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QUICK CAPTURE OF BERLIN POSSIBLE

U. S. 3rd Army In Sensational Advances

Term Of Parliament To Be Extended?

OTTAWA, March 7 (CP) — Reports published here today that the Government might ask for an extension of the life of Parliament beyond April 17, when it expires, but a Cabinet Member said that as far as he knew there was nothing in the reports. He said the matter had never been discussed by the Cabinet, which was proceeding on the assumption that Parliament would end April 17 or before.

On the other hand, a Progressive Conservative spokesman foresees the possibility of an extension should war developments and legislation forecast in the Speech from the Throne—along with proposals at the coming session—be advisable to consider such action. He said, however, his party had not been approached by the Government.

Prime Minister Mackenzie King and Gordon Graydon, Progressive Conservative leader, went on record in Commons last December as opposing any extension. The C.P. has taken the position all along that no election should be held while the Canadian forces overseas are in the height of battle and that any extension of the life of Parliament.

Rush 5,000 Surgical Masks To Iwo Jima

HONOLULU, March 7 (AP) — Five thousand white gauze surgical masks have been rushed by the Red Cross to Iwo Jima to protect American marines from the dust and volcanic ash as they fight the strategic island. Volcanic ash has been one of the great dangers at Iwo. It has filled eyes, mouths and lungs and clogged gas and motor vehicles.

Coming Events

- Dance in Bradalbane Hall to-night. 3-8-11.
- Leading boys over Thursday night. Davis & Fraser Ltd. Merivyn Drive, Pease. 3-8-11.
- Dance, sale of lunches, Bon-shaw March 10th. Proceeds for Red Cross. 3-8-11.
- Ember River Friday, March 10th. National Film Board, 1 and 330 P. M. 3-8-11.
- The King's Daughters will hold a penny sale at Holman's, Saturday, March 10th at 3 P. M. 3-7-11.
- Meeting regarding Seeds in Meadow Bank School, Friday evening, March 9th. 3-8-11.
- Parkdale Fadry and Quilt Sale at Holman's, March 17th. 3-8-11.
- Loading hogs at Fredericton, Friday, March 9th until 11.30. Also loading hogs at Fredericton, Saturday, March 10th. D. Leslie MacDowell. 3-8-11.
- How in stock bulk 3 c. w. oats and 2 c. w. peas, 2 c. w. barley, 2 c. w. wheat, 2 c. w. oat, double recombined and 2 c. w. bulk barley. McCaughey & Boyle. 3-8-11.
- Notice — Loading hogs at Alton until Thursday, March 9th from noon until 11.30. G. C. Green. 3-8-11.
- Now unloading mixed car Purina feeds, Egeuna Lay Mash, Chick and Pig feeds, barley, metal ground and whole wheat. G. C. Green. 3-8-11.
- We can sell for immediate shipment from Montreal five cars of Number Three Canada Western No. 1 Row Barley. The Atlas Grain Company, Montreal. 3-8-11.
- Arriving in few days car Purina feed Laying Mash and all kinds of chick feeds. Place your orders now and get delivery from car for best prices. G. C. Green. 3-8-11.
- The Public Temperance Meeting scheduled for March 6th in the United Church Vestry, Tryon, will now be held Thursday evening, March 8th. A good attendance is requested from all surrounding districts. 3-8-11.
- Buying pigs at Fredericton Saturday, paying \$18 a pair for good pigs over thirty pounds each, plus \$2 a pair for delivery of pigs without lice or black teeth. Knud Jorgensen. 3-8-11.
- Wire or write us, or contact J. A. Gillies, Charlottetown, if you want to buy straight or assorted grains. Quality goods at lowest prices, and entire satisfaction guaranteed. The Atlas Grain Company, Montreal, 1, Que. 3-8-11.

500 Veterans Back From Battlefronts

Islanders Included In Group Home On 30-Day Leave

(By The Canadian Press) — Back from the battlefronts of Europe for a long-awaited visit home, more than 500 Canadian veterans wearing the red and blue patches of the 1st and 2nd Canadian divisions have arrived in Canada on 30-day leaves.

The three-year veterans to return under the rotation home leave plan, the men are all veterans of five years service overseas, of years of waiting for action in Britain and action-crowded months on the daily-changing fronts of northwest Europe.

The five-year men formed a large part of a contingent of United Nations servicemen who arrived on this side of the ocean. Along with them came a large contingent of British and Canadian servicemen, nursing sisters and members of the C.W.A.C. and the R.C.A.F. Women's Division.

Several hundred Canadian servicemen arrived for various medical reasons, and wound stripes also were a common sight among the 30-day men.

British naval and army men, and United States services also were represented.

Brig. Russell Hilton Beattie of London, Ont., who commanded an infantry brigade overseas, came back to be posted to new duties.

Prince Edward Islanders included: Spr. H. E. Jones and L. Bdr. R. E. Matthews of Charlottetown; Gar. I. E. Mullen, Tracadie Cross and Pte. J. D. MacIsaac, Coleman.

N. S. Legislature Debates C. N. R. Taxation Bill

(By The Canadian Press) — HALIFAX, March 7—Legislation which would empower the City of Halifax to force the Canadian National Railways to disclose methods of operation and company financials was debated today before the Provincial Legislature's bills committee.

Purpose of the bill is to enable the city to establish company ownership by the C.N.R. and levy assessments against the railway's considerable property in Halifax. At present, all C.N.R. property in the city is tax exempt.

F. D. Smith representing the Federal Department of Justice, said that "rationing of the King might be raised as a constitutional issue to defeat the city's effort to tax the railway. Whether the King or the railway shareholders actually own the property in Halifax is a point that must be established legally, the committee was told.

The bill as it stands would give the city court of tax appeals "all the powers of the Supreme Court and of any Judge thereof for directing and enforcing... any proceeding, hearing or appeal before it."

R. M. Fielding, counsel for the committee, said it "comes close to creating something like the King-hasn't the power to create."

Difficulties confronting the city in its quest for a single man from the Home Defence Army to share in whatever contribution the C.N.R. will make in the Japanese theatre of war.

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Budget Debate In N. B. House

FREDERICTON, March 7 (CP) — The Provincial Government should have paid into sinking funds last year from general revenues \$1,554,000 instead of \$608,000, J. G. McInerney (P.C.—Saint John City), financial critic for the opposition, said today in opening the budget debate in the New Brunswick Legislature.

This would have resulted in a deficit of \$84,000 much larger than any deficit incurred by any Conservative Government in New Brunswick's history, he said.

Mr. McInerney said the Provincial Government to state its stand on the conscription issue. Progressive Conservative members of the Legislature stood for total conscription. Limited conscription was not good enough.

Mr. McInerney said the people of Canada had lost faith in Premier Mackenzie King's reassurances on the manpower situation.

Now Brunswickers who went voluntarily to war wanted reinforcements — not a nigardly, half-hearted policy of reinforcements whole-hearted, honest effort backed by our whole manpower of eligible age.

Icebreakers Opening St. Lawrence River

MONTREAL, March 7 (CP) — Marine circles reported today that the icebreakers N. B. McLean and Lady Grey had entered Lake St. Peter, 80 miles below Montreal, on their annual up-river smash to clear the St. Lawrence of ice.

The N. B. McLean was crashing through 26-inch ice to open the main channel, with the small Lady Grey tackling in-shore floes to keep the opened channel clear.

U. S. Army Needs Quantities Of Candles

(By The Associated Press) — SYRACUSE, N. Y., March 7 — Candles have been placed in the "super-critical" classification by the army, a manufacturer, Theodore Thomas Meyer, said today. Army requirements have been stepped up "immensely" with advances into devastated cities and other areas where electric and gas facilities have been demolished by bombing and shellfire.

War Situation Last Night

(Associated Press War Analyst) — Despite a new blackout on United States 1st Army operations in the Bonn-Cologne sector on the Rhine which may cover an immediate American attempt to force a river crossing, the centre of gravity in the European war seems definitely shifting from west to east again.

That was the implication of a German statement that Marshal Zhukov's White Russian Army, the cutting edge of the Russian sweep from the Vistula to the Oder, was on the move. It said the Russians, peaced a massive gun barrage, were striking full force at the Kuestrin and Zehden east bank redoubts that guard a critical span of the Middle Oder 40 and 30 miles, respectively, from Berlin.

That represents at least a 50-mile-wide assault from a point due east of Berlin to an even closer range attack due northeast at Zehden. As usual Moscow ignored the Berlin report. It is not apt to say anything of operations there until objectives have been obtained and consolidated; but the scene of action as outlined by the Germans sufficiently indicates what that objective must be. There is ample elbow room west of the Middle Oder for establishment of a wide and deep bridgehead from which to launch the final march on Berlin from the east and northeast under more favorable terrain conditions than in an approach from the southeast across the Neisse-Oder line.

The very silence of Moscow as to developments on the Middle Oder line is significant. With the right-flank situation cleared up by close investment of Stetin at the Oder mouth, Moscow turned far to the south for an official report on a Red Army victory.

It told of a surge northward in Slovakia at a point 80 miles east of Bratislava and the capture of Banaka-Stavicka. The town lies due north of Budapest on a through rail and road connection leading directly through Jablenka Pass to the south side of the Moravian Gap through which Russian forces have been slowly edging toward Vienna from the northeast.

Bracken Scores King's Efforts To Sidestep Will Of The People

OTTAWA, March 7 (CP) — Canada should be represented at the forthcoming world security conference, said a national political party in the House of Commons, or by representatives chosen by Parliament to represent Canada.

Mr. Bracken, Progressive Conservative leader, said tonight.

In a speech prepared for delivery over a national network of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, Mr. Bracken said that the life of Parliament will have expired before the conference opens April 25 and therefore Prime Minister Mackenzie King will have no mandate to represent Canada at the conference.

In the half-hour address delivered on free time provided by the CBC to allow political leaders to express their views, Mr. Bracken also said:

"The coming of the conference and the Eighth Victory Loan would not provide the Government with sufficient support to seek an extension of the life of parliament beyond April 17.

"Canada must support the idea of collective security for the maintenance of peace, and must give her proper share of military and financial support to such a world peace organization.

Effective Voice Required

3. In view of the Dominion's dependence upon foreign trade for her prosperity, Canada must speak with a more effective voice in international councils on matters of trade, peace and understanding.

4. In her own interest, and in the interest of other nations too, Canada should exert all possible influence to help create a world where free trade moves with reasonable freedom.

5. No provision has yet been made for requiring a single man from the Home Defence Army to share in whatever contribution the C.N.R. will make in the Japanese theatre of war.

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CARGO GLIDER RECORD

CALCUTTA, March 7 (AP) — A world's record for a non-stop cargo glider flight was claimed in India recently when a towed glider covered 1,890 miles from March to an East India base in 11 hours.

Now that's what I call good coffee!

CALAF COFFEE

It's NEW - It's DELICIOUS!

Nazis Report 7 Red Armies In Big Drive

(By ROMNEY WHEELER) — LONDON, March 7 (AP) — The Russians hurled seven armies today into an all-out frontal offensive towards Berlin from bridgeheads on the Oder River 30 to 40 miles to the east, the Germans announced.

Moscow was officially silent, as is customary at the start of a major operation, but unofficial dispatches from the Soviet capital hinted guardedly that the German accounts might be substantially correct.

German broadcasts said the attackers, Marshal G. K. Zhukov's 1st White Russian Army group, jumped off after a gigantic 24-hour artillery barrage and punched into the outer defences of Kuestrin, west-bank Oder River fortress which was under attack from the north, east and south. Two tank armies were among Zhukov's forces, these alarmed announcers said.

A dispatch late tonight from Eddy Gilmore, Associated Press correspondent in Moscow, said "many signs pointed tonight to early launching of the all-out offensive on Berlin" and continued "the logical place for the first attack is Marshal Zhukov's Oder front."

Large-scale scouting operations have been under way for several days out of Zhukov's bridgeheads. These operations, plus the magnificent German Pomerania, in which the Russians hurled the Nazis to the Baltic and dropped them off the Oder flank, indicated that this spring without approval of the German High Command, the Germans said Zhukov's activities already had begun with a roaring offensive that extended along about 100 miles of the Oder front but was concentrated mainly almost directly east of Berlin.

The Russian offensive dealt with other sectors in their regular communique and in three orders of the day by Premier Stalin.

One order announced that Zhukov's right wing, which only Tuesday had thrust to the Oder's Baltic Sea outlet, had captured Step-enitz, Gollnow and Massow, 15 and 20 miles northeast and east of Stettin.

Another Stalin order announced that the 2nd White Russian Army had captured Starogard, 25 miles south of Danzig, and Mewe, 35 miles southeast, while the communists added a list of 200 communities taken by that army in five to six-mile advances along a front stretching from the Vistula River to the Baltic near Rueganwald.

Marshal Stalin's third order, recalling an almost forgotten front, said that the 1st Canadian Army had taken Banaka-Stavicka (Schmenitz) in Slovakia 82 miles northeast of Bratislava.

News Briefs

CRICCIETH, WALES, March 7 (Reuters) — The condition of Earl Lloyd George, Britain's First Great War Prime Minister, was unchanged late today. He was still very weak.

QUEBEC, March 7 (CP) — The Legislative Assembly tonight unanimously adopted a motion asking the Federal Government to make Quebec City a free port.

LONDON, March 7 (CP Cable) — Canadian fighter-bombers, unleashed after a day of bad weather held them to their bases in Holland, flew 100 sorties just before dusk tonight to rip Rhine-land railway supply lines in 13 places and smash Nazi road transport, railway cars and locomotives.

ROME, March 7 (AP) — The United States 10th Mountain Division has scored a five-mile advance through some of Italy's most rugged terrain and against German artillery, machine-guns and mortar fire during the last three days, Allied Headquarters announced today.

Nazi Rail Lines Under New Attack

(By The Canadian Press) — LONDON, March 7 — Approximately 20 American heavy bombers and strafing fighters stepped up the offensive aimed at isolating the Ruhr from German artillery, machine-guns and mortar fire during the last three days, Allied Headquarters announced today.

These attacks followed widespread raids Tuesday night by more than 1,000 R.A.F. aircraft in which three planes were lost.

For eight hours last night R.A.F. Lancasters and Mosquitos pounded troop and armor concentrations in the West area on the east bank of the Rhine in front of the 1st Canadian Army in the longest attack ever made on a German city.

Except for one brief interval, Wesel was bombed continually from about 8 p.m. last night until 5.30 this morning. Three hours later the German radio said it was under attack again.

King and Queen Get Big Welcome

LIVERPOOL, England, March 7 (Reuters) — Cheering crowds gave the King and Queen a great-hearted welcome here today when they came to Lancashire on their first provincial tour this year. They spent an hour inspecting the aircraft factory and talking to the men and women at the benches.

Battle Of Flak Alley Described By Newsmen

(By ROSS MUNRO) — WITH THE 1ST CANADIAN ARMY IN GERMANY, March 7 (CP Cable) — The battle of "Flak Alley" raged tonight as a German force of perhaps 20,000 men, compressed in an area eight miles by five miles, fought stubbornly to retain that enemy bulge west of the Rhine across from Wesel.

Canadian, British and American troops were pressing hard on this last enemy bridgehead of any size on the Rhine's west bank between Cologne and the Netherlands border and the Germans were fighting equally hard, although their chances of withdrawing are diminishing daily.

Reason for the bitter German resistance in this territory, screening the industrial Ruhr's northern approaches and known to bomber pilots as "Flak Alley" because of the heavy concentration of anti-aircraft guns, is a mystery.

The entire northern front west of the Rhine has collapsed but perhaps the Germans could not move the guns and ammunition dumps back over the Rhine and decided to fight as long as their ammunition holds out.

Most German anti-aircraft guns can be used in a ground role and in every attack against the bulge Allied troops met extremely heavy artillery fire from such guns. The enemy also is shelling the Allied

Tighten Up On Farm Machinery

OTTAWA, March 7 (CP) — H. H. Bloom, farm machinery administrator for the Prices Board, announced today the board will not consider any applications for new equipment made by farmers who dispose of used farm machinery this spring without approval of their rationing officer.

He said the action had been taken to eliminate "abuses" reported last spring when some farmers rushed through seeding operations, sold their used drills for excessive prices and then applied for new equipment.

VOLKSSTURM PRISONERS

LONDON, March 8 (Reuters) — Prisoners of war from Germany's Volkssturm, captured in the Allied advance to the Rhine, have been passing through London during the last few weeks on their way to transit camps from which they will be moved to permanent prisoner of war camps.

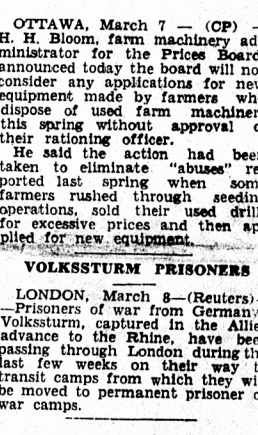
Housewives Called To Christen Ships

PITTSBURGH, March 7 (AP) — Two housewives hurriedly discarded their aprons and helped launch two landing ships for the United States in the flood-swollen Ohio River last night.

It was necessary to get the unfinished L.S.T.s into the water at once to prevent possible flood damage.

Mrs. M. M. Lachowski, wife of Dravo Corporation's naval architect, and Mrs. W. F. Thorpe, wife of a ship inspector, were called from their housework to christen the boats.

Even A Waker Eventually Comes To Him Who Waits



METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE Toronto, March 7 — Minimum and maximum temperatures: Vancouver 34-44; Calgary 12-36; Edmonton 11-33; Regina zero; Winnipeg 4-23; Toronto 18-31; Ottawa 6-24; Montreal 10-26; Quebec 3-23; St. John 21-31; Montreal 16-20; Halifax 26-35; Charlottetown 20-30.

FORECAST Ottawa and Upper St. Lawrence Fair and becoming a little milder, Friday, generally fair. Northwestern Quebec, Northern Ontario and Lake Superior: Fair with a little higher temperature. Lower St. Lawrence and Lake St. John: Moderate winds; fair and cold, followed by slightly higher temperature. North Shore and Bay Chaleur: Moderate to fresh winds; fair and cold. Maritime West: Moderate winds; fair and little colder. Friday, probably fair. Maritime East: Fresh winds; ice and cold. Friday, fair.

High tide this morning at 6.36 and this afternoon at 5.31. Sun sets this evening at 6.55 and rises tomorrow morning at 7.55. New moon March 19th, 11.58 P. M.

DAILY AIR SERVICE

Charlottetown — Summerside — Moncton
Leaves Charlottetown 7.45 A.M.
11.30 A.M., 5.45 P.M.
Arrives Charlottetown 12.15 P.M., 5.30 P.M., 8.45 P.M.

SUNDAY SERVICE

Leave Charlottetown 12.15, 5.45 P.M.
Arrive Charlottetown 3.30, 8.10 P.M.

CHARLOTTETOWN — NEW GLASGOW (Daily Except Sunday)
Leave Charlottetown 1.10, 4.00 P.M.
Arrive Charlottetown 2.30, 5.30 P.M.