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REDS ADVANCE WITHIN 50 MILES OF SMOLENSK

Gigantic Pooling Of All Doctors' Bills Is Proposed

Basic Minimum Income Scheme For Canadians

March Report Tabled Before Special House Committee

Jap Convoy Is Forced To Retire

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, March 17 (Wednesday) — (C.F.) — The aerial-battered Japanese convoy in the vicinity of the Aroe Islands failed to be forced to retire, the Allied High Command reported today.

INTERNATIONAL AT A GLANCE

(By The Canadian Press)

RUSSIA—Reds stabilize lines and back powerfully at Germans who took Kharkov, while Russian armies of the central front captured 22 more localities.

WESTERN PACIFIC—Allied Air Forces swept retirement of Japanese convoy in vicinity of Aroe Islands; U.S. Navy reports sinking five Jap ships, damaging three others.

WESTERN FRONT — R. A. F. Mosquito bombers blast railway repair shops at Paderborn in Germany.

NORTH AFRICA—Weather hogs down fighting but 1st army reports slight gain in northern sector without opposition.

CANADA — Pensions Minister Mackenzie proposes to Commons Social Security committee, commencing health insurance for all Canadians and assurance of minimum standard of income.

Coming Events

Montague Saturday, 3-17-43.
Souris Monday, 3-17-43.
To arrive, Bulk oats and wheat, Book now, McGilligan & Boyle, 3-9-43.
Leading hogs at Colville Friday March 19th until 1 P. M., Leslie MacDowell, 3-17-43.
Borden rink Wednesday night 10th, 11th same Junction rink, 7:30 p.m. vs. Borden, 3-17-43.
Reserve March 17th, 1943, for the "Shamrock Supper" at Trinity Social Hall, from 8 to 9 P. M., 3-16-43.
Leading hogs this week, Albany Thursday afternoon; Emerald Friday until 11:30 A. M., G. C. Green, 3-4-W-T-43.
Dance and sale of bones in Bonshaw Hall, March 17th, 11:30 P. M., Thursday night, Proceeds for Red Cross, 3-18-43.
Pretown Tuesday, Bradshaw Wednesday, Hunter River, Thursday, North Wilshire, Friday, Free Road, Monday, National Film Board, 3-15-43.
Leading hogs Thursday, March 18th, Summerdale till 1 P. M., Kenyon till 3 P. M., Arthur Haslam, Bradshaw Friday till 11:30 A. M., G. C. Green, 3-4-W-T-43. Day till noon NEWEN and Book.

War Situation Last Night

By Glenn Babb, Associated Press War Analyst

For the first time since the conquest of Burma the Japanese High Command is showing a lively interest in the Burma-India front. A fresh division or so has been thrown into that rugged, jungle-clad battleground and a real effort made to thrust back the British and Indian forces which moved across the frontier above Akyab just three months ago.

It is likely that the Japanese are trying to find out just what strength has been concentrated in their rear before they open their spring or summer campaign in China. They know that if any outside power is to interfere with their program for China in the next few months it must come from India.

These attacks, which have compelled Wavell's men to give some ground, may be preliminary to another Japanese attempt to push further into China's Yunnan Province along the old Burma Road.

When it does come it is likely to be synchronized with an offensive or series of offensives somewhere in Central China directed either toward Chungking or at one of the Provincial Capitals that surround it, Changsha in Hunan or Szechuan, for instance. The most recent Japanese attack in that general area, that thrown across the Yangtze into Northern Hunan last week, has come to an end and apparently was not directed at more than local objectives.

China's hopes of sustaining this summer's enemy attacks, or carrying her resistance into the sixth year, still depend largely on the extent of Allied help. Fortunately there is increasing reason for confidence that such help in more ample measure will be forthcoming.

General Chennault has been given the newly-activated 14th United States Army Air Force, which there is reason to believe will be a considerable expansion of his China air task force which has operated hitherto as an off-shoot of the American Air Command based in India.

Lord Ailwyn, who visited China recently as member of British parliamentary delegation, disclosed in London yesterday what he considered the greatest military miracle accomplished in the past year: With never more than 12 Medium Bombers and 80 Fighters his command has destroyed 296 Japanese planes, probably destroyed 216 more.

N.S. To Have Wooden Ship Building Industry

N.S. Legislature Hears Province To Have Second Steel Ship Construction Program.

HALIFAX, March 16 (CP)—New contracts amounting to more than \$12,000,000 for wooden ship construction in Nova Scotia and the establishment of a second steel ship building industry in the province were announced today by Industry Minister Harold Connors.

The \$10,000,000 orders, received during the last month, covers the construction of 600 wooden craft, the Minister declared. The steel ship service, which has been begun by four firms, three of them entirely Nova Scotian, the House was informed.

The steel ship yard was learned later, are to be built in Mahone Bay, New Glasgow, Parrsboro and Bridgewater.

Because of the nature of the new craft, the Minister said, the industry Minister could give the House no details of their construction. There was no indication how many craft will be built in each yard.

The province's new steel ship industry, Mr. Connors announced, is being developed in two orders for naval tugs from the Defence Department. Value of the orders was not disclosed.

The Trenton yard has been set up by Ferguson Brothers, who pioneered the resurgence of the steel ship industry in Nova Scotia with the establishment of a shipyard at Pictou. That yard is engaged in turning out freighters, and a number already have been launched.

Two Enemy Supply Ships Torpedoed

306 Enemy Warships Sunk

LONDON, March 16 (CP)—The Admiralty announced today that two large enemy supply ships were torpedoed in the North Sea early this morning by light coastal forces of the Royal Navy.

The ships formed part of a convoy which was intercepted off Tereschelling, Holland.

"Our forces pressed home their attack despite a strong escort and one large vessel was torpedoed," the communiqué said. "This hit was followed by a heavy explosion and dense black smoke."

"Although the enemy's gunfire was rapid and heavy our forces were successful in making a second attack and caused a torpedo hit on another supply ship."

Is Critical Of R.C.M.P. Methods

FREDERICTON, March 16 (CP)—"Vindictiveness" and "high-handed methods" by Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Kent County were charged in the New Brunswick Legislature today by R. K. McKee, (Lib. Kent) Debate.

"Although the R.C.M.P. officers should be compelled to obtain instructions from the Attorney-General's Department or Clerks of the Peace before laying information, mere submission by these officers was sufficient for a display of too much vindictiveness, to say the least."

Commons In Debate On Fuel Problem

OTTAWA, March 16 (CP)—The budget debate jolted to a halt as members after member participated in discussion of a "matter of urgent public importance"—fuel shortages and an provision against their recurrence.

Without debate the House granted Howard C. Green (Prog. Con., Vancouver South) leave to introduce a motion to permit discussion of the fuel situation, and at 6 p.m. after three hours of debate Munitions Minister Howe had not been caused by fuel shortages in many parts of Canada during the present winter, and N. J. M. Lockhart (Prog. Con., Lincoln) told people with tears in their eyes begging for fuel at dealer's offices, prepared to take it away in parcels, in the baby buggy."

Bert H. Soper (Lib. Lanark) said it should be remembered the winter of 1942 had been the severest Canada has known for 50 years and that buildings burned from one to five tons of coal more than ever before. Soper had hindered the cutting of wood, and United States coal strikes had affected the supply of anthracite.

He said he feared the House discussion would result in people clamoring for fuel with the idea of hoarding it. He now could see no escape other than rationing, with a much assigned to each coal order this spring.

Others participating in the discussion were Capt. G. E. White (Prog. Con., Hastings-Peterborough), Rev. E. G. Hansell (N.D. MacLeod), Clarence Gillis (C.C.F. Cape Breton South), Lt. Col. Ross (Prog. Con., South), Hon. R. B. Hanson (Prog. Con., York-Sunbury), Tom Reid (Lib. New Westminster), Angus MacLennan (Lib. Vancouver East), P. C. Black (Prog. Con., Cumberland), Mrs. Doris W. Nielsen (Unity North Battleford) and John G. A. Humber (Prog. Con., Lake Centre).

Introducing his motion, Mr. Green said the fuel shortage had resulted in great suffering by many Canadians, and that the war effort due to illness. There was grave fear of a shortage next winter. A munitions department advertisement had held out warning of the danger of a wood fuel famine next winter.

With the power to control prices and manpower, the responsibility for dealing with the situation remained with the Dominion Government, not with the local authorities.

The government should declare fuel production and distribution an essential industry and provide the necessary manpower. A forestry company battalion might be established similar to those in the United Kingdom, and the government should be prepared to ration fuel if necessary next winter.

A. C. Smith (Prog. Con., St. John County) criticized the Government's financial record, reiterating his "annual appeal" for increased government aid to hospitals, and also urged further support for New Brunswick's Legislative library.

The other Budget debater today, A. J. Borgeas (Lib. Kent), declared farmers generally should be made more aware of the importance of farming. "When the time arrives, and it seems to be fast approaching, when the forests of the province will be depleted, the people will then have to turn to agriculture," he said.

Mr. McKee, the first speaker, said the educational situation was appalling in Kent County where about 47 per cent of the children ended their schooling in Grade 1.

News Briefs

WASHINGTON, March 16 (AP)—Anthony Eden's scheduling of a conference tomorrow with Soviet Ambassador Litvinov sharpened interest tonight in the Russian angle of the British Foreign Secretary's war and post-war discussions.

WASHINGTON, March 16 (AP)—A Japanese destroyer and three other ships were sunk by United States submarines in recent operations in the Pacific war zone, the Navy reported today. Three more ships were damaged.

GENEVA, March 16 (AP)—Hundreds of young French patriots who took refuge in the mountains of the Haute Savoie to escape forced labor in Germany were reported giving themselves up tonight while awaiting their "annual appeal" for increased government aid to hospitals, and also urged further support for New Brunswick's Legislative library.

CHUNGKING, March 16 (AP)—Heavy losses are being inflicted on retreating Japanese forces in southern Hupeh Province, the Chinese high command reported today. Today's communiqué left no doubt that the Japanese are making a full-scale withdrawal, it said "our forces are mopping up enemy remnants."

Churchill Returns To House Of Commons

LONDON, March 16 (CP)—Prime Minister Churchill returned to the House of Commons today, crisp and chipper as ever after several weeks' illness with pneumonia and assured members that full Allied co-operation was assured in the campaign against Axis submarines.

He said also that he would not consider a proposal of Prime Minister Smuts of South Africa for an Allied general staff to supervise anti-submarine warfare.

Help The Red Cross

"SALUTE" TEA

Health Insurance Plan Made Public In House

Under Scheme Every Canadian Would Receive Medical, Dental, Hospital Care; Cost Not To Exceed \$26 Per Adult Per Year.

OTTAWA, March 16 (CP)—A gigantic pooling of Canada's doctors' bills was proposed today by Pensions Minister Mackenzie in draft health insurance bills submitted at the first meeting of the special House of Commons committee on social security.

Health insurance was put forward as a joint Dominion-Provincial measure, with the provinces administering schemes, approved by the public and conforming to a national pattern and the Dominion making financial grants.

Under the proposed measures every Canadian would receive medical and dental services, hospital care and drugs as necessary at a cost of not more than \$26 payable by each adult every year, and about \$12,436,000 per year from public funds.

To participate in health insurance as proposed the provinces would also be required to provide free treatment and care for persons suffering from tuberculosis and mental disease, including mental defects. In return they would receive grants from the Dominion towards carrying on this work and towards construction of additional hospital buildings.

Before a province could qualify for participation in health insurance it would have to carry on public health work which would entitle it to these grants.

Grants to Provinces

The division of \$6,577,100 of public health grants among the provinces would be: Prince Edward Island, \$48,717; Nova Scotia, \$316,228; New Brunswick, \$212,848; Quebec, \$2,015,076; Ontario, \$2,147,317; Manitoba, \$300,896; Saskatchewan, \$816,230; Alberta, \$399,882; British Columbia, \$478,065.

The Dominion would insist in the same way on provinces carrying on measures to combat venereal diseases, including construction of additional buildings and bed accommodations.

2. Provision of free treatment of mental illness and care of mental defects, including buildings and accommodations.

3. Provision of preventive and free treatment for persons suffering from venereal diseases.

4. Provision of training facilities in public health work for physicians, engineers, nurses and sanitarians, inspectors.

5. Undertaking of special investigations concerning public health measures.

6. Establishing and undertaking a program of physical fitness development for youth.

The draft bills submitted by the Pensions Minister were the result of work done by an advisory committee on health insurance, consisting of officers of government departments under the chairmanship of Dr. J. J. Heagerty, Director of Public Health Services, during the past year.

They are three in number — a Dominion health bill, under which the Dominion government would

Joint Agricultural Committee Named

OTTAWA, March 16 (CP)—Appointment of a joint Canadian-United States standing agricultural committee to keep "Agriculture and Food Production" in both countries under continuing review was announced today by the External Affairs Department.

The committee's studies will be designed to "further such developments as may be desirable in reference to those phases of our war-time and agricultural and food programs that are of concern to both countries."

Reports and recommendations of the committee will go to agriculture Minister Gardiner and to the United States Secretary of Agriculture, Claude R. Wickard.

SOUTH AFRICA'S POPULATION

PRETORIA (CP)—South Africa's "European" or white population increased to 2,182,200 in 1942, 1,499,811 in ten years. Total population is placed at 10,521,700 which includes 7,250,700 Bantu (negro natives), 258,000 Coloured (East Indians) and 844,400 "colored" persons.

More Escorts And Planes Only Answer To U-Boats

MONTREAL, March 16 (CP)—Admiral Sir Percy Noble, British member of the combined chiefs of staff committee in Washington and leading expert on submarine warfare, said today that the only answer to the U-boat menace was "escorts and more escorts, long-range aircraft and more long-range aircraft, with their operational and maintenance crews trained to one integral team."

Sir Percy paid a high tribute to the Canadian Navy and devoted much of his talk to this subject. He said when he was commander of the western approaches of the United Kingdom he had watched the U-boats beaten from that area. "But we found they were concentrating far out at sea beyond the point where our over-worked escorts were taking them. This was a big problem and just as things looked bad the Royal Canadian Navy stepped in with our trump card. They had organized their own convoy system from their rapidly expanding navy and they stepped hand-

Great Battle Rages South Of Kharkov

Soviets Claim Pace Of Advance On Smolensk Is Maintained.

LONDON, March 16 (CP)—The Red Army rolled the Germans back on the important front west of Moscow today, driving to within 50 miles of the powerful key Nazi base of Smolensk and capturing scores of populated places, but to the south in the strategic Donets Basin south of Kharkov Russian troops were locked in a great defensive battle against strong German tank and motorized infantry forces.

In this southern sector, the Berlin radio claimed, the Russians were retreating east of Kharkov to position to attempt to retake the big city they evacuated yesterday, while the Russian midnight communiqué, although reporting tactical successes, made it clear heavy fighting is underway.

"In the area of the middle course of the northern Donets, said the midnight Soviet bulletin recorded here by the Soviet Monitor, "our tankmen attacked a large column of enemy tanks and motorized infantry. As a result the tank column was destroyed and the Germans were hurled back with great losses."

"In another sector our troops repulsed several enemy attacks and destroyed 15 German tanks, six lorries and 10 carts with war material. Our artillery fire dispersed a battalion of enemy infantry which was coming up to the battlefield."

On the western front the Russians maintained their swift pace. The noon communiqué reported that Russian troops captured several dozen populated places west of Vyazma along the main "Napoleonic Road" to Moscow from the west. The communiqué stated that a "number" of populated places were taken in the Kholm-Zhirkovsky area to the north and 32 populated places south of Bely, in the Kholm-Zhirkovsky area.

In occupying Kholm-Zhirkovsky, capture of which was announced yesterday, the Russians had had taken 42 German tanks, 19 big guns, 80 machine-guns and other material, and inflicted casualties which amounted to 1,000 officers and men killed alone.

The late communiqué also reported a continuing Russian advance on the northwest front south of Lake Timen, where one Russian detachment "cleared the Hitlerites from a forest and occupied several populated places."

Elected Chairman Of Committee On Social Security

OTTAWA, March 16 (CP)—Hon. Cyrus Macmillan, Liberal member of parliament for the Prince Edward Island riding of Pictou, was elected chairman of the House of Commons Social Security Committee.

Vice Chairman is J. A. Blanche, Liberal member for Quebec's Compton constituency.

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INVITE ANGUS L. SAINT JOHN, N.B., March 16 (CP)—The Commons Council this afternoon decided to forward an invitation to Hon. Angus L. Macdonald, Minister of Defence for Naval Services to visit Saint John.

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High tide this morning at 9:10 and tonight at 8.
Sun sets this evening at 7:07 and rises tomorrow morning at 7:09.
Full moon March 21, 6:08 P.M.
Summerside tide 15 minutes later than Charlottetown.

DAILY FERRY SERVICE (DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY)
From Borden—Leave 9:05 a.m., 11:40 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m.
From Cape Tormentine—10:30 a.m., 1:15 p.m., 3:05 p.m., 5:45 p.m., 8:15 p.m.

DAILY AIR SERVICE (EXCEPT SUNDAY)
Charlottetown Summerside—Moncton
Leave Charlottetown 8:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m.
Arrive Charlottetown 1 p.m., 5:45 p.m., 9:05 p.m.