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REPORT NAZIS TURN PRESSURE ON VICHY REGIME

Germany, Italy And France Are Raided Germans Seek To Secure Rear Before Drive

Will Introduce Curfew Law For Ch'town

Notice of Motion given At meeting

City Health Committee Named; Expect Special Session Later This Week

Coun. A.T. MacKinnon gave notice of motion at the regular meeting of the City Council last night that he would introduce a by-law establishing the curfew law in Charlottetown. The by-law will be introduced at a special meeting which will probably be held toward the latter part of this week.

Other matters discussed at a lengthy sitting of the Council included the appointment of a Civic Health Committee; the proposal for better street lights in the business section of the city; the matter of increased salary for the city accountant and the cost-of-living bonus for civic employees.

In giving notice of motion for the introduction of the by-law to establish the curfew law, this was "a matter which is not only this Council's business but also the business of our churches, the Children's Aid Society, our Community Welfare Clubs and last but not least, the parents of our children."

A "deplorable" condition exists in the city at present when juveniles can be seen on our streets 24 hours a day. He went on to say "the place for these children after nine o'clock at night is definitely in the home." Contrary to what they are made to believe, the right in the shop doorways or on the street corners.

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Ho Kan, Hero



Chinese quartermaster aboard the British ship Empress of Japan, Ho Kan has received the British Empire medal for remaining at the wheel through severe bombing attacks.

Corregidor Fights back

WASHINGTON, April 13—(AP)—Beleaguered Corregidor lasted out today with new blows against the invaders of the Philippines, sinking a medium-sized Japanese ship, raking tank and truck columns in Bataan with shell fire and smashing a fleet of small boats.

The War Department reported the developments in communications which told also of a raid by American-Philippine patrols more than 600 miles to the south on the island of Mindanao. Eight warehouses stored with food were burned.

However, the Corregidor stronghold and other ports guarding the entrance to Manila Bay were being pounded by bombs and machine-gun fire, although anti-aircraft fire forced the bombers to fly at high altitude.

The ship sunk by Corregidor's anti-aircraft fire, the Bataan and a War Department spokesman said it was presumed to be inside Manila Bay.

Two Canadian Airmen honored

LONDON, April 13—(CP Cable)—Egt. Ian Duguid McLean, 21, of Prince Rupert, B.C., and Sgt. Jack Sandesh Banks, 26, of Toronto, Ont., have been awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal for heroic devotion to duty on bombing raids over enemy-occupied territory and Germany.

McLean, a pilot, was cited for reliable and persistence, both in attacking and obtaining photographs of bomb damage. Banks was decorated for outstanding work as front gunner on a low-level bombing attack on Schiphol airfield.

War Situation Last Night

(By KIRKE L. SIMPSON, Associated Press War Analyst)
Japanese moves in the Philippines and Indian Ocean are shaping to a definite pattern. They forebode clearly coming blows at India while a Pacific holding front, hinged on island bases from the coast of Japan to that of Australia, wards off intervention by the United States fleet.

Prime Minister Churchill has disclosed that British planes had spotted three or more Japanese battleships, five plane carriers and many light craft in the Bay of Bengal. He gave no indication of British naval strength there but loss of two heavy cruisers and a small plane carrier has already gravely reduced it.

The Japanese force represents virtually half of Japan's known plane carrier fleet and at least a fourth and perhaps even a third of her battleship strength. It means that Japan's sea-air forces on her Pacific flank, from Japan itself to the Solomons off Australia's east coast, have been dangerously scaled down. An opportunity for a smashing American naval and air blow at Japanese communication lines in the China Sea would be clearly indicated but for two circumstances.

One is the bulwark of Japanese island bases for airplanes and submarines along the Pacific flank. They cover every approach from the Pacific to the China Sea, including all routes through interior waters of the Philippine Archipelago.

The other American naval handicap on which Tokyo's warlords undoubtedly are counting is the fact that except for roving task forces, United States seapower in the Pacific is necessarily disposed to safeguard supply routes to Australia. Even if Japan's main battle fleet has been reduced to the extent indicated, there seems little prospect that American sea forces can be spared from convoy duty to seek it out for decisive action.

Japan's concentration of power in the Indian Ocean, however, does strongly intimate that any immediate attempt to invade Australia is improbable. Gen. MacArthur seems certain to be granted additional time for mobilization, training and equipment of his Australian-American armies for offensive as well as defensive operations.

There is every reason, however, to expect and hope for a stepping-up of blows at Japanese island outposts by American naval task forces and an increase also in American submarine raiding in Japanese waters. Presumably it was to guard against just that that the Japanese moved against Cebu in the Philippines even before their conquest of Bataan peninsula on Luzon was complete.

A map of the Philippines will reveal at once the high strategic value of the big island 375 miles south of Luzon. It dominates both Surigao and San Bernardino Straits, the only two passages from the Pacific into the China Sea through Philippine interior waters.

India In Deadly Peril From Japs

Strong Enemy Fleet operating in Bay of Bengal; Churchill fills in details of loss of British Cruisers and Aircraft Carrier.

(By Drew Middleton, Associated Press Staff Writer)
LONDON, April 13—(AP)—At least three Japanese battleships, five aircraft carriers, a number of heavy and light cruisers and several flotillas of destroyers are in the Bay of Bengal, Prime Minister Churchill told the House of Commons today in a report which made clear the deadly peril of India.

London observers predicted that this fleet soon would support an invasion, probably by the Japanese troops now smashing at the British-Chinese defences in Burma.

Disclosure of the operations of the Japanese naval force off India, which in strength far greater than had been guessed, came in the Prime Minister's discussion of the loss last week of the British cruisers Dorsetshire and Cornwall and the aircraft carrier Hermes—all victims of planes from the Japanese carriers.

One of the Japanese battleships is a 16-inch-gun vessel of the modernized Nagato class, 32,720 tons, Mr. Churchill disclosed.

British planes which sped out from Ceylon during the Japanese raid on Colombo April 5 were unable to find the Japanese fleet because of thunderstorms and bad visibility, he said.

When the Japanese four days later struck at the British naval base of Trincomalee, every British fighter, bomber and torpedo plane available soared into battle, but near misses on one Japanese carrier constituted the only report of blows against the enemy fleet, the Prime Minister stated, and added these bitter facts:—

Heavy Plane Losses
"But whether any damage was done I have no knowledge. Practically all our aircraft taking part in the attack (on the fleet) were knocked out, or seriously damaged, or became unserviceable."

Mr. Churchill noted that the Japanese raiders suffered heavy aircraft losses at both Colombo and Trincomalee, but announced that British plane losses, though less, were serious and that damage also was done to operations establishments and ships in harbor.

"The naval operations were under command of Admiral Sir James Somerville, an officer who for the past two years has been engaged in the western Mediterranean and has also unrivalled experience of the conditions of modern naval-war," said Mr. Churchill.

Urges "Yes" Vote



HON. J. E. MICHAUD

EDMUNSTON, N. B., April 13—(CP)—Fisheries Minister Michaud, who arrived home yesterday to urge a "yes" vote in his constituency of Resigouche-Madawaska on plebiscite day, has sent a circular letter to voters in the constituency.

"Today danger threatens us from the east and from the west," he said in the letter. "Every Canadian must now find for himself the best way out, and the fate of Canada depends on the effort made by Canadians and by Canada's Allies and on nothing else."

Four Enemy Columns Drive Ahead In Burma

NEW DELHI, April 13—(CP)—Four Japanese columns smashed at the British lines in Burma today, struggling to break the Allied Armies and secure the western Japanese flank there for a possible descent into the Ganges Basin of India before the Monsoon Season starts in May.

A Burma front communiqué said one Japanese column was reported advancing up the main road from Simbunaw, 70 miles north of Pr-me and 55 miles below the Yomgaung oil fields.

A small oilfield west of A'lanmvo was believed to be already in Japanese hands, but the British forces remained before the principal oil fields and the heavy equipment.

The British troops were described as holding one Japanese column which was "pressing hard" at Taunggyi, but there were two other enemy concentrations farther west, raising the possibility of another of the familiar enveloping manoeuvres of the invaders.

On the eastern end of the line the Chinese reported they were holding their ground along the Sittang River 30 miles north of Toungoo, despite a Japanese attack supported by planes and artillery.

It was disclosed that Gen. Chiang Kai-Shek had returned to Chungking after a four-day visit at the Burma front, conferring with the British and American commanders, Gen. Sir Harold Alexander, and Lt.-Gen. James W. Stilwell.

Canadian Soldiers Receive Much Mail

OTTAWA, April 13—(CP)—On the average, Canadian soldiers, sailors and airmen serving overseas receive somewhere in the neighborhood of 10 letters a month, not to speak of piles of parcels and newspapers from home, figures released by the post office department indicated today.

During March approximately 1,431,650 letters, 1,011,510 pounds of ordinary parcel post, 344,736 pounds of tobacco parcels and 215,000 pounds of printed matter, mostly newspapers, were despatched through the base post office to the forces abroad.

The letter mail worked out at about 357,890 letters a week or 46,566 a day. Assuming there are something over 100,000 men overseas the average letter mail per man each month works out around 10 letters.

DIES OF BURNS

FREDERICTON, April 13—(CP)—Mrs. Charles Scullion, 26, died in hospital today of burns suffered Jan 8 when she rescued her three-month-old baby from her burning home at McAdam. The child escaped with slight burns.

Quality Guaranteed "SALINA" TEA

Air operations Most violent in Recent months

Report Of Damage In Far-Flung Raids Is Complete.

LONDON, April 13—(CP)—In one of the most prolonged and violent aerial offensives of recent months, the Royal Air Force struck in uncounted numbers today at dusk-to-dawn bombing raids from Turin in Italy to the German war plants in the industrial Ruhr.

For their part, the Germans struck back tonight, their planes crossing the eastern and north-eastern coasts. Nazi bombs were reported dropped in four districts including one in the north Midlands.

Three persons were believed killed and considerable property damage resulted from an attack on one east coast town.

The English coast vibrated during the afternoon with the high drumming of fighter planes crossing the channel toward France and the low, steady buzz of bombers and incomplete official information indicated that a great pattern of destruction had been spread overnight.

The afternoon raiders made a "large-scale sweep" over northern France and shot down one of the few enemy planes encountered.

In that period, 10 British bombers and a British fighter plane were lost thus indicating the scope of operations, but all went down over Germany, France and the low countries; not one fell in the 1,500-mile round-trip assault against Italy.

At Turin, the Royal Arsenal of Italy, one of Mussolini's greatest munitions works was hit.

In the Ruhr, the Krupp Munitions Works at Essen was a major target. In a wide area of German-held territory enemy airdromes, docks and the like were pounded. Against Germany the primary objective was again to choke the German military supply lines to the Russian front, to destroy the equipment of many divisions before it could be sent from the factories.

The Italian high command acknowledged that "several localities in northern Italy" had been attacked but asserted they had been no damage of consequence.

The Germans, admitting raids on west and northwest Germany and over the Norwegian coast as well as usual minimized their effects.

322 Nazi Planes Destroyed by Soviets in week

MOSCOW, April 13—(AP)—Defeat of 322 German planes in the last week bringing the total since March 11 to 1,203, was announced tonight by the Soviet information bureau.

The midnight communiqué also reported capture of "a locality of great importance on the western front" in one of several continuing Red Army offensives which have regained some populated places.

Location of the important spot was not disclosed. A special announcement over the Moscow radio said 9,000 German soldiers had been killed in 76 tanks destroyed on that front between April 1 and 10.

The special announcement also said 76 German tanks were destroyed.

The regular midnight communiqué said, "during April 13 our troops waged offensive battle on several fronts and occupied some populated places."

A German transport was sunk in the Barents Sea on Sunday, it added.

3 Pilots Killed In Plane Crashes

TORONTO, April 13—(CP)—Two British and a Royal Canadian Air Force pilot were killed today in three separate plane crashes in Ontario. Names of the victims were withheld pending notification of next-of-kin.

A Canadian pilot training at No. 16 Service Flying Training School at Hagersville died in the crash of his Avro-Anson bombing plane in a field six miles south of Simcoe. The plane was about 20 miles from its base.

The other pilots killed were a naval aviator of the fleet air arm in training at Norman Rogers airport near Kingston, whose trainer plummeted into Lake Ontario 14 miles west of Kingston, and a British aviator from Camp Borden whose plane was seen to crash through the ice of Georgian Bay about 20 miles from Midland.

Berne reports travel suspended across line between occupied and unoccupied France.

By Thomas F. Hawkins Associated Press Staff Writer

BERNE, Switzerland, April 13—(AP)—The Germans turned on new pressure tonight in seeking to promote greater collaboration between France and the axis before a threatened allied invasion of occupied Europe materializes.

German occupation authorities were reported to have ordered suspension of travel over the demarcation line, separating occupied from unoccupied France, a procedure usually reserved for periods of tense negotiations.

Laval Still Active

Pivot man on the pro-axis team was again collaborationist Pierre Laval, former vice premier of the Vichy government who was reported to have conferred three times since Saturday with Marshal Petain.

German dispatches said Laval was renewing his attempts to get back into the Vichy cabinet, possibly as foreign minister, after he had encountered stubborn refusal from the aged Marshal in his first try early this month.

The Germans, on the basis of Berlin dispatches, recruited Nazi-minded French editors in Paris to promote the campaign for renewed collaboration with Germany. German ambassador Otto Aebelz was said to have held a long conference recently with Laval in Paris and reported on a visit to Berlin today.

Would Protect Rear

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Sgt. K. L. Hardy Killed in action, Sister informed

Mrs. Kenneth Calbeck of Sherbrook received the sad news cable that her brother Sergeant Keith Lockhart Hardy is reported killed.

The cable read "Deeply regret to inform you that your brother Sergeant Keith Lockhart Hardy is reported to have lost his life 10:30 p.m. on April 5th at Laquea, Malia, believed in action. The diet Council expresses their profound sympathy."

The late Sergeant Hardy is a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hardy, Kensington. He was in the employ of Pratt's Store at Bloomfield, Prince County before he enlisted and was held in high regard.

He went overseas with the R.C.A.F. in June 1941 and transferred to the R.A.F. as wireless operator and gunner. Much sympathy is extended to his sister and relatives in their bereavement.—S.

Huge gunnery School planned

HALIFAX, April 13—(CP)—Defence Minister Ralston announced at a press conference here tonight that work on a huge establishment of Canadian troops would soon be opening "somewhere in the west."

The Dartmouth venture, he said, would be the only one of its kind in the Dominion and would be large enough to handle more than 1,000 students at a time. There said it would be trained for the important task of keeping guard along Canada's exposed coast lines.

Drawn from all parts of Canada, the men who will be trained in this new school are already being schooled here, but the new building will both centralize their activities and serve as living quarters, the minister said.

Referring to the duties of the coastal defenders, Col. Ralston said their work was "magnificent" but lamented the fact they receive so little credit for their activities. "They are the forgotten men of our war effort," he said.

Ch'Town Woman Attends Meeting

TORONTO, April 13—(CP)—K. M. Walker of Fredericton and Mary McDonald of Charlottetown were among those who attended a meeting here this weekend of the Canadian Physiotherapy Association.

International At A Glance

INDIA—Japanese mass big naval force in Bay of Bengal in position to invade India.

BURMA—Japs progress against British right while Chinese left holds on Sittang River.

PHILIPPINES—Corregidor beats back Japs, communication with Cebu remains out.

AUSTRALIA—Renewed aerial assaults batter Jap-held Rabaul.

BRITAIN—R. A. F. smashes again at continent, German raid England.

RUSSIA—Soviet warns Japan against breaking neutrality agreement; announces new aerial successes, land victory.

Says R.A.F. has Nazi Air Force On the defence

LONDON, April 13—(CP)—The German air force is on the defence in every theatre of war and now has about 4,000 first-line planes, the Daily Express air reporter, Basil Cardew, wrote today. He said his estimate of Germany's air strength came from a "reliable neutral source."

He said the R. A. F. raided the Ruhr, northern France and Italy Sunday night, but the Germans "did not send one plane to raid our shores."

From Bordeaux to northern Norway on the western front the Germans have a few more than 1,000 planes, including strong fighter groups in France, Belgium and Holland, the reporter said.

Between 700 and 800 German planes were said to be in use against Malta and in North Africa.

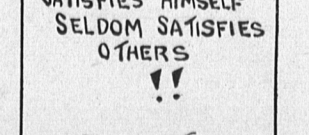
Lined up against the Luftwaffe, the reporter wrote, are Russia's armada, the largest R. A. F. fighter force in history, and a huge R. A. F. bomber fleet.

Reports Mussolini In "Prostration"

LONDON, April 13—(CP)—Special correspondent of the Daily Mail on the Italian frontier cabled today that Mussolini was found in a state of "complete prostration" when examined by a specialist.

The dispatch said: "During the interview I Duce sobbed bitterly, then burst into hysterical laughter. The specialist said Mussolini had lost all control of himself and no longer was able to manage his affairs as dictator of Italy, which now are reported in a chaotic condition."

THE MAN WHO SATISFIES HIMSELF SELDOM SATISFIES OTHERS !!



High tide this morning at 10 and tonight at 8:33.
Sun sets at this evening at 6:43 and rises tomorrow morning at 5:16.
New moon April 15, 9:33 a.m.
Summerside tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

BORDEN - CAPE TORMENTINE SERVICE

Leave Borden 9:25 A.M. 1:00 P.M.
Leave Cape Tormentine 11:00 A.M. 3:20 P.M.

Coming Events

Talks—Montague Saturday.
Entertainment Mt. Stewart Friday.
Notre Dame Alumnae Rummage Sale by Name Hall, Saturday, April 25th.
Taking orders all this month for Bishop's Ontario grown seed seeds. Ask for special price list. Arthur Vessey, York. L-125-4-7-14-21.
Come to the Bean Supper in the L.O.A. Rooms, Tuesday, April 14th. Only 25 cents. 4-14-11.
Notice. Our stock of wall paper has arrived, many nice patterns. G. C. Green, Emerald. L-167-4-8-61.
Notice—Mixed feeds of all kinds, feed wheat, oats, flour, bran, etc., in stock all the time. Best prices. G. C. Green, Emerald. L-168-4-8-61.
Tea and white elephant sale Trinity Hall, Thursday afternoon. Tea and admission 25 cents. 4-14-21.