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King Proposes To Hold Power For The Duration

Prime Minister Refers To Election Outlook In Commons Speech.

By James McCook

OTTAWA, Jan. 31 — (C P) — Prime Minister MacKenzie King said today in the House of Commons that his government proposes to stay in power until the war is won, unless it is prevented from properly carrying on the business of government.

He said he could not say what the situation might be next year when the statutory life of the government expires, but unless there are "strong reasons" to the contrary he would wish to see no extension of the parliamentary term.

Participating in the debate on the address in reply to the throne speech, Mr. King also said:—

1. He did not support the opinions of Field Marshal Smuts of South Africa and Lord Halifax, British Ambassador to the United States, that the British Commonwealth nations must seek a power bloc to balance other Allied powers after the war. Rather, he said, he favors collaboration with all other nations supporting peace.

2. The war must not be considered won, and an "appalling" situation must be faced before victory.

3. The government is prepared to speed the business of the house by early appointment of committees and the setting aside of Wednesday as a day for committee business only.

Follows Graydon

Mr. King spoke after Gordon Graydon, Progressive Conservative house leader, had opened opposition criticism of the throne speech which outlined legislative plans for the session.

Mr. Graydon moved an amendment to the address in reply to the throne speech, "regretting" omissions in the government's social security program. The amendment is tantamount to a no-confidence motion.

At the start of his speech, Mr. King called upon John Bracken, Progressive Conservative national leader, to seek election to the house at an early date, "considering the importance of the great questions which have to be decided in this parliament this year." The only man who has a right to speak in the name of the people as a party leader, said Mr. King "is one who occupies a seat in this house or who has received the approval of the electorate, giving him the right to speak as a representative."

The Prime Minister said he was surprised, that Mr. Graydon "dealt at such length on matters pertaining to general elections and the like, as compared with the time he devoted to the situation in Europe."

Mr. Graydon from across the floor interjected that "the speech from the Throne was filled with everything except the war."

Mr. King said he would repeat what he said last year—that the government hoped "to carry through to the end the trust which had been given to us by the Canadian people, when they returned us to power, a trust that he would

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BULLETIN

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 31 — (AP)— Spain will break relations with the Axis this week, an informed source forecast tonight.

According to this source, the move will be forced by the increasing pressure from Britain and the United States, which includes a threat that those powers will break with Spain if she does not break with the Axis.

SALT FOUND IN CANADA

The new Malagash salt field discovered in Nova Scotia is expected to end Canadian importation of salt from the Mediterranean and Carribean areas.

COMING EVENTS

"Dance at Graham's Road, Thursday, Feb. 3. 1-31-3-2i

"East Royalty Rink To-night, Royals vs. Covehead, League game. 2-1-1i

"Card Party, Box Social and Dance, Tracadie Hall, Friday, February 4th. Good music. 2-1-2i.

"Unloading Old Sydney Screened Coal at Milton. B. C. Webster. 2-1-1i.

"Farmers Attention. — Unloading car of barley meal at Breadalbane. 2-1-1i.

"Due to arrive this month, ten cars feed including bulk wheat, bulk barley, bulk oats. McGuigan & Boyle. 1-27-5i.

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

"Come to the Concert at Stanley Bridge Hall, Tuesday, February 1st. 1-29-3i.

"Reserve Feb. 24th, and 25th, B.Y.P.U. play "Oh, Promise Me". 2-1-5-9-12-4i

"Garden Seeds. All the latest and best varieties. Send for free 1944 Catalogue. Arthur Vesey, York. 1-17-tf.

"Notice—Due to arrive at Fodhla Station one car Bulk Wheat. Book orders at once. W. J. Daly, Iona. 1-31-2i.

"Unloading bulk barley and bulk wheat today. Russell Driscoll, Mt. Herbert. 2-1-2i

"Loading live hogs at Breadalbane Friday, February 4, until 11 a.m. Arthur Haslam. 1-31-2-3-3i

"Loading hogs for Davis & Fraser every Thursday afternoon at Albany and Emerald. Every Friday forenoon until further notice. 1-19-4i.

"Unloading car of Albion Nut Coal Tuesday and Wednesday, February 1st and 2nd. Also car of Barley Meal. J. L. MacEachern, Mt. Albion. 2-1-1i.

"Eastern Shipping Club will be loading Hogs at Baltic Station Monday, January 31st and Elmira following Monday and alternately thereafter until further notice. John Pierce, Secretary. 1-31-2i.

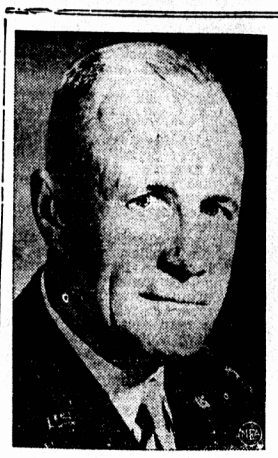
"Unloading car choice No. 5 Northern Bulk Wheat at stock pens Wednesday, February 2nd, and Car No. 3 CW Barley on arrival few days time. Bring bags. Livestock Feed Agency. 1-31-2i

"The Montague Presbyterian Choir will repeat the Burns' Scotch Concert, Cardigan Hall, Friday, February 4th, eight P. M. If stormy Monday, February 7th. 2-1-3-2i.

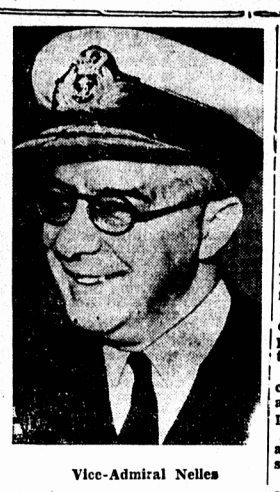
"Send your children to see a clean, wholesome and hilarious comedy, "Aunt Tillie Goes To Sea." Friday, February 4th, Hearts Memorial Hall. Matinee: Children 25c at 3.30 p.m. 2-1-2i

"Loading five hogs for Davis & Fraser Thursday, February 3rd as follows: Morris Caseley, Summerside 10 A. M. till 1.30 P. M. Kensington till 3 P. M. Bulman & Bagnall, Hunter River Friday till noon. Also wanted same date at Kensington a number of thrifty young pigs 18 pounds up. Paying $7.00 per pair. Signed H. S. MacEwen. 1-31-2i.

"Owing to present Railway embargo on bulk and bagged grain from Western Canada we will deliver from our cars only to those already booked; balance required for our warehouse trade. No deliveries from car except on presentation of sales slips from office. Livestock Feed Agency. 1-31-2i



Maj. Gen. John C. H. Lee



Vice-Admiral Nelles

Maj.-Gen. W. B. Smith

Col. Royal Lord

The four men pictured above have just been named to key posts in General Eisenhower's "invasion team," command group. Maj-Gen John C. H. Lee, while continuing as commander of the Services of Supply, becomes deputy commander in the European theater of operations, acting "in all appropriate cases" for General Eisenhower. Maj-Gen. W. B. Smith is the new ETO chief of staff, in addition to being staff chief of the supreme headquarters of the Allied expeditionary force in London. He will be assisted by Col. Royal Lord, who will double as ETO deputy staff and as chief of staff for SOS in the area. Vice-Admi. Percy W. Nelles flew to London from Canada to become senior Royal Canadian Navy flag officer in Britain, charged with directing Dominion naval forces in the invasion.

Invasion Bridgehead So. of Rome Further Extended

By EDWARD KENNEDY

ALGIERS, Jan. 31—(AP)—Allied forces have extended their bridgehead south of Rome by successful attacks near the German strongpoint of Cisterna, 26 miles southeast of the eternal city, while United States troops on the main 5th army front broke through part of the Gustav line in fierce fighting just north of Cassino, it was announced today.

The German high command, in a broadcast heard here, reported the Allies had lashed out north and northeast of their Anzio beachhead with "strong infantry and tank forces," and acknowledged that several dents had been made in Nazi defences in the Cassino area.

The area already occupied by British and American landing forces in nine days was said to be greater than was won in the first 21 days after the landing at Salerno south of Naples.

Patrolling was reported from the 8th army front in eastern Italy where a Canadian army corps is in the line.

The Allies coupled their land advances with a smashing air victory during the week-end which thwarted German plans to draw bombers from other parts of Europe and concentrate them on fields north of Venice for attacks on the Rome bridgehead area and the huge Allied invasion fleet.

Heavy bombers destroyed many enemy planes sitting on the fields at Villorba, Maniago, Lavarino and Udine, and with their fighter escorts shot 63 nostile aircraft out of the sy.

Destruction of 63 Nazi planes brought the total bag in the past four days to 163 against a loss of 19 Allied craft in this theatre.

Weather somewhat reduced Allied air activity over the fighting front yesterday.

Col. Ralston Announces Appointments

OTTAWA, Jan. 31 — (CP) — Maj.-Gen. Guy Simonds, 40, of Winnipeg and Kingston, Ont., who led the Canadian 1st Division through the successful Sicilian campaign and later took over an armored division, has been appointed a Corps Commander with Acting Rank of Lieutenant-General, Defence Minister Ralston announced today.

Col. Ralston also announced these other important military changes:—

Lt.-Gen. E. W. Sansom, 53, of Ottawa, has relinquished command of a corps because of illness.

Brig. Charles Foulkes, 41, of London, Ont., and Victoria, has been appointed to command a division overseas with acting rank of Major-General.

Lt.-Col. James Curry Jefferson, 38, of Edmonton, will assume command of an infantry brigade with acting rank of Brigadier.

Lack of mention of a new 1st Canadian Army Commander in Col. Ralston's announcement does not mean Defence Headquarters has given up the idea of appointing a successor to Lt.-Gen. A.G. L. McNaughton, who has retired because of ill health, most army circles believe.

Today's most important move was that which placed Gen. Simonds in command of a corps but whether he is taking over the post vacated by Gen. Sansom was not officially indicated.

Reds Repeat Blunt Charges Against Spain

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31—(AP) — The Soviet embassy repeated its blunt declaration today that "the Spanish rulers are continuing to serve Hitler."

An article in the embassy information bulletin elaborated on charges that Spanish troops are still fighting at the Russian front, and said: "Hitler's Spanish accomplices are playing hide-and-seek and resorting to all sorts of camouflage; under the guise of neutrality they supply Fascist Germany with fresh consignments of cannon fodder."

German Capital Almost Isolated

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 31 — (AP) — For the second night running, telephone communication with Berlin was broken off tonight amid indications that the German capital again was the target of an attack by R. A. F. bombers. Stockholm newspapers were unable to reach their Berlin correspondents shortly before 9 p. m.

Telephone and telegraphic communications operated only spasmodically. Harsh censorship allowed foreign correspondents in Berlin to file mere paraphases of communiques. Since Saturday there has been no air connection between Sweden and Berlin. Railroad traffic is crippled. Information reaching Sweden said there have been no trains to Copenhagen since Friday night.

The meagre dispatches from Berlin to the newspaper Aftonbladet and to the Scandinavian Telegraph Bureau gave the impression that the raiders, operating with a good cloud cover, spread explosives and incendiaries generally over the capital, with some concentration on central Berlin.

Plane Missing

HALIFAX, Jan. 31 — (CP) — A twin engined aircraft with a crew of three is missing and believed lost while on a night operational flight from the air station at Debert, N. S., it was announced today by Eastern Air Command headquarters here. Last communication with the plane was at 1.26 a. m ADT Saturday morning.

Next of kin have been informed and names will be issued shortly.

War Situation Last Night

By Kirke L. Simpson, Associated Press War Analyst

Swedish observers discern a grave new disaster to Nazi war industries as well as to German troops in northern Russia as red army spearheads stab closer to the narrow Narva escape hatch on the coastal flank of the Russian-Estonian border.

They foresee return of Russia's still powerful Baltic battle fleet to menace Germany's main source of high-grade iron ore. Swedish iron is even more essential to the Nazi war machine than Rumanian petroleum. Both are endangered by Russian advances in the Baltic and Black Sea flanks.

The Russian Baltic fleet, long holed up in the eastern end of the Gulf of Finland, now is free to range westward under close-up, land-based air protection its re-emergence in the Baltic proper to prey on German traffic with Sweden is an obvious possibility.

There is too much at stake in the Baltic for Germany to risk loss of control. Except for the air, it is the only connecting link with Finland, already wavering as a war partner, and with German north Atlantic out posts in Norway.

German occupation of Norway and Denmark sealed off the Baltic as a German lake so far as Allied sea power was concerned. With the Russian Baltic fleet bottled up, Nazi traffic in the Baltic had little to fear.

Swedish advices suggest that the Russians might drive on westward along the south shore of the Gulf of Finland into Estonia clear to Baltiski at the western end of the Gulf.

The Moscow announcement that Russian forces had smashed into the suburbs of Kingisipp within eight miles of the Estonian border greatly strengthened this possibility. Kingisipp is about 10 miles east of Narva and not far to the west of this old fortress city is Baltiski.

Backed by Russian air power based in northwestern Estonia, the red Baltic fleet would represent a threat to all German Baltic traffic, even to Baltic coast industrial centres in Germany itself heretofore only reachable by Allied long-range bombers from Britain.

Graydon Declares Gov't Policy Window Dressing

Protests Grave Omissions In Social Security Plans; Asks For Information Re Army Plans.

OTTAWA, Jan. 31 —(CP)—Gordon Graydon, Progressive Conservative House Leader, moving an amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the Throne which was tantamount to a want-of-confidence motion in the government, protested in the Commons today against "grave omissions" in the Liberal Administration's social security plans and demanded "immediate action" to implement measures for full employment, agriculture stability, a comprehensive labor code and against what he called "bureaucratic controls and regimentation."

First Opposition Party Leader to speak in debate on the address in reply, Mr. Graydon called the government program as outlined in the Throne Speech "attractive political window dressing" and added:—

"Our criticism of this government in these matters is that for eight years it has not brought forward enough progressive social or agricultural or labor legislation and only now, in an election year, comes forward with these dying declarations."

Asks Re Army Plans

The government had never been too frank about the conduct of the war, he said.

The people demanded "satisfactory answers" as to why the 7th and 9th Divisions in Canada were disbanded, why these two divisions were constituted in the first place, what was being done with the "big" home-defence army; whether it was going overseas, and whether its personnel would be directed back into civilian activities if it were left in Canada.

Mr. Grayden said the chiefs of staff of the navy, army and air force all had been transferred overseas and replaced in Ottawa, and asked if this meant that the government "believes that all danger to Canada has been largely removed."

"If so, why the necessity for the maintenance of this big home-defence army? Even at this late date it is essential that the whole story of the home-defence army constitution and its present and future roles should be explained fully and frankly by the government to this House."

Canadians were "confused" about what was going on overseas; and wondered why the 1st Canadian Army there was constituted in the first place and then "abandoned."

"Many rumors are in circulation regarding the resignation of Gen. McNaughton," he said. "Public interest demands that the Prime

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News Briefs

MONTEVIDEO, Jan. 31 —(AP)— Private reports from Buenos Aires today said an Argentine government crisis is expected in the next few days and that Gen. Arturo Rawson, recently-resigned Ambassador to Brazil, had been denied permission to return to Argentina.

EDMONTON, Jan. 31 —(CP) — An epidemic of influenza which spread through the town as eskimos and Indians flocked in to spend the Christmas holiday season, took the lives of 12 persons in Aklavik, N.W.T., it was learned here today. Aklavik is 2,000 miles northwest of Edmonton.

WITH THE CANADIANS IN ITALY, Jan. 31— (CP Cable) — The Canadian Corps in Italy, led by Lt.-Gen. H. D. G. Crerar, was welcomed into the 8th army by Lt.-Gen. Sir Oliver Leese, its commander, during a recent visit to corps headquarters.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 —(AP) —Gen. George C. Marshall, United States Army Chief of Staff, declared tonight that the most critical period of the war is nearing and that "enormous stores" of guns, planes and munitions are being assembled on the world battlefronts.

CHUNGKING, Jan. 31 —(AP) —A million Chinese have died of famine and cholera in Kwangtung Province, George Edgar Adams, Secretary of the United States Advisory Committee for southeast China, asserted today.

U. S. Senate Debates Service Men's Vote

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31—(AP)— A Republican defended and a Democrat criticized President Roosevelt's blistering message to Congress on soldiers' vote legislation today as the Senate moved through another day of debate on the Green-Lucas bill to give service personnel a federal ballot in this year's election.

Senator William Langer (Rep.-N.D.) said he thought the President's message, denouncing as a "fraud" the state ballot bill previously passed by the Senate, was "justified and I commend him for his courage in frankly setting forth his views."

Senator Guy Gillette (Dem.-Iowa), although saying he would support the Green-Lucas bill, had previously spoken out against the President's action in stepping into the controversy.

Nazis May Lay Rome In Ruins

LONDON, Jan. 31 —(CP)—With Allied armies drawing closer to Rome, the decision whether it will escape the ravages of the battlefield rests with the Germans—and fears are being expressed in London that the Nazis are ready to lay the city in ruins just as they did in Naples.

So far, the Allies have spared Rome proper but without giving it the status of an open city. The eternal city is a junction for a network of railroads and, since it is the most important communications centre in Italy, it would be impossible to make it an open city as long as a single German soldier stays in it.

The Holy Father is reported to be determined to remain in the Vatican, which has been marked clearly to avoid air raids and Axis reports have suggested that the Germans have tried without success to persuade the Pope to move.

Invasion Coast Hit Following Berlin Raid

LONDON, Jan. 31—(AP)—United States planes pounded anti-invasion targets on the northern coast of France and an airfield in the Netherlands today after the 14th R.A.F. - R.C.A.F. winter saturation attack on Berlin Sunday night.

The daylight attack by heavy bombers and escorting fighters on military objectives in the Pas De Calais area in northern France was the 30th Allied blow against these forward Nazi positions this month. No enemy fighter opposition was encountered and all of the big bombers returned, a joint air ministry and United States army communique said.

The Germans admitted heavy damage to Berlin and communications with other cities were broken off for hours. Swedish airline flights to Germany were cancelled today because of "bad weather over Stettin" but probably it was due to terrific damage done to Templehof airdrome, Berlin's largest airport, which was hit by several blockbusters.

Annual Meeting Of Prog. Cons. Ass'n On March 3, 4

OTTAWA, Jan. 31—(CP) — The second annual meeting of the Progressive Conservative Association of Canada will be held in Ottawa Friday and Saturday, March 3 and 4, Gordon Graydon, the party's house leader and president of the association, announced today.

An executive meeting will be held March 2. Probably the day before the annual meeting the policy and resolutions committee of the party will meet to complete work on policy recommendations.

A dinner will be held on the evening of March 3 at which John Bracken, the party's national leader, will make "important announcements," Mr. Graydon said in a statement.

Mr. Graydon announced he is not seeking re-election to the presidency in view of pressure of other work.

Producer Has New "Forecast" Film

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 31 — (AP) — Producer Carey Wilson is hurrying his 4th Nostradamus short to completion. It forecasts the assasination of Adolf Hitler, and Wilson would prefer to get the film on the screen before the deed is accomplished, although it would be all right with him if they'd kill the guy tomorrow.

Wilson has produced three Nostradamus shorts, based on the writings of the mystic French physician and mathematician (1503-1566) to whom the past and the future appeared to be merely different dimensions, each equally discernible. Nostradamus, as interpreted by Wilson, has rung the bell in a surprising number of instances.

Wilson says his new picture forecasts Hitler's death as the result of a conspiracy between Goering and Goebbels.

D.N.B. Quotes Jap On Atrocities

LONDON, Jan. 31 — (CP) —A Japanese government spokesman, Sadao Iguchi, was quoted in a DNB dispatch from Tokyo which was broadcast tonight as saying that British and United States disclosures of Japanese cruelties to Allied war prisoners were a "cloak for cruelties committed by the Allies themselves."

It was the first comment from the Japanese capital on the sickening disclosures in London and Washington last week of the torture and starvation of Allied troops captured by the enemy.

RED CROSS WORKER DEAD IN JAPAN

NEW YORK, Jan. 31—(AP)—A transocean agency dispatch broadcast by the Berlin radio today said Dr. Fritz Paravicini of Switzerland, principal delegate of the international Red Cross in Japan, had died in Yokohama at the age of 69. Since the start of the Pacific war Dr. Paravicini has supervised the distribution of mail and other supplies to Allied prisoners in Japan.

U. S. Army And Navy Planes Strike Again

Tokyo Radio Hints That United States Ground Forces Have Struck.

By William Hipple

PEARL HARBOUR, T H Jan. 31 —(AP) — United States Army and Navy land based planes, co-ordinating their attacks with the blows of strong carrier task forces and fleet units, have struck anew at the Marshall Islands to keep the Japanese groggy pending the zero hour for ground invasion.

In announcing the new raids today, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz commander of the United States Pacific fleet, gave no details of the week end carrier attacks in the Marshals, nor of Sunday's bombardment by warships. The Tokyo Radio hinted, however, that the United States ground forces had struck.

A terse communique Sunday night from Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander in chief, the United States fleet, merely said carrier task forces were continuing their assault launched Saturday, and that surface units had joined them Sunday.

"Fierce fighting" in the Mandated Islands was reported by the Tokyo Radio in an enigmatic broadcast which claimed Japanese "army and navy units intercepted powerful enemy units" that had been attacking the Marshalls.

Tokyo may have been giving a lefthanded hint that United States ground forces had launched their long threatened invasion of the Mandated Islands or the broadcast may have referred only to operations of air arms.

While the assault on Marshall Atolls resembled the pre-invasion bombardment in the Gilbert Islands last November, it was of longer duration.

In the southwest Pacific the Japanese were hard pressed in the defence of Rabaul, New Britain, their key position in that area.

14 Jap Ships Sunk By U. S. Submarines

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 — (AP) — Fourteen more Japanese ships including three transports which may have been crowded with thousands of soldiers, have been sent to the bottom of the Pacific by American submarines.

The successes were announced by the navy today with the usual brevity of reports on submarine activities — no mention of time, place or details. A possibility, however, is that the three transports and some of the 11 other ships were carrying men and supplies to enemy bases in the Marshall Islands.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 31—(CP)—The first of three Lancaster transports which will be used in the Canadian government's wartime trans-Atlantic service, landed at Stevenson Airport here today. The huge four-motored plane made the 1,500-mile non-stop flight from Montreal in six hours, 14 minutes.

The plane was on a routine test flight and will later be used to transport mail for Canadian troops overseas.

High tide this afternoon at 5.10 and tomorrow morning at 5.56.

Sun sets this evening at 6.07 and rises tomorrow morning at 8.20.

Full moon Feb. 9, 2.29 a.m.

Summerside tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown

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