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CANADIANS LAUNCH DRIVE ON NAZIS

Churchill Returns; Commons Surprised

Prime Minister Is In High Spirits; Will Report To Parliament Shortly.

By ROSS MUNRO

LONDON, Jan. 18—(CP Cable)—The amazing Winston Churchill came back to London today—brisk, smiling and confident as ever—and Britain, rejoicing at his return from a 10-weeks absence in the Middle East and French Morocco, anticipated fast-moving developments in military and government plans.

The Prime Minister's sudden appearance after a rapid convalescence in the brilliant sunshine of Marrakesh, French Morocco, from the pneumonia attack he suffered at Carthage, near Tunis after the historic Middle East conferences, was completely unexpected.

Mr. Churchill just strolled into the house. A bomb through the roof could not have created greater surprise when he suddenly emerged from the shadows behind the speaker's chair, carrying a large bundle of typewritten documents, and walked to his seat.

With the dramatic touch he possesses, he returned to duty and reported first to parliament after reaching London at 10 a.m. (5 a.m. E.D.T.—6 a.m. A.D.T.) After leaving the house he drove to Buckingham Palace to lunch with the King and report on developments.

The Prime Minister will be conferring with the invasion commanders within the next few days and it is expected that cabinet changes will be announced before long.

Berlin said today that Marshal Gerd Von Rundstedt, Hitler's anti-invasion chief, was massing powerful German forces in the Rhone Valley and plains of Paris, ready to be rushed to any point to combat Allied landings.

In High Spirits

Mr. Churchill, in high spirits, stepped from his train to a floodlighted London station this morning. He was not smoking but soon lighted one of his long cigars with old-time zest. He was visibly affected as he went around the station, shaking hands with members of his cabinet, including Foreign Secretary Eden, Clement R. Attlee, Lord President of the Council who has been leading the House in his absence, Home Secretary Herbert Morrison, Lord Woolton, The Minister of Reconstruction, and others.

The Prime Minister then proceeded to the House of Commons where he told members he expected to make a statement on the war in the near future but begged "some latitude" about the date. He disposed of several questions, such as the demand of one member to know what steps he was taking to relieve himself of some official duties in order to conserve his health.

"I am obliged to you for your solicitude but I have no changes to propose at present in my routine," he replied amid laughter.

As questioning proceeded, Sir Herbert Williams, Conservative asked if the Prime Minister was aware of any "false optimism" voiced in a recent speech in which Gen Montgomery indicated the probable early capture of Rome.

"I don't know about false optimism," the prime minister replied. "There has been a lot of bad weather."

Ill At Carthage

Meantime it was disclosed officially that after 16 days in Carthage, Mr. Churchill was able to fly to Marrakesh to convalesce.

He arrived at Carthage from Cairo Dec. 11, meaning to stay a day or two with Gen. Eisenhower before proceeding to the Italian front. He was taken ill. News of the illness was given the House of Commons by Attlee Dec. 16.

The prime minister was sufficiently recovered Dec 27 to make a journey by air and flew over the Atlas mountains to Marrakesh on the invitation of Eisenhower. As his convalescence proceeded he went to a number of picnics in the foothills of the Atlas mountains.

Mrs. Churchill and his daughter, Sarah (Mrs. Vic. Oliver) were with him. Lord Beaverbrook, Lord Privy Seal, stayed with the prime minister throughout the visit. Gen. Eisenhower and Gen. Montgomery were other visitors.

Russia May Be Hinting At No Dictation

By John M. Hightower

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18 — (AP) Through the tangle of speculation on Moscow's motives for publishing the "British separate peace" rumor, the rough outlines of a dual Russian foreign policy appear to be taking shape.

In the absence of fuller explanation from Moscow this policy may be regarded as designed to protect Russia's interests either in the event that post war international collaboration works out or in case it fails. In other words, the Russians appear to be hedging their bets on post war security.

This speculation links with publication in the Communist Party organ, Pravda, Monday of a rumor reported as originating in Cairo that certain unnamed Britons nad discussed separate peace terms with German Foreign Minister Ribbentrop.

Emphatic British denial merely intensified questions as to why the Russians let into their controlled press as sensational a rumor about an ally. The British response was formally communicated to the Russian Government today.

The Federal Communications Commission reported late today that it had transmitted to the Soviet Press the British denial of the Pravda story.

In official Washington quarters the news that Pravda had published the rumor hit with explosive force.

A. P. To Appeal Summary Judgment

NEW YORK, Jan. 18—(AP)—The board of directors of The Associated Press tonight directed counsel to "appeal without delay" the summary judgment, filed by a federal court without full trial, in the United States government's civil anti-trust suit against the non-profit news co-operative.

The judgment, filed last Thursday, would restrain AP, perpetually from observing by-laws under which members might consider the competitive ability of an applicant for membership.

Coming Events

**Buying good second hand bags daily. Highest prices. Dillon & Spillett. 1-17-4i.

**Hunter River farmers loading dressed hogs Friday. Secure slaughter permit first. 1-17-3i

**Mock Trial by Boy Scouts at New London, January 21st. 1-19-21-2i.

**Reserve Thursday, February 10th, Zion Guild Variety Concert. 1-19-1i.

**Loading hogs at Crapaud every Tuesday and Friday till eleven. R. N. Dawson, Crapaud. 1-9-2i.

**East Royalty rink tonight, York married men vs. Royalty married men. 1-19-1i.

**Due to arrive car Miracle Feed. Get your requirements off car. E. A. Buell, Village Green. 1-19-1i.

**Loading hogs for Davis and Fraser at Colville, Friday, Jan. 21 to 1 p.m. Leslie MacDowell. 1-19-2i.

**Booking orders for car of recleaned oats to arrive early in February. Also buying used bags daily. W. I. Bowman. 1-17-6i.

**Wanted to buy live and dressed chickens and fowl. Paying top market prices. Island Cold Storag Co., Ltd. 8-26-tf

**Unloading car No. 1 Feed Oats Wednesday and Thursday, January 19th and 20th. Bring bags. Dillon & Spillett. 1-17-4i.

**Annual Meeting of Crapaud District Scarlet Chapter at Crapaud, January 20th. Election and installation of officers. 1-19-2i.

**Loading hogs for Davis & Fraser every Thursday afternoon at Albany and Emerald. Every Friday forenoon until further notice. 1-16-4i.

**Due to arrive at Albany, car of Miracle Feeds, Flour and Bran. Book orders off car at special prices. Dawson & Johnston, Crapaud. 1-19-2i.

New Russian Advances On Northern Front

LONDON, Jan. 18—(CP)—The Germans have lost 46 divisions or about 550,000 men on the Russian front in the last two months, the Moscow radio said tonight in a broadcast recorded by the Soviet radio Monitor.

Today on the northern front the Red Army, lashing out in two new offensives, successfully shattered long standing German defence lines west and south of Leningrad and is advancing in the areas south of Oranienbaum and north of Novgorod, Moscow said.

The two offensives, apparently aimed at clearing the Germans from lines which curl around Leningrad within artillery range of Russia's second largest city, were announced exactly a year after the siege of the city was broken.

U. S. Rail Wage Dispute Ended

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18—(AP)—The United States railroad wage dispute was settled today with raises all around and the government-seized lines were ordered returned to their owners tonight.

The return of the railroads to private management was ordered by War Secretary Henry L. Stimson after receipt of a letter from the White House advising him of the settlement and recommending the lifting of army control.

Report Marshal Tito Wounded Last Summer

LONDON, Jan. 18—(AP)—Marshal Tito was wounded last summer when his Yugoslav partisans escaped a German encirclement in Montenengro, BBC correspondent Kenneth Matthews reported today from Cairo.

A previous report of the wounding, broadcast today from Cairo, had not given the time it took place.

GERMANS LOSE 46 DIVISIONS IN TWO MONTHS

War Situation Last Night

By Kirke L. Simpson, Associated Press War Analyst

The Moscow announcement that red army troops are on the offensive in the Leningrad and Lake Ilmen sectors makes it practically certain that the long-awaited Russian winter drive in the north has started.

At the same time, there are some indications that the Germans may be getting ready to pull back their Baltic flank.

Russian accounts of thrusts in the Oranienbaum area on the Leningrad front and advance on the Volkhov front north of Novgorod tends to confirm earlier Berlin intimations that the entire Baltic wing is under heavy attacks.

Apparently, the attacks along the Leningrad-Lake Ilmen line are as yet only in their preliminary phase. If a Nazi withdrawal has been ordered to avoid a Russian entrapment thrust in the north similar to the one threatening the German army in the Dnieper bend, evidence of it should emerge within a few days.

The red army break-through north of Novosokolniki is already gravely threatening to pinch off the Pskov gateway, leaving open for a Nazi retreat only the rail and highway route through Narva along the Baltic coast.

That would mean a terrible congestion of military traffic subject to bombing and strafing attacks. It is obvious that unless the Nazi high command is supremely confident of its ability to beat off the multiple Russian attacks in the north which Berlin reports, it must already be thinning out its garrisons on the Baltic flank. It may develop that Russian strategy calls for only assaults to pin the foe in place elsewhere in the north while the break-through north of Nevel is exploited to slam shut the Pskov gate.

That is the indicated Russian technique in the south. It probably accounts for Russian failure to drive home in the depths of the Dnieper bend itself from the east and the Russians are after bigger game in the south.

Former Canadian Liner Is Anti-Aircraft Ship

LONDON, Jan. 18 — (CP) — The auxiliary cruiser Prince Robert has been refitted into an anti-aircraft auxiliary cruiser and has left the Pacific coast of Canada for the Atlantic area, it was disclosed today.

The Prince Robert, formerly a Canadian National Steamships cruise ship on the British Columbia coast, was taken over by the Royal Canadian Navy early in the war.

Disclosure that the Prince Robert has left the Pacific came in the announcement that Rt. Hon. Vincent Massey, Canadian High Commissioner in London, recently inspected the ship, accompanied by Capt. F. L. Houghton, senior Canadian Naval Officer in London.

The Prince Robert, Canada's first anti-aircraft auxiliary cruiser, was one of three passenger liners taken over by the Canadian Navy early in the war and converted into auxiliary cruisers. Some time ago she was fitted out for special anti-aircraft work but this change has been an official secret up to now.

The role of an anti-aircraft ship is to provide protection against air attack and for this purpose the ship is equipped with powerful anti-aircraft fire power as well as special protection against air attack.

It was the Prince Robert which chalked up one of Canada's earliest and more notable naval feats in the war in September, 1940, when she surprised and captured the German freighter Weser off the west coast of Mexico.

N. S. Cod Liver Oil Industry Prospects

HALIFAX, Jan. 18—(CP)—Nova Scotia's cod liver oil industry could be greatly expanded, Dr. A. J. Wood of the Federal fisheries experimental station last night told the Nova Scotia Institute of Science. The present annual production is about 300,000 gallons, and if the output were increased, the speaker believed cod liver oil imports from outside the province would be unnecessary.

Dr. Wood pictured the present time as favorable to the consideration of the question, as fish liver oils are in great demand with supplies from European countries cut off.

Killed In Action

Word has been received by Mrs. William Stewart of Southport that her husband, Pte. William Joseph Stewart, aged 31, was killed in action on Dec. 31. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Stewart of Charlottetown. Pte. William J. Stewart enlisted in the North Nova Scotia Highlanders on Jan. 15, 1940 and proceeded overseas on the following July, 1940. He is survived by his wife, formerly Florence Dunphy of Kensington and one son and two daughters, namely, Billy, Madeline and Jean; and also one sister and two brothers, Mrs. Harrison Yates, 207 King street, Charlottetown, and James and Wilfred, 29 Edward Street, Charlottetown.

British Re-Action To Pravda Story

LONDON, Jan. 18 — (A P) — Britain officially called to the Russian Government's attention today a denial of the Pravda "Cairo rumor" that Britain was discussing a separate peace with Germany. Acknowledgement and an explanation are expected, it was indicated.

Pravda, official Communist Party paper, printed yesterday as a "rumor from Cairo" a dispatch asserting that two "British personalities" had participated in secret peace talks with German Foreign Minister Joachim Von Ribbentrop somewhere on the Iberian Peninsula.

More important than the rumor itself was the fact that it was published in Russia, as Henry C. Cassidy, Associated Press correspondent in Moscow, was able to say in a dispatch today that nothing ever gets into the Soviet Press by accident.

Cassidy said there were two burning questions in Moscow today: Is the story true? And why did Pravda print it?

Pravda itself does not publish on Tuesday and other Moscow papers ignored the story.

The British controlled Cairo censorship said emphatically that the story did not pass censorship there.

British afternoon papers also ignored the story for the second day with the exception of the Evening Standard and the Evening News. The Standard, owned by Lord Beaverbrook, printed a two paragraph story on the back page under the headline: "Moscow drops peace rumor."

British morning papers had fulminated against the Pravda story as a "canard" and "recklessly grotesque."

Nine Canadian Regiments In Italy

ALGIERS, Jan. 18—(CP)—All nine infantry regiments of the Canadian 1st Division now have been formally identified by Allied headquarters here as serving in Italy.

The nine, part of the British 8th Army which crossed the Messina Straits on Sept. 3 to begin the drive up Italy, are:—

Royal Canadian Regiment Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment, 48th Highlanders of Canada;

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, Seaforth Highlanders of Canada, Loyal Edmonton Regiment;

Royal 22nd Regiment, Carleton and York Regiment, West Nova Scotia Regiment.

Allied headquarters has also announced that the Princess Louise Dragoon Guards, a reconnaissance battalion, and the Three Rivers tank regiment are fighting in Italy.

All of these regiments fought in Sicily last summer.

In the Sicilian campaign, identification of the Canadian infantry units taking part in the Canadian drive from the Pachino beaches to the slopes of Mount Etna came more quickly.

The Canadians landed in Sicily July 10 and on July 31 publication was authorized of a dispatch written by Ross Munro, Canadian war correspondent, naming the nine battalions.

Other Canadian units which fought in Sicily but have so far not been named as being in Italy are the Saskatoon Light Infantry, a support battalion, the Calgary tank regiment and the Ontario tank regiment.

More War Brides Arrive In Canada

By The Canadian Press

More British war brides of Canadian servicemen, on their way to new homes in a new country, arrived in Canada recently with a small group of returning Canadian troops and some British air trainees.

The British wives, numbering more than 100 and many with babies, were part of the steady stream of servicemen's wives that have been reaching the Dominion in past months as passage is secured for them. Many thousands more still await their chance to cross to their new adopted country.

Most of the Canadians returning in the latest group were category men invalided back from Britain, and others returning to take brief special courses or train as officers. Also included were a small number who had seen action on the various battlefronts, either in Africa, Sicily or Italy.

Walker To Head Opposition In Alberta House

CALGARY, Jan. 18—(CP)—J. H. Walker, M.L.A. for the southern Alberta constituency of Warner, was elected leader of the Alberta Independent party at the Independent citizens' association convention here last night.

Mr. Walker will head an opposition in the Alberta legislature of 17 members. The Social Credit government has 35 members while the C. C. F., Independent Social Credit Liberal and Labor have one each. One seat is vacant.

The Independent party pledged that if it held a majority after the next provincial legislature it would "work in full harmony" with whatever Federal government happened to be in power.

The platform dealt with youth and child welfare, education, taxation, labor relations, social security and post-war planning, health, housing, agriculture, debt refunding and public works.

MAY ENLARGE SANATORIUM

SAINT JOHN, N. B., Jan. 18—(CP)—Possibility that an addition to the Saint John Tuberculosis home, East Saint John, may be found necessary soon, especially if it is ascertained that extra accommodation is needed to take care of ex-service men afflicted with tuberculosis, was discussed at today's municipal council meeting.

Councillor Reginald D. Brown suggested that the municipal council might take the matter up with provincial authorities with a view to seeking federal aid in financing such a project.

NETTLES USED IN CLOTH

Latest military uniforms for Hungary are made from cloth spun from the fibres of nettles.

Meet Heavy Opposition By Enemy

By DOUGLAS AMARON

WITH CANADIANS IN ITALY, Jan. 18 — (CP Cable) — Canadian infantrymen, striking out from their positions beside the Adriatic for the first time in two weeks, fought a fierce, daylong battle with German paratroopers yesterday in enemy-held ground south of the Arielli River.

Supported by the greatest artillery concentration of the present campaign, soldiers from central Canada and the Maritimes gained a few hundred yards in face of withering machine-gun fire which faced the advancing troops. Fighting and shelling continued throughout last night.

First objectives of the Canadians were gained during the morning by a company commanded by Maj. Frank Kennedy of Stratford, Ont. Progress of following companies was slowed by fierceness of the opposition.

12-Hour Barrage

The attack began at 5:30 a.m. when hundreds of field guns and medium Howitzers began a 12-hour barrage. Infantry moved down the slopes of a gorge which had been the Canadian front line since the capture of "point 59," taken by Maritime troops Jan. 4 and forded a shallow stream about half a mile from the mouth of the Arielli River.

German machine-gunners dug in beside and inside thick-walled houses met the attack with concentrated crossfire. Despite this Kenedy's men gained high ground on the German side of the stream and other soldiers followed, fanning out to the left towards the most bothersome machine-gun posts. Central Canadian troops made the initial assault and Maritimers came in between them and the sea late in the day.

The picture as this dispatch was written was still obscure because of the fierceness of the fighting but it was apparent the Germans were as determined to fight for every inch of ground as they were at the Moro River and in Ortona.

(Don Campbell, Reuters News Agency correspondent, reported from the front that the Canadian

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Quebec Legislature Opened Yesterday

QUEBEC, Jan. 18—(CP)— The Lieutenant-Governor, Sir Eugene Fiset, today brought Quebec's 21st legislature into its fifth wartime session by reading the speech from the Throne in the spacious council chamber before members of the 24-seat legislative council and the 86-seat legislative assembly.

The Throne speech delivered during ceremonies, colorful in peace time, simple in wartime, said that "the setting up of a provincial hydro is the only solution for the problem of lower rate and rural electrification."

High tide this morning at 5.23 and this afternoon at 5.36.

Sun sets this afternoon at 5.48 and rises tomorrow morning at 8.32

New moon Jan. 25, 12.24 p.m.

Summerside tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

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Two Killed In Derailment

MONCTON, N. B., Jan. 18—(CP)—Two Canadian National Railways brakemen, James Gordon and J. A. Levesque, both of Campbellton, were killed and conductor James Trites, Moncton, was seriously injured at 12.20 p.m. today when two rear coaches and a van attached to the second section of the eastbound Ocean Limited were derailed just east of Eel River station near Dalhousie Junction. Conductor Trites is in hospital in Campbellton.

Cause of the derailment is being investigated by railway authorities.

All three were members of a "deadhead" crew proceeding eastward when the accident occurred. Gordon was a son of James Gordon former assistant superintendent of the Campbellton division.

The passenger train locomotive was in charge of Melvin Wortman, Moncton. The conductor in charge of the train was Charles MacWilliam.

Railway authorities here said there was little delay to trains caused by the spill and that none of the passengers had been injured.

News Briefs

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, New Guinea, Jan. 19 —(Wednesday) — (AP) — Driving into dense jungle land above the neck of Arawe Peninsula, southwestern New Britain, American troops Sunday gained 1,000 yards of Japanese territory and killed 139 of the enemy, the Allied High Command announced today. The attackers suffered comparatively slight losses.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18 — (AP) — Impending shortages of leather are so serious that plans are already well advanced to utilize pigskin leather in civilian shoes, it was reported tonight by United States war production board sources.

LONDON, Jan. 18 — (CP — Aneta) — A final 24 hour rehearsal in anticipation of the forthcoming invasion of Europe was completed here today by Netherlands Civil Affairs authorities who will accompany Allied troops into their homeland as administrators.

BOSTON, Jan. 18 — (A P) — Survivors returning to port on another vessel told today of their five day battle with a raging North Atlantic storm which ended with the foundering of the United States Army freighter Nevada and the loss of 35 men from her crew of 64.

The cork oak tree takes 20 years to produce usable bark.

Montreal Teachers Seek Wage Increase

MONTREAL, Jan. 18—(CP)—Leo Guidon, president of the Montreal Catholic Teachers Alliance, said today "we are adamant in our demands for higher maximum and minimum salaries and we will not wait any longer than Jan. 31—deadline set by the alliance—for the provincial government to fulfill its promises."

Provincial secretary Hector Racine Ferrier recently told Montreal Catholic teachers that salaries "would be increased."

Mr. Guindon added that it was "utterly ridiculous that the maximum salary paid to a woman teacher be $1,200 when that is the minimum paid to a male teacher."

A. F. L. Objects To Use Of Prisoners

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 18 — (AP)—The American federation of labor executive council expressed concern today over the "almost indiscriminate employment of prisoners of war in competition with free American workers."

A council statement said "this practice is dangerous and is calculated to arouse deep resentment among American workers. It cannot be justified on the grounds of manpower shortages or for any other reason."

President William Green, answering newsmen's questions, said a recent complaint had come from Wisconsin because of the use of prisoners of war in wood cutting. He also said the proposal to use them in railroad work is objectionable because of the danger of sabotage.

Says Canada Is "Monopoly-Ridden"

MONTREAL, Jan. 18—(CP)—Canada probably is the most "monopoly-ridden" country in the world with the aluminum, nickel, oil products, tobacco, agricultural implements, steel products, chemicals, beer and sugar industries among those "afflicted with this economic hardening of the arteries," M. J. Coldwell, C. C. F. leader, said here tonight.

If the C. C. F. in Canada could by democratic, socialist planning resolve the paradox of potential plenty and actual want it would have rendered distinguished service in the struggle for lasting peace Mr. Coldwell said, delivering a prepared address before the St. James Literary Society.

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Oppose Restrictions On Ont. Beer Sales

TORONTO, Jan. 18—(CP) — Restrictions of the amount of beer available for sale in Ontario have encouraged excessive drinking and have "forcibly reversed" a growing trend toward moderation, A. St. Clair Gordon, chairman of the liquor control board on Ontario, said today.

In an address prepared for delivery before the annual convention of the Ontario hotels association, Mr. Gordon said reduction in hours of sale of beer in beverage rooms and diversion of beer gallonage from hotels to sale for home consumption was necessary for the protection of the hotel industry.

"The changed regulations affecting hotels, which the board recently put into effect, are measures intended to fight the wave of increasing drunkenness which a beer shortage and a widespread public disbelief in such a shortage have created.

The people of Ontario "will not countenance" a continuation of excessive drunkenness and "if the trend goes beyond a certain point the public will demand the wiping out of the places where these conditions exist."