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To all who persevere in spite of overwhelming difficulties the way grows plain, new possibilities are seen and wider horizons rise before them.

AMERICAN FLEET DEALS HEAVY BLOW TO JAPS

Soviets Drive Wedge Into German Lines Sinks 8 Ships Damages Four; Downs 6 Planes

House Applauds Progress Report On Canada's Navy

Minister forecasts 500 unit navy with 44,000 personnel by next March. Present development far exceeds estimate.

Drive seeks To lift siege Of Leningrad

Nazis Use Many Aircraft In Attempt To Turn Tide; Activity Mounts.

War Situation Last Night

(By KIRKE L. SIMPSON, Associated Press War Analyst)

British seizure of the French naval base on Madagascar means that the United Nations are preparing to call a halt on Japanese aggression in the Indian Ocean and are paving the way for an ultimate two-front counter-attack, there and in the Pacific.



Capt. J. Cary Jones, above has been named chief of staff by Admiral Herbert F. Leary, commander under General MacArthur, of United Nations naval forces in the southwest Pacific.

U. S. losses only three planes; Battle was fought off the Solomon Islands.

(By J. F. Sanderson, Canadian Press Staff Writer) WASHINGTON, May 7—(CP)—In a major sea battle off the Solomon Islands, the American fleet dealt a heavy blow to the Japanese navy, sinking eight ships, damaging four more and destroying six planes, it was announced today by the navy department.

Viscount Gort To command At Malta

LONDON, May 7—(Friday)—(CP)—Viscount Gort, Commander-in-Chief of Gibraltar, has been named Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the bomb-battered island of Malta, it was announced today.

On To Berlin This Time Benes Urges

LONDON, May 7—(CP)—Edvard Benes, former president of Czechoslovakia, declared in a speech tonight that "this time it will be necessary for the allied troops to march to Berlin and urged the United Nations to prepare their armistice conditions now.

Singapore surrendered Feb. 15 but its fate had been foreshadowed as British forces back-tracked down the Malay Peninsula under Japanese hammering. It seems clear that the reshufling of British and probably American sea power to provide the force now concentrated in northern Madagascar waters began even before the actual fall of Singapore island.

Stuttgart Bombed for Third time

LONDON, May 7—(CP)—The southern German manufacturing city of Stuttgart was bombed by the R.A.F. last night for the third successive night in a continuing offensive against the important aviation and electrical industries centered there.

American losses in the battle, fought three days ago and authoritatively regarded here as possibly the first in a general naval encounter, were only three planes. Meanwhile, in separate actions, American submarines in the Far East have sunk two Japanese cargo ships and a tanker bringing to more than 230 the number of Japanese ships sunk or damaged since the attack on Pearl Harbor.

International At A Glance

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC—U. S. naval forces destroy eight Jap ships, including light cruiser, two destroyers, damage others.

CHINA—Jap troops enter China from Burma, advance 85 miles.

MADAGASCAR—Diego Suarez surrenders, Vichy forces fight on elsewhere.

BRITAIN—E. A. F. raids Stuttgart and other enemy targets; cruiser Edinburgh lost.

MOSCOW—Reds drive wedge in Nazi siege lines about Leningrad.

His speech was a preliminary examination of naval affairs of the House in committee of the whole on the war appropriation bill resolution.

Pay and Allowances

Mr. MacDonald said he hoped to announce tomorrow that arrangements had been completed for a parity with those in the army and air force.

The Nazis were using many aircraft in an effort to turn the tide of the land fighting at Leningrad, but they were said to be taking heavy losses. One Red air force unit reported the destruction of seven German planes in a single day.

Japs Make Savage Attacks On Chinese Lines

May be attempting to knock Free China out of war; Drive at great speed along Burma Road.

Likely To Ration Passenger Travel

WASHINGTON, May 7—(AP)—Rationing of passenger travel on railroads and buses was described officially today as "definitely in prospect" for the United States while the Government sent every city of more than 10,000 population a blue-print for efficient use of public and private transportation.

British Cruiser Lost in Nazi Raid on convoys

LONDON, May 7—(CP)—The 10,000-ton cruiser Edinburgh was lost last week in German submarine, surface and air attacks on two British convoys plying the vital Arctic supply route to Russia, the Admiralty announced tonight, but despite the severity of the assaults, spread over several days, the British seamen accomplished their mission with relatively small loss among the other naval and merchant vessels.

Vichy admits Fall of Base

VICHY, May 7—(AP)—Vichy, acknowledging the capitulation of British forces of the big Madagascar naval base of Diego Suarez, nevertheless announced tonight its intention to defend "every other point" on the island.

No Confirmation Japs Invade India

LONDON, May 7—(CP)—Informal sources here said tonight there was no confirmation of Tokyo claims broadcast by the German radio, that Japanese forces from Burma had crossed the Indian border near Palaw and penetrated to within 62 miles of Chittagong.

Substitute For rubber?

PORT ARTHUR, May 7—(CP)—James Pearson, former Kentuckian who joined the Lake Superior regiment here in 1939 and a few months ago received his honorable discharge as a sergeant in the experiments he is conducting will provide a rubber substitute.

To lay keels For Destroyers

OTTAWA, May 7—(CP)—Navy Minister Macdonald told the House of Commons tonight that keels for new Canadian destroyers are expected to be laid in Canadian shipyards within a short time.

War—25 Years Ago Today

MAY 8, 1917—Single British battalion defending Fresnoy in the Arras-Vimy sector forced to withdraw before German attacks. French carried enemy trench lines beyond Chevreux. Liberia broke off relations with Germany.

N. S. Man Dies From Skull Injury

GLACE BAY, N.S., May 7—(CP)—Lawrence Gouthro, 32, of nearby Dominion, died in hospital late today after fractured skull suffered last Sunday. Since Monday, Ignatius MacIntyre of Dominion had been held without bail on a charge of assault on Gouthro, whose father lodged the charge.

Requests Quebec Gov't to oppose Conscription

QUEBEC, May 7—(CP)—The Legislative Assembly will vote before the end of the present session to express the wish that the Federal Government will retain its voluntary enlistment system and will not impose conscription for overseas service, it was announced tonight by Cyrille Dumaine (Lib.-Bagot).

News Briefs

LONDON, May 8—(Friday)—(CP)—An air raid alarm was sounded in an area in the outskirts of London after midnight but no planes were heard immediately and there was no gunfire.

Two Islanders To get Degrees

HALIFAX, May 7—(CP)—Dalhousie University announced tonight the following students are among those recommended for degrees at the May 12 convocation: Science: Doris Simmonds, Charlottetown; and John Matthew, Souris, P.E.I.

Big Madagascar Naval Base in Allied hands

LONDON, May 7—(AP)—British troops and warships took possession today of the island's great naval harbor of Diego Suarez after two days of brisk fighting and began negotiating the terms of a surrender by which they hoped to obtain the peaceful capitulation of all that Vichy French island.

Coming Events

- Play—Mt. Stewart Legion Hall Friday, 5-5-31.
- Red Cross Show, Yeo's Theatre Monday, Matinee 4 P. M., 5-7-31.
- Dance in Tyandine Hall Friday evening, May 8th.
- Dance in Johnston's River School, Friday, May 8th, 1942.
- Thinks—Montague Saturday, "Andy Hines" Private Secretary, with Mickey Rooney, 5-5-31.
- Pickle and Jelly Sale at Rogers Hardware Saturday, May 9th, 2 o'clock, P. E. I. Hospital.
- Loading Hogs every Tuesday 2 P. M. at Five Houses, Justin Larkin.
- Unloading car bulk feed wheat May 8th and 9th, Dillon & Spillet, 5-7-31.
- Coal Brooder Stoves now in stock. Get them while supply lasts. Dillon & Spillet, 5-7-31.
- Annual meeting Ladies Aid P.E.I. Hospital will be held in Board Room at Hospital on Wednesday, May 13th at 3.30.
- Runnige Sale, Saturday, May 9th, 7 P. M. Saint Peter's Cathedral Hall.
- Until further notice I will be trucking hogs to Charlottetown every Friday, George Dingwell, Fortune Bridge, 5-5-121.
- Hunter River Starch Factory is now open for the spring season paying up to fifty cents per hundred pounds.
- Annual meeting of Central Shipping Club will be held in the Orange Hall, Breadalbane Friday evening, May 8 at 8 o'clock. 5-7-21.

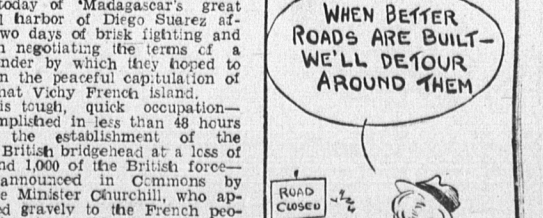
Pearl Harbor Is live issue

HALIFAX, May 7—(CP)—Pearl Harbor was a live issue in Halifax today as dozens of United States youths now serving with the Canadian navy, army and air force looked to join the fighting units of their country.

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When Better Roads are Built—We'll be Tour Around Them



High tide this morning at 5.09 and this afternoon at 4.41. Sun sets this evening at 7.12 and rises tomorrow morning at 4.39. New moon May 15, 12.45 a.m. Summerside tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

P. E. I.—N. S. FERRY SERVICE Leave Wood Islands 7 A.M., 11 A.M., 3 P. M. Leave Caribou 9 A.M., 1 P.M., 5 P.M.

BLOSSOM OF CANADA FLOUR EXCELS IN THE KITCHEN

(Continued on page 9, Col 2) DROWNED IN RESTIGOUCHE CAMPBELLTON, N. B., May 7—(CP)—Donat Levesque, 28, of Vall d'Amour, was drowned in the Restigouche River Tuesday, according to word reaching here today. He was working in a lumber drive and standing on a pile of logs when they gave way and swept him into the river.