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—RETURNED HOME — Miss Barbara Ayres has returned to her home in Amherst after a pleasant visit to Summerside the guest of Miss Shirlee Sinton. —S.

—RETURNED FROM MONCTON —Mrs. E. W. Manson has returned to her home in Summerside after spending the Easter vacation with her daughter, Mrs. George Lewis and Mr. Lewis at their home in Moncton, N. B. —S.

—MAGISTRATE'S COURT — Magistrate Darby held Court on Tuesday and heard a case in connection with a disturbance at a dance when a man was charged with interfering with the R. C M. P. in the execution of their duty. The man was fined $20.00. A man from Portage was fined $10. and costs for the illegal consumption of liquor. —S.

—POLICE COURT — In the S'-Side Police Court on Tuesday two drunks who did not appear had their bail of ten dollars each estreated. One drunk was fined $5.00 and costs and two others $3.00 and costs each. A young girl for being under the influence of liquor was fined two dollars without costs. —S.

—VETERANS GUARD INSPECTED—Before the ceremony at the Summerside airport yesterday Defence Minister, Col. Ralston, inspected the Veteran's Guard of Canada stationed at Summerside. Later officers of the guard were present at the presentation of wings and other events at the air school.—S

—AIR STUDENT ILL — V. A. Rutherford of Vermilion Bay, Ontario, was one of the airmen originally scheduled to receive his wings with the first graduation class from the service flying training school at Summerside, but yesterday he was in hospital. However, he had one consolation. Defence Minister, Col. J. L. Ralston, stopped and spoke to him during a tour of the camp, expressing regret at his illness and at his inability to receive his wings with his fellow class members.

—DEPICTING HOME INDUSTRIES— Messrs. F. W. Strong and Company have received many compliments on their attractive window, which depicts home industries and the coming of spring. The artistic window is a replica of the old Wright Leard Mills at Bedeque and was the work of Mrs. Wright Leard. The model of the house and mill, which for many years was known as the Wright's Mills at Bedeque is a typical scene of the old days on Prince Edward Island when grist mills flourished in many country districts; now, unfortunately few are left. Bedeque Mills continue to grind wheat and oats of a very high quality and every encouragement should be given these home industries. The soft drinks for the fishermen and feeds for the farm yard flock represent two other leading Island industries Morrison Bros. and The International Feeds Ltd., both these firms having demonstrated that such commodities can be manufactured to good advantage on Prince Edward Island. —S.

BORDEN

Mr. and Mrs. Reginald MacAleer and daughter Helen of Borden visited relatives in Amherst, N. S. over the weekend.

Mrs. Ray Stull and Sonny Stull of Charlottetown visited friends in Borden during the Easter holidays.

Miss Bernice Sharpe of Borden left on Tuesday morning to spend a week with her brother Leigh and Mrs. Sharpe of Moncton N.B.

Mrs. Montague Campbell of Borden is visiting friends in Murray Harbor and Wood Islands.

Mt. Allison students Vernon Campbell and Blair Burch of Borden and Eric Jardine of Kensington returned to Sackville on Tuesday morning.

A very pleasant evening was spent in the Borden dance hall on Monday evening when a committee consisting of Patsy Chappell, Jean MacIssac,, Berniece Sharpe and John Jay entertained in honor of the college students who were home here for Easter. About fifty young people were invited and the evening opened with games followed by dancing. Music for the evening was supplied by the Boy Scouts Orchestra assisted by Misses Ruth MacDonald and Bernice Sharpe. Lunch was served by the hostesses after which a merry sing song was enjoyed and the evening closed with singing God Save the King.

On Thursday evening Mrs. Arthur Jay of Borden entertained at three tables of auction in aid of the Red Cross. Prize for the evening was won by Mrs. Julian Herring with consolation prize going to Mrs. W. Leard. A nice lunch was served by the hostess after which playing was resumed for the freezeout which was won by Mrs. W. Leard All prizes given were as usual at these parties. War-saving stamps

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—SYMPATHY EXTENDED — Much sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Donat DesRoches of Summerside in the death Monday night of their infant daughter Eunice, aged 8 months. The little one was laid to rest in St. Paul's Cemetery on Tuesday afternoon.— S.

—LEFT FOR HALIFAX — Mrs. R. J. MacNeill of Tyne Valley left on Wednesday morning for Halifax to visit her daughter, Miss Doryse MacNeill who is a student at Dalhousie University. During her visit Mrs. MacNeill will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Richardson, formerly of Summerside. — S.

—FUNERAL THURSDAY — The funeral services for the late Rev. Andrew Brown will be held from the home of his father-in-law, Mr. James E. MacLean at Northam on Thursday afternoon. Rev. Andrew Brown died at Sunny Brae, N. S., on Thursday last after a short illness. The remains arrived from the mainland on Tuesday night and forwarded to Northam on the evening train. Rev. Mr. Brown leaves his widow but no family. Much sympathy is extended to the bereaved widow in her loss. S.

Personals

—Mr. William Wood was a passenger to Charlottetown on Tuesday to resume his studies at St. Dunstan's University after spending the Easter holidays at his home in Summerside. — S.

—Mrs. (Dr.) C. H. Johnson and her three children of Summerside are visiting Mrs. Johnson's parents, Captain and Mrs. Gillis of Montreal. —S.

FREETOWN AND VICINITY

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cameron, Summerside, spent Good Friday at Mrs. Cameron's home here.

Mrs. John Jardine's many friends are glad to see her home again after her operation in the Prince County Hospital.

The sympathy of all is extended to Mrs. Peter Reeves and Mrs. George Leard in the death of their brother William G. Farrar, Toronto, Ontario, who passed away on January 8th. Mr. Farrar had been ill but a short time so that his death came as a great shock to all.

The Presbyterian W. M. S. were the guests of Mrs. Elton Cairns at her home for the April meeting. There was a large attendance of members and visitors. At the close of the meeting a delightful lunch was served by the hostess assisted by her daughter Mrs. Fred Moase and other members.

The continued illness of Mrs. Russell Reeves is regretted by all. It is hoped she will soon be able to be about again.

Mrs. Glen Campbell and children, Charlottetown, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Reeves for the Easter holiday.

The sympathy of this community is extended to Mrs. Earl Heckbert in the passing of her mother, Mrs. Adeline Sellick on Friday, April 11th. Mrs. Sellick was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Reeves and has many relatives here who will mourn her passing.

Mrs. Frances Larter Hampshire, is at present the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Goulding Reeves

It is pleasing to report that Miss Emma Reeves is steadily improving after her indisposition of several weeks.

The illness of Mrs. Randolph Arbing is regretted by all and it is hoped with the advent of the warm spring days that she will be much improved.

Miss Jean Campbell, student at Prince of Wales College, spent the Easter holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. John Campbell.

R. C. M. P. INSPECTOR TRANSFERRED

OTTAWA, April 16 — (CP) — Inspector H. Darling of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police has been transferred from Halifax to Regina and will leave for his new post immediately, R. C. M. P. headquarters said today. The move was described as a routine transfer.

Inspector Darling, previously stationed at Halifax, Ottawa and Lethbridge, Alta., joined the service in 1911.

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NOTICE

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Island Making Glorious Effort Col. Ralston Says

Defence Minister calls for continuation of support to Dominion and Empire.

Following is the text of an inspiring address by Col. J. L. Ralston, Minister of Defence at a civic function in the Summerside High School Academy last night.

A year ago I said that I hoped and believed that Prince Edward Island would have its part in developing airmen to strike a decisive blow at the enemies of mankind. Today that hope has come to reality. Only this afternoon I had the honor of presenting to about sixty student pilots and air men their wings to show that they had completed the course to qualify them for service in a fighting squadron. It has been a great day for me, for you, and for Canada. But it is only an expression of the terrific effort which has been made on Prince Edward Island in connection with the British Commonwealth Training Plan.

Here at Summerside there stands today No. 9 Service Flying Training School complete and equipped with hangars, living quarters, runways, administration buildings and all that goes to make up an efficient establishment. It was scheduled to open April 28 of this year. It actually opened on January 6th, over three months in advance. It has a population of 834 men, all ranks, and its equivalent of planes and its facilities are equal to any of the Service Flying Training Schools in Canada.

Over at Charlottetown is an establishment equally as extensive designed first as a bombing and gunnery school, but now being put to even more necessary use, for training personnel. It, too, was opened and at work well in advance of the date for which it was originally planned. I want to pay tribute to the air staff, the contractors, the workmen and to all those who have helped make it possible to make these urgent requirements available well ahead of time.

Deep Appreciation

And just here I want to say on behalf of my colleague, the Minister of National Defence for Air as well as myself and the Government and the people of Canada generally, I wish to express deep appreciation of the goodwill and co-operation and unfailing interest which the citizens of Summerside and Charlottetown, and, in fact, Prince Edward Island as a whole, have shown in helping to get these projects forward quickly and in also receiving and trying to make more comfortable the men of the staff and the pupils who have come into our midst to carry on this vitally important work. To the Mayors and Councils, to the Board of Trade, and others who represent the citizens, I want to say that their help has been invaluable.

This British Commonwealth Air Training Plan is so vast that it would take much more time than I have at my disposal now to give you any conception of the work which has had to be put into it. I would like to say, however, that it has been literally gigantic—

Recruiting centres; Manning Pools; Initial Training Schools; Elementary Training Schools; Service Flying Training Schools; Bombing and Gunnery Schools; Observers Schools, Wireless Schools; Aerial Navigation Schools; Technical Training Schools, Aeronautical Engineering Schools—and all the administration and organization in the way of commands, equipment depots, repair depots, equipment and accounting training schools, air-armament schools, and so on, and so on, and so on.

Big Contribution from Island

Now, may I say a word about the army. First, with regard to the contribution Prince Edward Island is making. I do not think you realize how well represented this province is in the Active Service Forces of Canada. Overseas at the present time is:

Second Medium Battery, which has become the First Medium Battery of the First Medium Regiment, under the command of Major Fisher and Major J. F. Plow.

In Canada is the Eighth-Eleventh Medium Battery of the Second Medium Regiment many of the personnel of which have been supplied by the old Eighth Medium Battery. This unit is under the command of Major G. G. Peake and Captain Williams.

In the Third Division is the 22-21 Field Ambulance, which absorbed many officers and other ranks of the 21st Field Ambulance and others of this formation went to Hospital formations as well. This unit is commanded by Lt.-Col. E. F. Ross and Major J. A. Noble.

In Canada, too, engaged in important duties are the Prince Edward Island Highlanders, under Col. Thompson and Major MacDonald.

Then we have No. 6A Company Veterans' Guard, under Major Duvar, two platoons of which are in Summerside, and—

Just recently the Prince Edward Island Light Horse was authorized to furnish officers and other ranks who have not been mobilized for the Headquarters Squadron of one of the armored brigades of the Canadian Armored Division.

So that Price Edward Island is represented in the Active Forces of Canada by two artillery batteries, a rifle battalion, a squadron in an armored brigade, a field ambulance and a company of the Veterans' Guard.

That is not all the Prince Edward Island representation in the fighting forces. Probably three to four hundred men from this Province have enlisted in the Navy and likewise an equal number in the Air Force.

That representation must be a source of great pride to the people of Prince Edward Island but it carries with it a responsibility which I am sure will be fully discharged.

Even without war casualties there is constant need for men. Additions to establishments, I mean by that changing the form of a Unit so that more men are required. Discharges for medical unfitness or for service reasons, all cause inevitable requirements for more men to restore the Units' strength and when casualties come that need will be all the greater.

I am sure that this Province which has been given such excellent representations in proportion to its population in the three services will see to it that there is no weakening of the Units in which Prince Edward Island men are serving. But Prince Edward Island is a part of the Dominion of Canada and Canada has undertaken a man-sized job in furnishing armed forces. I am not going to bother you with any figures tonight. We have 65,000 men and more standing on guard in Britain at this instant, we have 100,000 men or more in Active Service Forces in Canada. We have pledged to Britain, and we shall fulfill that pledge, that we shell send to her this year a 3rd Division and an armored tank Division as well as further Units of Corps troops. Those troops will be sent.

But here again it is not enough to just send a Unit. Every Unit we send involves a definite responsibility for reinforcements.

Keep Units At Strength

I told the Canadian people the other night that, as we see it at present, in addition to these formations I have spoken of, we will probably require between 5 or 6 thousand men each month to keep our main units fully up to strength. I told you why we needed these additional men, let me repeat it, to make up additional men required for present units we have to draw heavily on our reserves in England. The Artillery was expanded and various troops were added to make the Canadian Corps a complete entity. We have to replace these men from Canada. We have men being discharged day after day, month after month, for medical reasons. Our job is to keep that fine army of ours here and overseas at full strength and ready for anything. Our troops in England are today facing a real test, let us not underestimate that. Waiting and at the same time keeping in first rate fighting condition tests the endurance of any troops. I don't need to tell you that the Canadian forces overseas are "fit to fight and fighting fit."

Unquestionably the most vital task today is the Defence against possible invasion of the British Isles. That the Canadian Corps has been selected for an important role in these defences is a tribute not only to Canada's fighting machine but also to the traditions of courage and effectiveness of Canadian troops which was so firmly established by the old Canadian Corps in 1914-18. The new Canadian Corps is now on guard in England at the express wish of the British Government. We can be sure they will more than hold up their end when the time comes.

The part which Canada has to play in the defence of Britain is too important and too vital to permit us to allow our forces to become weakened by a single man. We must keep the gaps filled up.

What is happening in Greece and Yugoslavia now makes it more important than ever that Canadian troops helping to hold the vital front line on the English Channel should be strong and fit and complete.

Then we have Canadians holding the line in Iceland, Newfoundland and the West Indies, doing a job which is monotonous but absolutely indispensable.

As for Canada I wish I could take you up high enough in a plane so that you could see all the activities of our army in this country. Coast defence units, guarding our shores on the Atlantic and Pacific the Prince Edward Island Highlanders have had a part in that. Internal Security Units guarding vulnerable points particularly those which are susceptible to enemy action. Veteran Guard Units helping us to discharge the responsibility which we undertook when we took over from the United Kingdom a large number of prisoners of war and internees so as to relieve them of having to supply food and to permit their troops to devote their attention to the defence of Britain.

Then there are the provisions which have been made for the training of men from Charlottetown to Victoria. Thirty-nine centres have been established where men are receiving two months basic training, probably 20 more where they get advanced training. The big camps you know about. Aldershot, Debert, Sussex, Valcartier, Farnham, Petawawa, Barriefield, Borden, Shilo, Dundern, Sarcee, Nanaimo.

All seething with activity and eagerness to come to grips with Hitler.

And then the special schools.

Officers' Training School, Trade Schools and the Staff School that will shortly be moved from England.

That is just a quick glance, not even a good look at what is going on in Canada.

The Three M's

Let me sum up the things which we need in war are principally men, materials and money. The three M's.

So far as men are concerned Canada has done a fine job up to date. More than one-quarter of a million men are on active service in the three fighting forces and as I have said the call for men must go steadily on.

In material Canada is working as she has never worked before to turn out a diversity of equipment that was unheard of in Canada's production during the last war. In 1914-1918 shells were the predominant article of munitions which Canada manufactured. Today Canada has undertaken to produce guns, aircraft, tanks, Bren guns, rifles, gas respirators, universal carriers, signal equipment, mortars, optical equipment, motor transport and along with all these the basic materials which go into their manufacture.

I attended a meeting the other night at the Department of Munitions and Supply at which there were over 100 men drawn from the industries of this country and who are in Ottawa helping to put this manufacturing program across. They were top liners in their own businesses and they had come in to give their services to their country at a time of need ,many of them serving without remuneration.

And so for materials Canada is putting forth an effort which is unprecedented and those materials are not only for Canadian troops but are on British orders as well.

So far as money is concerned all I want to say is that the appropriation for thirteen hundred million dollars for the second year of war is the largest appropriation of any year in Canada's history and is nearly double the amount which was voted in the last year of the Great War. That does not include the 100 million dollars we will need to help finance British purchases being made in this country.

Morale

But there is one other "M" which I have left till the last and that M stands for Morale and by morale I do not mean just of the troops themselves but of the Canadian people generally. The greatest example of morale we have is the morale of a whole people as is shown by the men and women, boys and girls of the British Isles in the bombings and blackouts which has been their lot since last July. We have no such conditions in Canada but we have something else, we have these attacks not of bombs but of the grimness and grayness of preparation without actual combat. Our work in Canada is like the work of a football team in training. They find it dull and monotonous and so do we But they have the satisfaction of knowing the day of the game. We do not.

The lack of excitement attacks Canada in much the same way as the bombers and blackouts attack the British people. They bear it and I am sure we can. The British have proved that they can take it. I am sure that Canadians under much less trying conditions can take it too. Our job is preparation. We cannot stop preparing, we cannot stop training, without losing ground. The day of the game will come. Canada must be ready for it.

Already our sailors and our Air Men have shown what preparation can do when the testing time arrives. Deeds just as valiant and heroic have been performed by them.

Canada made a proud record at Vimy and Passchendale, Amiens, Valciennes. The record was achieved by ceaseless preparation and resolution. There will be other Vimys, Passchendales, other Amiens and Valciennes in this war. We ask all true Canadians in the services and outside the services to put their hearts and their minds into unceasing preparation during the precious months, weeks and days which are left. We must be patient but we must work.

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Civic Reception Held In S'side High School

Defence Minister and Air Force Officers guests at interesting function.

Last evening Col. Ralston and his party and Wing Commander Fullerton and officers of the air force were guests of Mayor Campbell, the Town Council and Board of Trade, at a reception in the High School auditorium where the members of the I.O.D.E. served a delightful buffet supper. At this very pleasant function Col. Ralston and his party and members of the air force met a large number of citizens from Summerside and other parts of Prince County. The hall was appropriately decorated with red, white and blue streamers and patriotic emblems.

Programme

O Canada, Summerside Girls Band; Welcome to Summerside, His Worship J. E. Campbell, Mayor of Summerside; Welcome to P. E. I., Hon. Dr. Thane A. Campbell, Premier of P. E. I.; Contralto solo, Mrs. Horace Hughson; Response, Wing Commander P. J. A. Hume Wright, headquarters No. 3 Air Command; Selection, Summerside Girls Band; Tenor solo, J. P. MacInnis; Introduction guest speaker; Adress Col. the Hon. J. L. Ralston, Minister of Defence; There'll Always Be An England, Summerside Girls Band; God Save the King.

Guests Welcomed

Mayor Campbell, who presided, in a brief address of welcome spoke in glowing terms of the courage and devotion to duty and country which had resulted in this large class of graduates today. He complimented Wing Commander Fullerton on the splendid turnout this afternoon, the ceremony was one which would be long remembered by those who were privileged to see it. He also congratulated Col. Ralston on the part he had taken in the scheme of things.

Premier Campbell welcomed Col. Ralston and his party, and air force officers.

In speaking of the ceremony in the afternoon Premier Campbell said it was a very impressive and inspiring one and he was most impressed with the fact that it was proof of the remarkable progress made in such a short time by those in training. The rapidity with which that first group learned to be pilots is, he considered, a noteworthy achievement and speaks exceptionally well for both officers and men and the whole unit.

Wing Commander Fullerton on behalf of his officers and men expressed his sincere thanks for the very cordial hospitality shown to them. The events of the day had been a real pleasure and the kind words spoken by Mayor Campbell and Premier Campbell were very much appreciated by all ranks.

He also expressed his appreciation of the many kindnesses extended to the airmen by the civic authorities and the many organizations and particularly the ladies who in many ways have been helpful in making things more home like for the boys. Wing Commander Hume Wright of the No 3 Command at Montreal spoke briefly and expressed himself as highly pleased with the success of the school and concluded his remarks by saying that Air Commander Walsh who has just taken over command of No. 3. Command regretted that he was unable to be present but he hoped to pay the school a visit in the near future.

Col. Ralston in a stirring address discussed this Province's great contribution to the war effort and appealed for a continued support. The text of his address appears elsewhere in this issue.

Premier King Roosevelt meet

(By J. F. Sanderson, Canadian Press Staff Writer)

WASHINGTON, April 16—(CP)—Prime Minister Mackenzie King spent an hour with President Roosevelt at the White House today and will leave for Virginia Beach, Va., tomorrow for a few days of rest and relaxation.

Next Monday, Mr. King and the President will start "a good long talk" on a wide range of subjects.

Mr. King arrived here this afternoon from Ottawa. He stopped off for a few hours in Baltimore where he saw Dr. Ellis Barker, a Canadian who treated him a few years ago when his health was bad. Dr. Ellis gave him a clean bill of health, telling him he was in excellent shape.

There were all sorts of rumours on the subjects to be discussed by the Prime Minister and Mr. Roosevelt, including one that some form of financial assistance might become necessary for Canada if her purchases of war materials in the United States are to continue at their present level. Another suggestion was that United States naval convoys for shipments to Britain would be discussed.

It is almost certain they will consider matters relating to the St. Lawrence waterways agreement and the United States-Canada joint defence board which was established as a result of their last meeting at Ogdensburgh, N. Y.

It has been suggested here that one of the complicating factors in Canadian-American wartime finance has been the fact that Britain ceased shipments of gold and securities to Canada in December. This has made it necessary for Canada to permit sterling balances to accumulate in London and it has been estimated that Britain's deficit on Canadian dollar account may run as high as $1,150,000,000 in the current fiscal year. This could be met by the British Government only by crediting being established by Canada. the repatriation of Canadian securities or the transfer of gold.

The position is doubly difficult because many British purchases in Canada, for which Canadian Government credits may be used by Britain, involve cash transactions in the United States. The payment for airplane engines is an example.

There have been suggestions here in unofficial circles that Canada might be brought under the lend-lease act in some way so as to relieve her American dollar position, particularly in connection with British purchases for which Ottawa has established credits and which involve payments in the Untied States.

Freezes steel Prices in U. S.

WASHINGTON, April 16—(AP)—Leon Henderson, United States prices administrator, issued an order today freezing steel prices at the levels which prevailed the first quarter of this year.

The action was precipitated by recent wage increases in the industry, Henderson said. He added that a steel price increase now "might touch off a general increase in the cost of living and start the country off on the road of price inflation."

"The action taken today to freeze steel prices at levels prevailing during the first quarter of 1941 should not be interpreted as fixing summarily a steel price ceiling for the duration of the emergency or for any set period," he added.

"Rather, it is an effort designed to be as useful as helpful to the industry and its customers, of which the Federal Government is the largest, as to the economy in general. Today's action establishes, if you like, a cooling-off period during which the effect of the defence program upon the industry and its cost factors may be rationally appraised."

The office of price administration, he said, would make a thorough study of prices and costs in the steel industry and adjustments in the new price schedule will be made if his studies indicate they are necessary.

Earlier Rear Admiral Samuel M. Robinson, chief of the United States navy bureau of ships, said that a shortage of virtually all metals used in shipbuilding is being felt. He predicted that a rationing system to restrict civilian uses would be applied.

Donald M. Nelson, defence purchasing director, said the government may have to fix maximum prices on textiles and leather, but indicated such action would be necessary only if general rises threatened an inflationary spiral.

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Soldiers meet After 24 years

SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND, April 16—(CP) — Twenty four years ago Pte. Albert Groulx of Verdun, Que., was having a whisky in a Paris cafe while on leave from the Canadian front. At the next table was a young French lieutenant sipping champagne.

They struck up a conversation and the Frenchman asked the French-Canadian to his house. There he met the family, including the father, a General in the French army. Groulx stayed there all his leave. He did not see his friends again before returning to Canada.

A few weeks ago, the man from Verdun—"I'm Mr. Groulx from Verdun in peacetime but when wars come along I'm Pte. Groulx with a number"—was having whisky in an English hotel. He was on leave from his Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps unit.

A General wearing the uniform of the Free French Forces, finding a French-speaking soldier at the bar, chatted with the Canadian.

They had a drink and Groulx told the General of his French friends of 24 years ago. "I can't think of the last name but my friend the Lieutenant was called Paul Emil," he said.

"Why I'm your Paul Emil, Albert," the General exclaimed. "After all these tremendous years we meet again."

DEANNA AND VAUGHN TO HAVE 850 GUESTS

LOS ANGELES, April 16 — Nineteen year old Winnipeg-born Deanna Durbin will become a bride next Friday—with 850 guests at her wedding.

She and her prospective bridegroom, studio executive Vaughn Paul 25, disclosed this yesterday when they visited the hall of records and took out a marriage license.

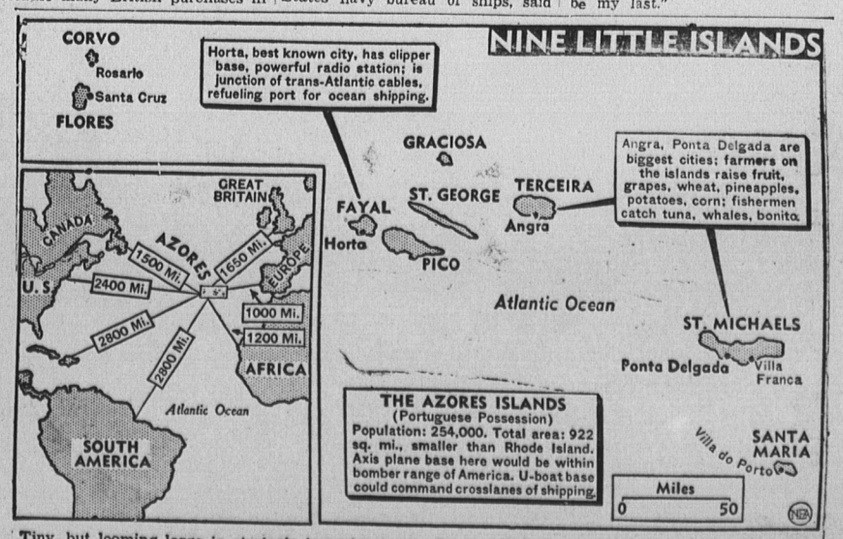
Because of the number of invited guests, Miss Durbin said, the ceremony next Friday will be at the Wilshire Methodist Episcopal church instead of at the Hollywood home of her parents, as originally planned.

Because of the rainstorm and the couple's early appearance, only a few persons observed their visit to the civic centre. Deanna and Vaughn obligingly embraced for the first public pictures of a Durbin kiss.

She and Paul, who met when he was second assistant director on her first picture, "Three Smart Girls," became engaged Dec. 5.

Paul proposed while they were sitting in his automobile in front of her house, Deanna said. He pinned his fraternity pin on her and they were engaged. But today Miss Durbin showed the cameramen a much more impressive engagement token—a large diamond ring, with half-circles of rubies set in a plain gold band.

"This is my first romance," said Deanna as her fiance, grinning sheepishly, wiped the lipstick from his mouth. "I hope it is going to be my last."



Tiny, but looming large in strategic importance, are the nine little Azores, undefended group of Portuguese islands in mid-Atlantic. Britain is reported contemplating their seizure to keep them out of axis hands, for a base there would give Germany a strangle hold on British shipping lanes.