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NAZIS STRIKE AT ANOTHER RUSSIAN OIL FIELD

Shots Are Fired At Police By Quebec Call-up Evaders

Big Show Opened Here Yesterday

Thousands attend Old Home Week Program; Cattle Judging Begins Today

Report Does Not Indicate Number of Cases

Investigations Are Being Conducted, Ottawa Source Indicates

War Situation Last Night

(By EDWARD E. BOMAR, Associated Press War Analyst)

The unchecked drive of Hitler's war machine puts the Germans within sight of attaining one of the prime objectives of their whole Russian campaign—the complete control of the Black Sea as a transportation route.

The day's dispatches report the invaders to be directly imperilling two points on the Black Sea's eastern shore, Novorossiisk and Tuapse, which are almost the last remaining operating bases for the Red fleet.

From the start by war-damaged, overworked railways and by motor trucks over poor and congested roads has been an Axis bottleneck, just as high seas shipping remains the crucial weakness of the United Nations' war effort.

Access to the oil and grain of the Caucasus promises therefore only limited profit to the conquerors unless it includes control of the water route by which bulky cargoes immemorably have been moved between Southern Russia and Europe.

Now Berlin is rejoicing in the prospect of being able to link the Black Sea as a transportation route with the Mediterranean. The Nazis unquestionably hope as well to win Leningrad and with it the entire Baltic sea highway of the north.

As a step to exploit the prospective Black Sea opportunity, a new pipe line is reported now to be under construction inland from the Bulgarian oil of Varna.

Novorossiisk is not yet in Nazi hands, of course, and Ankara dispatches report a belief in the Turkish capital that the rugged Caucasus foothills may make this port a more difficult nut to crack even than Sevastopol, even though Nazi bombers can hammer at the city's defenses from the Crimea, only 70 miles or so distant.

Two Nazi War Prisoners Escape

OTTAWA, Aug. 11 (CP) — Royal Canadian Mounted Police announced here late today the escape of two Germans — One a Nazi merchant seaman and the other a civilian internee — from an internment camp near Fredericton this afternoon.

The men are Heinz Wirtz, Nazi seaman, and Gerhard Knoepfel, 21, a German interned in Canada.

Making the announcement, R.C.M.P. officials said they had no details of the escape.

They described Wirtz as weighing 175 pounds, five feet, nine inches tall, with light brown hair, grey eyes and a fresh complexion.

Knoepfel weighs 165 pounds, stands five feet, nine inches, and has light brown hair, blue-grey eyes and a fresh complexion.

Hunt Underway

MONCTON, N. B., Aug. 11 (CP) — All available men in the Moncton subdivision of the R. C. M. P. have joined in the province-wide hunt for two escaped prisoners from an internment camp near Fredericton.

Inspector Norman Anderson, commanding officer of the sub-division said tonight, Aiding the policemen in their hunt is the famous police dog "Cliffie".

He has taken part in many well known cases in this and other provinces, including the recent Black's Harbor murder. "Cliffie" is in charge of Constable Roy Ellis, of the Moncton detachment.

Further information regarding the wanted men was furnished by Inspector Anderson who said both were wearing blue denim trousers with red stripes down the legs and blue denim waist length smocks marked on the back with red polka dots. When last seen both were wearing blue caps with red bands and heavy black army boots. Neither man carried identification papers of any kind.

Police in N. S. and P. E. I. also were on the alert for the escaped prisoners.

News-Herald Joins The Canadian Press

VANCOUVER, Aug. 11 (CP) — The News-Herald, Vancouver's only morning newspaper, today became a subscriber to the news service provided by the Canadian Press.

The total of dailies receiving the CP service over its coast-to-coast network of leased wires now stands at 90. The Canadian Press also provides its service without charge to the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and, through its subsidiary press news limited, serves 30 private radio stations on a trans-continental radio wire.

Japs Mauled In Aleutians

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11 (AP) — A single bomber attack and a naval force have badly battered Japanese land installations in the Aleutian Islands and resulted in the sinking of one enemy cargo ship and damaging of two others, the United States Navy announced tonight.

The bombardment by cruisers and destroyers—first of its kind in the North Pacific—so surprised the Japs they responded to the first attack with anti-aircraft fire. It was carried out last Saturday simultaneously with initial attacks on Japanese forces in the Solomon Islands more than 4,000 miles to the southwest.

Tonight's navy communique, dealing primarily with a review of attacks, had little to say of the fighting for possession of the Tulagi area of the Solomons except that it was continuing.

Nothing further can be reported at this moment, the navy said.

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Drive 70 Miles Down Rostov-Baku Railway

Enemy claims capture of city only 140 miles short of rich Grozny Oil wells.

(Associated Press Staff Writer) MOSCOW, Aug. 12 (Wednesday) — German troops striking southward in the Caucasus were reported officially today to be only 200 miles from the rich Grozny wells after overrunning the devastated Makhkop oil region in the west.

A communique announced the Germans had reached the Cherkessk area, 70 miles southeast of Makhkop, in a thrust down the Rostov-Baku railway into the Caucasian foothills (Cherkessk, not shown on many maps, apparently is a town often listed as Kursavka).

The Germans have said their troops had captured Pryatorsk, only 140 miles short of Grozny, but there still was no confirmation here of that claim.

German Break-Through

The Russians were fighting "heavy defensive battles both in the Cherkessk and Makhkop areas," the communique said, and the Germans also "broke through our positions."

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Nazis Attain '42 Objective?

ISTANBUL, Aug. 10 (Delayed) — (AP) — The possibility that Germany may already have attained most of her 1942 objectives in Russia and that she may be ready now to halt her offensive on the eastern front and consolidate her positions for the winter was indicated today by a neutral official who, demanding anonymity, claimed direct German information.

Quoting as his informant a Nazi propaganda "inspector" now visiting Turkey on official business, this neutral official said Germany plans to erect an "eastern wall" before the winter and retire behind it with a peace proposal.

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Prince Edward Island's big event of the year got underway at the Provincial Exhibition Grounds yesterday afternoon when one of the largest opening-day crowds attended the Livestock Exhibition and Old Home Week program. People from all sections of the province as well as visitors from other parts of Canada and the United States attended the show.

A great many people were attracted by the excellent displays of livestock, horses, sheep, swine and poultry while thousands more sat in the Grand Stand and Bleachers to watch the horse races and vaudeville show.

Last evening several thousand people were present to see the vaudeville show and other attractions including the big horse show put on by the Charlottetown Riding Club in the brilliantly lit horse arena inside the track. Bill Lynch's midway was in full swing throughout the day and was well patronized by the crowds that milled about this part of the grounds. The grand finale of the show for the day was marked by fireworks last night.

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The disclosure was made by a source closely associated with those enforcing the call-up regulations. He confirmed when asked by a newspaper reporter that a military service evader fired shots in the direction of R. C. M. P. constables delivering similar call-up notices near East Aldfield, Quebec, two weeks ago.

The source declined to reveal how extensive the "resistance" in the Quebec City area had been, except to say that there had been several instances of R. C. M. P. constables being fired upon one of which was "serious." He refused to say whether anyone had been wounded. Investigations are being conducted.

In one case, he revealed, a civilian motor car, resembling that of an R. C. M. P. district automobile, was the target for gunfire.

Discussing the East Aldfield case, he said that two constables had been driving along a country road to deliver notices when shots were fired and one struck the rear of the car. The bullet was found later.

"Evidently," the source added, "the evader who fired the shots thought the constables were after him. They weren't. They were actually delivering notices to other persons. In some cases, men seek to evade the draft by not picking up their mail. When this is done, and they avoid getting their call-up, the notices are delivered in person by the R. C. M. P."

The man who fired the shots wasn't an army deserter, although when the R. C. M. P. delivers notices they have a list of deserters and keep an eye out for them too.

He declined to say whether any arrests had been made in the Quebec City or East Aldfield cases.

Diplomatic Exchange Liner Sailed Yesterday

RIO DE JANEIRO, Aug. 11 (AP) — The diplomatic exchange liner Grifsholm, returning Canadians and Americans from Japanese territories, departed for New York today with no stops scheduled en route.

A veteran of attacks on Berlin, Cologne, Essen, Hamburg, Kiel and Rostock, Green took over the controls of a bomber when his captain fell ill after an attack on the Ruhr and, under instructions from the skipper, flew it back to its base, where it landed safely.

Five Airmen Die In Crash

DEBERT, N. S., Aug. 11 (CP) — Five airmen, four of them Canadians and one Australian, were killed in the crash of a Royal Air Force bomber on the Dalhousie Mountain, near Seabush, Pictou County, the R. A. F. announced today.

Names of three of the men killed were released but identity of the next-of-kin have not been notified. The three whose names were released were:

PO, Amos Rogers, staff observer, Fielding, N. B., whose wife lives in Truro, N. S.

PO, Kenneth Hobson, observer, whose mother, Mrs. H. Hobson, lives at 621 Sixth Avenue North, Saskatoon.

Sgt. Arnold William Cooke, wireless-air gunner, whose mother lives at 513 Birch Avenue, St. Lambert, Que.

The plane became missing on a training flight from this airport yesterday and was located on the isolated mountain, some 40 miles northeast of here. A ground party of the crash and found the bodies.

While the plane was missing, an appeal for residents of the Maritime region to report any trace of the aircraft was broadcast over radio stations.

Four Sentenced To Penitentiary

SAINT JOHN, N.B., Aug. 11 (CP) — Penitentiary terms of two years were imposed upon Kenneth Sleight, Ora Garland, Leo Gallant and Roland Alberts following pleas of guilty to charges of breaking and entering a tourist cabaret at the reversing falls and stealing cigarettes and cash to the value of \$35 when they appeared in Fairville Police Court before Magistrate G. Earle Logan today.

The break was made on the night of Aug. 4. The same night a car was stolen from the New Brunswick used car exchange, Rothessay Avenue.

Reserve Army Chief Sees Civilian Soldiers

With all the easy informality of an old soldier, Maj.-Gen. B. W. Browne, Director-General of the Reserve Army, established his popularity with both the Active and Reserve Armies in Prince Edward Island yesterday during inspections at the Victoria Park Camp and at No. 62 C.A.B.T.C.

Tony "Chilly" Downe, a St. Peter's Bay member of the 17th (R) Armored Regt., P.E.I.H., declared "I'm seventeen, sir," as the optical general lowered his binoculars and yesterday during inspections at the Victoria Park Camp and at No. 62 C.A.B.T.C.

Accompanied by Brigadier W. W. Foster, D.S.O., V.D., commanding Military District No. 6, and Lieut. Col. F. C. Hastings, M.C., general staff officer, Maj.-Gen. Browne saw the troops in training at Victoria Park and later inspected them in an afternoon ceremonial parade.

Lieut. Col. G. Elliott Pull, V.D., A.D.C., was in command of the parade. Other senior officers taking part were Lieut. Col. W. W. Joiner, D.C.M., and Lieut. Col. Keith Rogers, representing respectively the 17th (R) Armored Regt., P.E.I.H., the 20th (R) Field Battery, R.C.A., and the 6th (R) District Signals, R.C.C.S.

Approximately 500 Reserve Army troops participated in demonstration, while an additional 450 Active Army trainees paraded at No. 62 C.A.B.T.C. under Lieut. Col. F. I. Anderson, M.M., in a ceremonial inspection and march past.

Maj.-Gen. Browne visited the barracks, mess halls, cookhouses and administrative buildings. Frequent stoppages to talk with individual men, he achieved an excellent insight to Army work being done.

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Hearings Open Here Aug. 25

OTTAWA, Aug. 11 (CP) — The Board of Transport Commissioners announced today it will open its Maritime hearings in Charlottetown Aug. 25. A later hearing will be held at Sydney, N.S., and possibly there will be a hearing at Halifax.

The hearings, into complaints about railway rates are to be conducted by Chief Commissioner J. A. Cross, assisted by Commissioners G. A. Stone and F. M. MacPherson.

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News Briefs

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LONDON, Aug. 11 (CP) — Nazi raiders flew in low from the sea and dropped high explosives and incendiaries on a southwest coast town tonight. A number of direct hits damaged buildings, including a church, in the brief raid. A number of casualties were reported.

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