would shatter the last tenuous links the Japanese still have by land with Indo-China, Burma, Thailand and Malaya.

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