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# FIVE NAZI TOWNS TAKEN BY ALLIES

## CHURCHILL 70 TODAY



Prime Minister Churchill

## Coming Events

- North Wilshire, Friday, National film soars movies, 8 and 11 p.m. 11-29-44
- Christmas Concert, Village Green school, Dec. 21st. 11-30-44
- Hunter River farmers will be leading dressed hogs Dec. 1. 11-21-44
- Canada Packers, Charlottetown buying live and dressed poultry daily. 11-27-44
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- Christmas Concert, Webster's Corner school, December 20th. 11-29-44
- Bean Supper and Dance, Tona Hall, Friday night. 11-30-44
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- Murray Haroor Starch Factory closes for this season on Friday, December 1st. 11-29-44
- Auction Sale of furniture at the sporting club, Tuesday, December 1st at 2 o'clock. 11-30-44
- Annual Canada Light Carol Service at Zion Church, Wednesday, December 20th. 11-30-44
- Chans to dance, New Haven School, Friday, December 1st, 11-29-44
- Charlottetown, Thursday, Nov. 30. National film soars movies, 8:00 p.m. (Parkdale School) also Thursday. 11-30-44
- Buying live and dressed poultry daily. Highest market prices. E. J. MacDourall, Vernon. 11-27-44
- Canada Packers, Charlottetown, buying live and dressed poultry daily. 11-27-44
- Dance, Vernon Hall, Friday night, December 2nd. Proceeds for soldiers' parents. 11-29-44
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- Unveiling Honor Roll in Fairview School, Friday, December 1st at 8 P. M. Special speakers. 11-30-44
- Farmers, slaughter your hogs for Friday shipment and receive new price, McGuigan & Boyle. 11-30-44
- The Prince Edward Island Jersey Breeders' Association will hold their annual meeting Friday night 7:30 at the Agricultural building. 11-30-44
- Dealers and buyers of grain and grain products in car lots are invited to contact our representatives in Charlottetown. Mr. J. A. Kelly, or telegraph or write to us for prices on wheat, oats and rye. Quality goods and satisfaction guaranteed on every shipment. Atlas Grain Company, Monday 11-24-44

## Hero Of Attack On Dams Is Missing

LONDON, Nov. 29 — (CP) — Wing Commander Guy P. (Dum Buster) Gibson, hero of the RAF's attack on Germany's Hohen and Ester Dams in May 1944, tonight was officially reported missing. An Air Ministry announcement said Gibson failed to return from a raid on Rheydt, near Muenchen-Gladbach, Germany, on the night of Sept. 19.

He was flying that night as a master bomber, directing the bombing, and flying much lower than the main force. He was last heard of by other raiders giving instructions for releasing bombs over the target.

The popular, 26-year-old Gibson was one of the most decorated airmen of the war. He received the Victoria Cross, the British Empire's highest decoration for gallantry, for his heroic dam-busting performance.

## King Answers "Mutiny" Query From Hanson

OTTAWA, Nov. 29 — (CP) — The situation in British Columbia army camps "is being carefully watched and completely controlled," Prime Minister Mackenzie King said today in the Commons. He was answering a question from Hon. R. B. Hanson (PC-York-Sunbury).

Mr. King said he had assurance to that effect from Defence Minister McNaughton. Mr. King said the use of the words "rather alarming reports of mutiny" when he asked what the government "proposes to do or has done."

"It is not mutiny," said Mr. King. "Most decidedly not. At a difficult time such as this it becomes the duty of all members of the House to refrain from making a very difficult situation more difficult."

Mr. Hanson replied: "I thank the Prime Minister for his lecture. However, I shall have to proceed on the basis of my own understanding, and that is that it is mutiny."

PARIS, Nov. 29 — (AP) — The Berlin radio today a bomb heavily damaged the famous Cologne Cathedral during Monday's attack by United States planes, piercing the roof and exploding inside the building. There was no report from Allied sources that the structure had been hit.

## Third Raid On Tokyo By 'Forts Within Week'

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29 — (AP) — The new 31st Bomber Command today rained destruction on Tokyo targets from their superfortresses for the third time in a week.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF., Nov. 29 — (AP) — Tokyo radio today said that a minor formation of B-29's attempted their first night attack on the Japanese capital, starting fires at two places.

Today the Japanese radio said that the Americans are "conducting a civil war" and that the broadcast described the bombings as "unprecedented" and the speaker said "American flyers participating in such attacks are not entitled to protection of international law." The broadcast was heard by the Office of War Information.

The Japanese followed up the April, 1942, Tokyo raid by executing some of the captured American airmen. That any of the personnel of the 21st are in Japanese hands as a result of the first two raids appears unlikely on the basis of official announcements up to today. One plane was lost to enemy action Friday when a Japanese fighter smashed into it.

German defeat being too optimistic, he told the House that the enemy "has everywhere been thrust back" with enormous losses.

The war in the west is obviously on the last lap, added the vigorous Prime Minister on the eve of his 70th birthday.

A major break-through in the north, he said, would have the highest strategic consequence. But then he added that the Allies had not yet reached the lower Rhine, much less established a bridgehead there, and that an invaded Germany would be fighting with a desperation that marked Britain's efforts in 1940 and 1941.

So ended one of the most colorful beginnings of a new Parliamentary session since the war began.

King George opened the day by reading to members of the House of Lords and Commons the throne speech asserting that Britain would "reinforce as rapidly as possible" her attack against the Japanese. The speech was "a greater confidence than ever before" of the final victories.

Not Fatalistic

Mr. Churchill was far from pessimistic during his speech, but he warned against "any indulgence in the feeling that the war will

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## War Situation Last Night

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON  
(Associated Press War Analyst)

Prime Minister Churchill's disclosure that ocean-going shipping now is using the Schelde estuary to Antwerp to supply the north and central sectors of the embattled west front is significant.

Linked with Gen. Eisenhower's conference with Field Marshal Montgomery and with sustained Red Army pressure on the foe in the southeast, opening of the estuary invites speculation that the full weight of an Allied-Russian east-west knock-out blow is about to be loosed.

Reverting to the Churchill-Roosevelt-Stalin announcement at Teheran a year ago, it should be recalled that the "timing" of the triple assault projected there was described as a prime factor. That was again emphasized by Stalin in a Russian anniversary address in which he said the planned "jump-off" for the final joint Russian-Allied attacks to smash Germany had been reached.

Since then a two-pronged Allied attack in the west has developed. Two of the three main military approaches to Berlin and the heart of Germany from the west are being pried open, and the third and most critical is gravely threatened.

American and French troops streaming through the Lorraine gateway are closing a vise on the Saar Basin in the centre of the front while a French army to the south mops up west of the Upper Rhine. American and British forces in the north are breasting the Meuse and Roer river defenses guarding the Cologne plain, foot by foot expanding and deepening the Aachen breach in the Siegfried Line.

A crisis for the foe is building up in the east too. Red army elements, Berlin admits, are west of the Danube below half encircled Budapest both in northern Yugoslavia and southern Hungary. They have set foot in roads and rail lines leading both to Vienna and to northwards for the Balkans.

Northeast of Budapest the Russians have slashed to ribbons the last enemy communications serving the Slovakian bulge between Hungary and southern Poland. They are squeezing him out of all eastern Slovakia to straighten the long front and bolster the upper Vistula River army bridgehead in Poland.

## Barns At Union Road Destroyed By Fire

Fire destroyed two barns, the property of Mr. Ted Newson, Union Road (Queen's County), last night, causing damage estimated unofficially at approximately \$3,000. Spontaneous combustion in a pile of straw between the buildings was blamed for the blaze.

Mr. Newson was walking toward when a number of flames in tow him are now broken out from the Charlottetown Airport a few miles away rendered valuable assistance but it was not possible to save the barns which were all ablaze when the fire force firemen arrived.

Most farm implements in the buildings were removed but the loss included 40 tons of hay and hundreds of chickens, one of the barns. All livestock was saved.

It was not known whether there was any insurance covering the loss. In addition to his farm work Mr. Newson is a rural mail carrier "covering" routes on road route six, Charlottetown.

## Hanson Follows Ralston In Debate

OTTAWA, Nov. 29 — (CP) — Hon. R. B. Hanson (PC-York-Sunbury) said today in the Commons that the speech of Col. J. L. Ralston, former Defence Minister, and shown that infantry reinforcements were badly needed overseas and already were behind schedule.

Speaking briefly after Col. Ralston had completed a two-hour address, Mr. Hanson said that the country would hold Prime Minister Mackenzie King and Defence Minister McNaughton responsible for the delay during the last few weeks of the war.

Mr. Hanson, who adjourned debate until tomorrow, said he was sure that the Commons for the most part was in agreement with what Col. Ralston had said.

After Col. Ralston had finished during the last few days to make Col. Ralston another responsibility that had not been his, the former Defence Minister would have been forgiven if he had shown more fire in his address.

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## Flying Bomb Hits U. S. Army Hospital

SOMEWHERE IN BELGIUM, Nov. 29 — (AP) — A German flying bomb struck and wrecked a United States army general hospital well behind the battle lines several days ago, killing 12 persons, injuring nearly 50 and forcing evacuation of the hospital's 1,500 patients, it was disclosed today.

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## To Execute Four Men At Fort Frances

TORONTO, Nov. 29 — (CP) — Execution of four men convicted of the "hot-stove" murder of Mrs. Viola Jamieson of Flanders will take place at Fort Frances, Ont., Attorney-General Blackwell said today. The four men sentenced to hang Dec. 6 are William Schmidt, George and Anthony Skrypnik and Alno Tillonen. They are now in jail at Kemora.

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By FRANK FLAHERTY

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The other development was that the Progressive Conservative Party that it would "co-operate with any Government which, under leadership that will ensure equality of service, offers proof of will and determination to send to our soldiers overseas the reinforcements which our war commitments demand."

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Two Minor Parties Heard

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## Pays Tribute To New V. C. Winner

OTTAWA, Nov. 29 — (CP) — Prime Minister Mackenzie King today paid tribute to Maj. David Vivian Currie of Owen Sound, Ont., and Moose Jaw, Sask., who has been awarded the Victoria Cross.

Mr. Mackenzie read the official citation for Defence Minister McNaughton, who has not a seat in the House.

The House applauded as Mr. Mackenzie read of the gallantry and heroism of Maj. Currie.



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