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REDS SMASH INTO PRE-WAR RUMANIA

Open Letter To Island Farmers From Ontario

WATERLOO, Ont., March 19 — T. Howard James, president of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture to-day issued the following open letter to publication.

"An open letter to farmers of Prince Edward Island. Will you help a thousand fellow Canadian farmers to secure the Cobble seed potatoes they need for planting this spring? You have the potatoes available, and you are willing to sell and ship at only two or three cents over the cost of the seed. The rest of the seed is loaded with table potatoes, turnips and other foodstuffs. You as farmers will understand the situation, and you will be only a few weeks at the most, sometimes a few days at the most in a whole year when a crop of any kind can be planted profitably. With us that time comes the first half of April. If we miss it then we must wait another year to get somebody down your way doesn't realize this. Your Premier, Mr. Walter Jones, either isn't a farmer, or he is one of those rare ones who don't give a thought for their fellow farmers. Your Mr. Hamilton is evidently thinking in terms of the big money, and he is better off than never. Seed is either on time or never.

"I am a lot of business men, shippers of products which can be used now, or just as well next week or the week after, don't realize that they may be getting some of our farmers back a whole year by insisting that their goods move now, even though seed potatoes are in the hands of the farmers."

Yours Truly,
T. Howard James, President
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British Sloops Score Victory Over U-Boats

Few Germans Remain In Battered Cassino Now

By JOSEPH MORTON

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Today's communique said the 5th army had occupied all of the town "except the extreme western tip."

But the Germans still were lunging out in the nearby heights, with a new but unsuccessful assault on the castle hill which they took and lost again Saturday night. A smaller hill farther north was seized by the Germans from Indian troops.

United States heavy bomber squadrons and escort pilots alone bagged 122 Nazi aircraft in the strike at Cassino, said the communique. Sixty planes out of the air, while seven others were picked out of squadrons hitting at Allied troops to back up the German's bloody, furious defence of Cassino, headquarters said.

On the Anzio beachhead, 80 miles to the northwest, artillery fire destroyed a number of German tanks and a self-propelled gun north of Carroccio, and anti-aircraft gunners shot down two planes during German night attacks—raising the day's toll for the Luftwaffe to 132 planes.

To the east, British 8th army troops repulsed patrol thrusts and engaged in skirmishes. Canadian corps troops in that sector met somewhat stiffer opposition than usual in their patrols.

Medium bombers hit the rail yards at Poligno and Orvieto north of the Anzio beachhead, and other mediums lashed at bridges near Orvieto and at Foggioboni, 20 miles south of Florence.

Six Raiders Sunk In New Record Cruise

LONDON, March 19 — (AP) — Five British naval sloops have scored the war's greatest single-raid victory of the battle of the Atlantic by sinking six U-boats within 20 days, the Admiralty announced today in acclaiming the triumph as a modern battle of Trafalgar.

Five of the undersea marauders were sent to the bottom of the North Atlantic, with their entire crews and the sixth victim's crew of 51 was captured before it was sunk by gunfire after having been driven to the surface with depth charges.

Only one of the light, speedy craft failed to return from the record cruise — H. M. S. Woodpecker, which foundered in heavy weather after suffering a torpedo hit. But even that loss was tempered with the announcement that every member of her crew was saved.

The four surviving sloops returned to Liverpool recently to a gala and noisy welcome. The bands blaring out the submarine hunters' theme song, "A Hunting We Will Go" and to the personal plaudits of A. V. Alexander, first lord of the Admiralty.

Alexander told the 800 officers and men of the victorious sloops KLV, Magpie, Starling, Wildgoose and the ill-fated Woodpecker that theirs "was the greatest cruise yet made by any of our ships."

"In this cruise," he said, "you have created a record in having sunk them and truly — there is no doubt about them — six German U-boats."

"If you take for example any victory you secure over a great pack of U-boats that have from time to time numbered as many as 20 or more you are, in fact, in the battle of Trafalgar, and plucking more deadly weapons from our side against more deadly weapons from the other side than was possible at that time.... done. Thank you so much and God bless you."

The victory in which Hitler lost some 300 of his best U-boats, personnel was scored by vessels which average little more than 1,000 tons apiece and have an average complement of 125 officers and men.

Alexander had special praise for Capt. J. (Johnny) Walker, holder of the Distinguished Service Order with two bars and the Royal Navy's champion U-boat killer, who led the patrol on its 5,000 mile cruise. His group has accounted for 17 enemy submarines sunk and other damaged.

The first of the six record kills was made 300 miles west of Ireland, and all were made on U-boats either lurking near or stalking convoys.

Others of the wolf-pack gangs were damaged by the little sloops, but the cautious Admiralty crediting the victory only when great areas of oil at sea were seen after a pattern of death charges had shaken the depths of the Atlantic.

War Situation Last Night

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON
Associated Press War Analyst

The advent of spring is at hand in Europe and the war is rising on all fronts, east, south and west to stamp it as the crisis season.

Within the scope of the spring and summer months ahead lies the answer to the fundamental anti-American war concept—smash Hitler first, then turn all-out against Japan. Full Russian concurrence with that basic principle of strategy has been proved, even though Russia's ultimate role against Japan as well as Germany cannot yet be certainly stated.

Moscow and Tokyo still are bound by their non-aggression pact. A year ago it was a vital element in Russian policy since Nazi invaders were infesting Leningrad and still threatening Moscow.

Twelve months have reversed the picture. It is Japan that now finds salvation in that dubious peace deal with Russia—salvation from encirclement and from immediate close-range air attack from bases in Siberia.

Even so, Japanese Pacific defenses have been punctured fatally. In Burma Nipponese hopes of preventing Allied rearmings of China as a prime base for attack are withering.

Events of the last weeks and months in the Asiatic war theatre leave no doubt that the war tide has turned as definitely there as in Europe despite Allied concentration on the hit-Hitler-first slogan.

They invite conjecture that behind recent communique and going of American commanders in the Pacific theatre for Washington conference lie preparations to speed up the war against Japan now.

It is in Europe, however, that the key conception of Allied military planning at Tehran is coming to fruition with the spring. Day by Day the pattern of military and related political moves which was decided upon there is becoming clearer, soaring toward the climax of power blows against the common foe foretold in the Churchill-Roosevelt-Stalin announcement.

Whether Germany can be knocked out of the war before another winter falls over Europe none can say. But there is every prospect that within the open months ahead the review of total Allied victory can and will be so certainly developed that neither Germany nor European neutrals can doubt the outcome.

Local Airways Company Plans Post-War Expansion

Maritime Central Airways is looking forward to extending its service in the post war period to include practically all Maritime centres capable of supporting an air service, it was learned from Capt. Carl Burke, manager of the company who returned Saturday from the annual meeting of the organization at Montreal. Capt. Burke said he reported to the directors on applications made by the company for applications made by the company.

In addition to regular air service the company has made application to operate helicopter feeder service from all communities in all three Maritime Provinces to connect with its regular schedule from large centres.

Definite routes on which the company made application to operate a regular air service include the following: Charlottetown and New Glasgow — Halifax; Halifax — Greenwood — Saint John; Moncton — Fredericton — Saint John.

In addition they would establish service to any other place in the Maritimes where traffic warranted.

Capt. Burke said the company was anticipating using men now serving with air force in its post-war expansion plans.

At present the company operates a Charlottetown — Summerside — Moncton and a Moncton — Saint John service.

Nazis Retreat Rapidly On 31-Mile Front

LONDON, March 19 — (AP) — Thousands of Russian troops smashed into pre-war Rumania on a 31-mile front today, crossing the Dniester river and capturing 40 Bessarabian villages in hot pursuit of German-Rumanian legions shattered that they left bridges intact.

Moscow announced tonight.

The Russians were cutting down Germans and Rumanians by the thousands, Moscow said, blocking their escape routes, hurling them into the broad Dniester to die, and capturing great quantities of German tanks, guns, and other equipment.

Huge German forces falling back in the Odessa sector, far to the southeast, appeared to face a major disaster as the Russians pouring into Bessarabia headed for the Danube estuary in an effort to block their retreat into lower Rumania.

In pre-war Poland the Russians also lashed out to topple Kremenes, hilltop fortress 70 miles northeast of Lwow, and swept on to take one village only 60 miles from Lwow.

Information reaching London indicated that the Dniester crossing and other Russian conquests were having a stunning effect on Rumanian's already low war spirit.

Moscow's communique announcing the victorious culmination of the Soviet winter campaign listed 365 localities taken by three big Red armies attacking on a broad front from inside pre-war Poland down to the Black Sea.

The capture of Kremenes, hilltop fortress 70 miles northeast of Lwow, vital Axis communications centre in pre-war Poland, was among the important victories of the day.

But the greatest strategic stroke for the Russians, both militarily and politically, was the successful crossing of the Dniester near Yampol, and the overland strike toward Bucharest, capital of the Axis-allied but wavering Rumania.

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Report Nazis To Build Second Atlantic Wall

MADRID, March 19 — (AP) — Field Marshal Gen. Karl Von Rundstedt, German commander in Western Europe, has ordered the immediate construction of a second "Atlantic Wall" to strengthen the first line of fortifications set up to oppose the coming Allied invasion, advisers from France said today.

Von Rundstedt's reported decision to double the 15 mile deep line of defences along France's exposed Atlantic and English channel and North Sea coast lines apparently was taken following a recent tour of inspection along the entire coast from Holland to Spain.

A number of dispatches from occupied territory during the last few days show that the Germans feel invasion day is not many weeks off.

Two Killed In Crash At Pennfield

FREDERICTON, March 19 — (CP) — Two airmen were killed and four other occupants of an R. C. A. F. plane from Pennfield, N.S., were taken to Fredericton military hospital after the aircraft crashed and burned in a field at Scotch Settlement, near here.

Next of kin have been notified and the names will be released shortly.

Britain Using Rocket Guns Against Planes Since 1939

LONDON, March 19 — (AP) — Britain disclosed officially Saturday night that she has been using rocket guns effectively against German planes since the very outset of the war.

While this was the first official announcement of the rocket guns and included details never hitherto mentioned, an unofficial report on their use against German raiders was allowed to be cabled to North America Feb. 24. That report included mention that five years of work had gone into the device and the tests had been made in Jamaica.

Saturday night's announcement said the rockets are in use "in various theatres" and the rocket fuel was being made in the United States was a clear sign that the American army also is using rocket guns.

The rocket barrage touches off virtually an umbrella of explosives—and in some respects is even a more terrifying sound than the crash of bombs. Even blizzard-hardened veterans find it hard to distinguish the rockets from the sound of bombs by their roar.

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Army Announces Promotion Of Local Officer

OTTAWA, March 19 — Captain A. W. Rogers, of Charlottetown serving overseas with the Canadian Infantry Corps, has been promoted to the rank of major, National Defence Headquarters at Ottawa announced today.

Mr. Rogers was appointed a lieutenant in the Active Army shortly after the outbreak of war. His mother is Mrs. Ethel Rogers, 76 Upper Prince street, Charlottetown.

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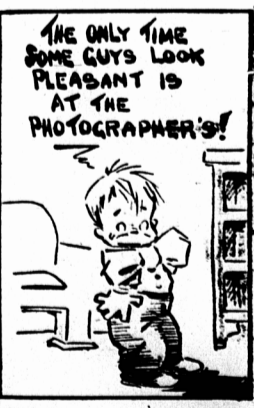
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Two other Prince Edward Island farmers are also leaving for Ontario, tomorrow, J. Lincoln Dewar of New Perth and Colby Lewis of Freeport. They are going on a cattle-purchasing trip for the Holstein-Friesian Association.

Mr. Hamilton and Mr. McLaren were lucky on their trip. They made good time with the horses until they reached Alexandria, about six miles away from Charlottetown when they got a drive in on a motor vehicle.

They said the road was open to motor traffic from Charlottetown to their homes, but the road was difficult for cars and it was hard to keep in deep cuttings. A snow plow was at the Vernon River yesterday to clear drifts from a brief storm Saturday night.

British Big Guns Fire At Nazi Ships

LONDON, March 20 — (Monday) — (CP) — British big guns, more than 50 saloons at enemy shipping attempting to sneak through Dover Strait early today. Results of the shelling were undetermined.

German batteries based across the channel returned the British fire, and the duel continued for more than an hour. The shell warning in the Dover area sent hundreds of resident ice shelters.

Manages Fire Air Base

LONDON — (CP) — The Marquis of Headfort has been appointed manager of the British Overseas Airways Corporation base at Foynes, the big flying boat landing ground on the River Shannon in western Ireland. The Marquis, 42, was released from the army for the post.

King Peter, Greek Princess To Wed

WASHINGTON, March 19 — (AP) — King Peter of Yugoslavia and Princess Alexandra, daughter of the late King Alexander of Greece, will be married tomorrow in London, the Yugoslav embassy announced tonight.

Witnesses for the wedding will be King George of Great Britain, godfather of the bride, groom, and King George II of Greece.

Guests will include Queen Elizabeth, King Haakon of Norway, Crown Prince Olaf of Norway, Queen Wilhelmina and Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands, the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, the Duchess of Kent and the Princess Tomi and Andre of Yugoslavia, brothers of King Peter.

Four Drowned

ST. JOHN'S Nfld., March 19 — (CP) — Four persons were drowned Friday when a truck loaded with spectators watching horse races on frozen Quidi Vidi Lake puffed through the ice.

Mrs. Bridget McGrath, who was sitting in the cab of the truck, lost her life with Wallace Smith, 13, and two brothers named Denine, 12 and 14 years old.

The woman's body was recovered when the truck was hauled to the shore of the lake, just outside St. John's. Search continued for the boys whom they were reported missing from their homes, and their bodies were found Saturday.

Other occupants of the vehicle were rescued by police.

Roman Catholic Church Burned

ENFIELD, N.S., March 19 — (CP) — St. Bernard's Roman Catholic Church here was destroyed today by a fire that broke out while the building was filled with worshippers attending Mass.

From the altar, Father A. J. Devine announced to the congregation that the building was on fire and the parishioners fled out calmly. None was injured.

The fire started in the basement of the church, which was almost a century old. Volunteers kept the flames from spreading to the adjoining rectory. The loss was estimated at \$15,000.

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