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CHURCHILL INSPECTS CAPTURED TRIPOLI

Complete Shake-up In Italian Cabinet

Stalin Predicts Victory Shortly

LONDON, Feb. 6—(Saturday)—(CP)—Premier Joseph Stalin has sent a message to President Roosevelt expressing his conviction that "joint military operations of the armed forces of the United States of America, Great Britain, and the U.S.S.R., in the near future will bring about victory over our common enemy," a Moscow dispatch said early today.

This message, which replied to Mr. Roosevelt's congratulations on the Russian victory at Stalingrad, was disclosed as two Russian communiques recorded by the Soviet Monitor here continued to tell of sweeping Red Army gains all along the 1941 German defence line in Russia.

The Red Army was reported within 22 miles of Kursk, 45 miles from Belgorod, and only 50 miles from Kharkov. These are the three main German positions in Southern Russia since they were evacuated directly by Soviet troops who captured about 30 miles to the southeast.

The Friday midnight bulletin said the Russians south of Rostov were advancing and the Reuters News Agency Stockholm report said that Bataisk, 10 miles south of the key city, had fallen.

In the Caucasus the Germans in the "Krasnodar-Novorossiisk" areas had been cut off from their pivot base of Rostov to the north, and the Red Army now is engaged in the beginning of another annihilating offensive against the German positions at Voronezh and at Stalingrad.

Rostov still is firmly held, but the battle for that city now is believed to be well under way. Some estimates say the Nazis have 250,000 troops concentrated there, but these men are encircled, not only by a "tree-stump" drive by the Russians but by the Red Army sweep in the west. The city has been cut off from great segments of Rostov's rear communications.

In the Kuybyshev area of this Ukrainian sweep the Red Army still is reported to have captured a number of additional populated places yesterday, seizing eight heavy enemy guns, two train stores, 20 trucks, three locomotives and 45 freight cars.

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Mussolini Ousts Ciano From Cabinet

THOROUGH HOUSECLEANING FOLLOWING REVERSES IN RUSSIA AND AFRICA.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5—(AP)—In a thorough house-cleaning following the loss of Italy's African Empire and Axis reverses in Russia, Mussolini today ousted his Foreign Minister son-in-law, Count Galeazzo Ciano, who had held the post since 1938 and at one time was considered Mussolini's successor as head of Fascist Italy.

Mussolini himself took over the Foreign Ministry, said a Rome radio broadcast recorded by the Associated Press, and Ciano was given an empty honorary position in the Fascist Grand Council.

Il Duce already held the War, Navy, Air and Interior portfolios, and on Jan. 31 had dismissed Marshal Benito Mussolini as chief of the Italian General Staff, appointing in his place Gen. Vittorio Ambrosio, head of the Italian Army Staff.

A London dispatch earlier quoted information reaching Allied quarters that Crown Prince Umberto of Italy had been appointed commander of all remaining Italian divisions in Russia. Some observers said that might be a move by Mussolini to retire the Prince and let him become a focal point for the Axis.

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War Situation Last Night

(By Kirke L. Simpson, Associated Press War Analyst)

Smouldering rains in Tunisia make it possible that late February will see the first crucial fight for the meagre Naal held on the south shore of the Mediterranean but the theatre of action is not yet clearly defined.

The locale depends on many factors. Among them is the real purpose of Rommel's flight from Egypt, Libya and Tripolitania.

He has fled more than 1,000 miles, abandoning without a stand one strong defensible position after another, to gain the shelter of the French-built Mareth defence line in southern Tunisia. What is left of his veteran corps of desert fighters now appears huddling there but whether he intends to stand there is questionable.

There is no authoritative information as to the numerical strength or battle equipment still available to Rommel. Most military observers seem agreed that, even allowing for the reinforcements poured across the Mediterranean, the aggregate Axis strength in all Tunisia probably is less than 200,000 fighting men.

If that is true, and if Rommel is in fact preparing to make his first stand since El Alamein on the Mareth line, he and his colleague Axis commander in the north, von Arnim, face a seemingly impossible task. Faced by vastly superior Allied strength, they are proposing to attempt defence of a Tunisian coastal strip roughly 250 miles long and averaging 50 miles wide.

Allies Score Air Victory

INTERNATIONAL AT A GLANCE (By The Canadian Press) ITALY—Mussolini ousts Ciano as Foreign Minister, takes post himself.

RUSSIA—Stalin, in message to Roosevelt, expressed confidence in early Allied victory; Red Armies reach within 22 miles of Kursk, 45 miles of Belgorod and 50 miles of Kharkov, three main Nazi positions in Southern Russia, besides Rostov.

WESTERN FRONT—R.A.F., U.S.A.F. raid Spezia and Turin arsenals, German heavy industries in Ruhr and submarine nest at Lorient, France.

NORTH AFRICA—Churchill inspects captured Tripoli; Allied aircraft destroy 26 enemy fighters, damage 28 others as land action remains quiet.

WESTERN PACIFIC—Allies destroy three Jap merchantmen off Ambon in Netherlands East Indies, kill 120 more Japs in New Guinea.

Use Of Axis Prisoners For Farm Labor WASHINGTON, Feb. 5—(AP)—Axis war prisoners to be used in the United States next summer to help to produce the food that Allied fighting men will need to crush the enemy.

Funeral Of Naval Minister's Mother PORT HOOD, N.S., Feb. 5—(CP)—Hundreds of townspeople today attended the funeral of Mrs. Veronica Macdonald, mother of Navy Minister Macdonald, who died at her home here this week.

Printing Ration Books Big Job

OTTAWA, Feb. 5—(CP)—Ration administration officials of the Prices Board today termed as "probably the biggest printing job ever tackled in Canada" the production of the new ration books which are soon to be issued to Canadians.

Ten companies were engaged by the King's printer to publish the 17-page book with its specially-dyed sheets of green, pink, orange and grey paper, the Prices Board said.

The new book contains six more pages than the old and differs from it chiefly in that the design of each coupon is more distinctive and of more uniform size, with a pattern which includes a small maple leaf in each corner.

"The special dyes will be difficult, if not impossible, to duplicate or copy," the Board said. "When detached from the page, the single coupon resembles a stamp."

"Twelve million copies are being issued. Weighing 270 tons they would fill nine box cars. Piled singly they would reach 11 miles in the air, and their 14,000,000 pages would form a ribbon more than 3 1/2 inches wide stretching five times across Canada."

Each book contains one green sheet of tea and coffee coupons, one pink sheet of sugar coupons, two purple sheets of butter coupons, four buff sheets of spare "A" one blue sheet of spare "B" two sheets of instruction regarding canning sugar, one application for canning sugar, a return postcard and change-of-address card.

Consumers of rationed commodities must fill in the detachable card at the back of ration book no. 1, the Board said. "This card must be completed with name and address; and if under 16 years; serial number of the book and signature of the holder; and must be presented with the present rationbook to those in charge of distribution throughout Canada between Feb. 16 and March 1."

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Thanks 8th Army For Its Victories

BRITISH PRIME MINISTER LEFT BY PLANE FRIDAY FOR UNANNOUNCED DESTINATION.

CAIRO, Feb. 6—(Saturday)—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill left Tripoli by plane early Friday for an unknown destination after spending Wednesday and Thursday in the captured Libyan capital.

CAIRO, Feb. 6—(Saturday)—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill flew to Tripoli on Wednesday and thanked the British 8th Army for its achievements, it was announced early today.

He made a ceremonial entry into the city Thursday morning after spending Wednesday night at the headquarters caravan of Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, commander of the 8th Army.

In bright sunlight he reviewed British tanks lined up along the street from the sea front to the main piazza. Their panes flying, the line of tanks stretched for a mile. Crowds lined the streets to greet Mr. Churchill's procession.

The Prime Minister landed at Castel Benito airfield south of Tripoli where more than 1,000 miles from Cairo late Wednesday afternoon. Speaking from a hilltop he said he had come to thank all men of the 8th Army, Allied air forces and other units who had taken part in the campaign in the name of the King, the British Government and the whole people.

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News Briefs

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS—IN AUSTRALIA, Feb. 5—(Saturday)—(CP)—Three Japanese warships reported sunk or destroyed or badly damaged by bombers off Ambon, the high command announced today.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5—(AP)—German radio reporters, anxiously tapping a fertile field of rumor in the Portuguese Capital of Lisbon, today reported a meeting with Prime Minister Churchill is planning a meeting with Premier Antonio de Oliveira Salazar of Portugal and Gen. Francisco Franco of Spain might join them.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Feb. 5—(AP)—Gen. Henri Giraud, French High Commissioner in North Africa, today abolished the "Imperial Council" created by the late Admiral Darlan and set up in its stead a body called the "War Committee."

LONDON, Feb. 5—(CP)—Edward Henry (Harry) Crockett, Associated Press War Correspondent who loved the ships and reported events of the peace and war, has died of wounds received in the torpedoing of a British warship off the Mediterranean coast, the Admiralty announced today.

CHUNGKING, Feb. 5—(AP)—China began today an official three-day holiday in celebration of the treaties of Jan. 11 whereby Britain and the United States renounced extraterritorial rights for their nationals in China.

The dates were chosen to coincide with the new year season according to China's ancient Lunar calendar, which begins today. The holidays would be concurrent with the new year season according to China's ancient Lunar calendar, which begins today. The holidays would be concurrent with the new year season according to China's ancient Lunar calendar, which begins today.

Ch'Town Man Is Graduate

CALGARY, Feb. 5—(CP)—"Sparks" were presented yesterday by Group Capt. R. Owen, Officer Commanding No. 2 Wireless School, R.C.A.F. Calgary to a large class of graduation students.

Coming Events

- \*Skate East Royalty rink tonight 8 to 10 p.m. 2-5-11
\*Reserve February 16th for Cornwall-York Point Concert in Hall. 2-5-11.
\*Nurses' Alumnae Rummage Sale, St. James Hall, Saturday, Feb. 6, 6:30 p.m. 2-5-11.
\*Kinkora Hall Friday night, February 12th, Bingo and dance. Mulligan Orchestra. 2-5-10.
\*Pantry Sale Sisters of Monday, Saturday, February 16th. Holmans, 3 F. M. 2-5-10-11.
\*Pantry sale at Holman's Saturday, Feb. 6, 3 o'clock. Princess Elizabeth Group Auxiliary, EBP, St. Church. 2-5-11.
\*Leading live hogs at source every Monday all day. Bignold to Dingwell. 2-5-11.
\*Car of No. 1 feed oats, bagged due to arrive February 14th. Book orders now. Fulton Warren, North River. 1-5-11.
\*Borden line shipping club holding hogs at Albany Tuesday 12 to 1:30. Secretary, George Mackay. 2-5-11-12.
\*NOTICE—Annual meeting of the Stanley Bridge Dairying Co. Tuesday, February 9th at 3 o'clock (in Masonic Hall Stanley Bridge). Walter S. Weeks, Secretary. 2-5-11.
\*Buying pigs at Fredericton Monday, Charlottetown Market Square, Tuesday, 11 A.M. Paying \$2.00 a pair for good pigs over 24 each. Will also buy smaller. 1-5-11.



THIS RAIN MAKES IT EASIER TO START THE NEXT CONVERSATION

High tide this afternoon at 1 and tonight at 11. Sun sets this evening at 6:15 and rises tomorrow morning at 8:13. First quarter moon Feb. 11, 8:40 p.m. Summer tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.
CAR FERRY SERVICE DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY
From Borden—Leave 9:05 a.m. 11:40 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Leave Cape Tormentine—10:30 a.m. 1:15 p.m. 3:45 p.m. 5:45 p.m. 8:15 p.m.
DAILY AIR SERVICE (EXCEPT SUNDAY) Charlottetown Summerside—Moncton
Leave Charlottetown 8:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.
Arrive Charlottetown 1 p.m. 5:45 p.m. 7:55 p.m.

February Special! WAR STAMPS. 25¢ at your GROCER'S. SALLA TEA