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ALLIES INCREASE PRESSURE IN WEST

Germany's War-Heart—Between the Rhine and the Oder

Germany's defensive dikes against the tides of defeat which roll from east and west are expected to be along the lines of the Rhine River on the west, the Oder on the east. Between them lies the heart of German war production. In the Rhineland are the great mines, steel works and factories of the Saar and Ruhr valleys. In Silesia, now under the shadow of the Hammer and Sickle, lies the only big industrial region left to Hitler not attacked or threatened by the Western Allies. To Silesia were transferred many war industries bombed out of the Ruhr and Saar.

Reds Within 93 Miles Of Reich Capital

LONDON, Jan. 29 — (AP) — The Red Army invaded northeastern Germany on a 30-mile front today, surging to within 93 miles of Berlin and to within 57 miles of the big Baltic port of Stettin as the German radio cried: "The fate of Berlin is in the balance."

Premier Stalin in an order of the day announced that Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's powerful 1st White Russian Army has slashed 13 miles inside Germany northwest of tottering Poznan in Poland, capturing Driesen 93 miles northeast of Berlin, and Woldenberg, 57 miles southeast of Stettin, which lies at the mouth of the Oder River.

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Refugee-Packed Berlin Bombed

LONDON, Jan. 29 — Refugee-packed Berlin was bombed again tonight by the R.A.F. after more than 2,000 Allied heavy bombers dealt devastating blows to seven German rail centres and a tank factory during the day.

The newest bombing of Berlin presumably was carried out by the R.A.F.'s swift Mosquitos as were raids Saturday and Sunday nights. Almost 1,200 United States heavy bombers escorted by 700 fighters, bombed two railyards at Coblenz, others at Siegen, Hamm, Munster and Kassel, and a tank factory at Kassel.

Trained Over 6,000 Men For Active Service

Upwards of 6,000 trainees for active service passed through No. 62 Canadian Army Basic Training Centre, popularly known as Beach Grove, since the establishment of the centre here during the early stages of the war, it was learned yesterday. In addition, thousands of Prince Edward Islanders were outfitted at Beach Grove before being sent to the military depot at Halifax.

Included in the trainees were many Island boys who subsequently went to Brockville, Ont., and trained for their ons.

As previously announced, the centre is being closed on Jan. 31. Barrack stores, training equipment and other material is now being removed to Halifax. This will leave Prince Edward Island without any military training establishment. So far as is known locally, no other basic centre in the Maritimes is being closed at this time. In Military District No. 6, of which Prince Edward Island is part, there remain the huge No. 60 Canadian Infantry Basic Training Centre at Yarmouth, four times the size of Beach Grove; the advance training centre at Aldershot, the large field training camp at Debert, as well as No. 6 District Depot and a large artillery training centre at Halifax.

Maj. A.S. Robertson, Mermaid, officer commanding at Beach Grove, as well as Capt. J.W. Bell, York Point second in command, Lieut. J.R. Nicholson Hunter River and Lieut. L.E. Ward, Charlottetown, will be going to No. 6 Depot at Halifax for the time being. It is Maj. Robertson's desire to return to civilian life at the earliest date.

The other officers at Beach Grove, Capt. J.J. MacDonald, D.C.M., Glenfinnan, and in charge of training, and Lieut. F.J. MacDonald, platoon commander, Little Pond, are being transferred to No. 60 C.I.B.T.C. at Yarmouth.

The medical officer at Beach Grove, Capt. Solway, of Toronto, left a few days ago for a military hospital at Windsor, N.S.

War Situation Last Night

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON
(Associated Press War Analyst)

German military comment reflects the conclusion that the crisis in the Russian end-the-war attack is at hand and that within the next 10 days or less not only the fate of Berlin, but of organized German resistance in the east will be decided.

There seems sound reason for that view. The tremendous Russian sweep across Poland from the Vistula has exceeded in scope, power and rate of advance anything in military history to bring the flare of Russian guns within sight at night of residents of Berlin's eastern suburbs.

Now, however, Red armies are beginning to feel fully the effects of the Hitler-ordered ruthless scorched-earth effort to stem the tide as well as of the enormous extension of their own communication lines. It remains to be seen whether they still have the power to break through into the plains of north central Germany before early spring thaws do more to check them than staggering German armies have yet been able to do.

Normally the first of the spring thaws in western Poland and eastern Germany could be expected within about six weeks. Weather conditions have been abnormal in nearly all European battle theatres this winter, however. The worst blizzards and snows in years if not decades have handicapped Allied attacks in Italy and on the west front. The hard freeze in all central Poland played a vital part in the Russian success.

By the same token, the thaws on all fronts may come early this year. In Poland thawing weather would incalculably complicate the Russian problem of supplying forces over a span of 200 miles and more. And strict German application of the scorched-earth policy means that the vast Red armies cannot hope to live off the country as they press on. They must be fed and munitioned from the rear.

That is the German hope of bringing the Russians to a halt. That it would only delay for weeks or months at most an inevitable Red Army crash to the gates of Berlin must be well known to every professional soldier of the Reich.

There is some indication that the Russian attack is slowing both on the Oder or in the wide valley through which the stream runs west of Breslau, and also west of outflanking Poznam. It remains to be seen, however, whether that may not be due more to a behind-the-line Russian regrouping to mass forces for the final attempt to burst through to Berlin than to exhaustion or outrun communications.

King Says Election To Be Called Before April 17

Grey North Contest To Be Held February 5th As Planned.

By FRANK FLAHERTY

OTTAWA, Jan. 29 — (CP) — A Federal election will be called before April 17, when the life of Parliament expires, Prime Minister Mackenzie King said tonight in a statement in which he indicated the Feb. 5 Grey North by-election will go on as scheduled.

However, his 200-word statement, addressed to electors of the Ontario riding, left two big uncertainties to be clarified before the Federal political situation assumes normal stability.

They are: 1. Whether a sixth session of the present Parliament will be held; 2. The date of the forthcoming general election.

In the statement, this third and what is believed to be his final message to the Grey North electors prior to the voting in which Defence Minister McNaughton is a candidate, he said: "A general election will be called before April 17."

That is the date upon which the five-year term of the 19th Parliament ends. No session could be held after April 17 but between now and April 17 a session could be held for the passage of the financial legislation necessary to enable the war effort and normal governmental services to be carried on in the new fiscal year which begins April 1.

TEXT OF STATEMENT

Text of Prime Minister King's message:

The official nominations have removed the last doubt as to the determination of the opposition parties to obstruct the entry of the Minister of National Defence into the House of Commons. As the sole purpose of the by-election in Grey North is to make possible the Minister's presence in the House in the event of another session of Parliament before a general election, I had hoped that at today's nominations, Gen. McNaughton might have been returned unopposed.

A general election will be called before April 17. In the general election campaign, there will be ample opportunity for the discussion of every possible issue by all political parties. A political contest on general issues in Grey North at this time is therefore both unnecessary and unwarranted.

Very important matters will continue to demand the closest attention of the Minister of National Defence in the efforts now being put forth to bring the war to its close just as quickly as possible. In the light of the swiftly moving course of the war in Europe, this should be apparent to all.

Now that the opposition parties have made a political contest inevitable. I appeal to you, the electors of Grey North, to view the issue solely in the light of what is best for our fighting men. I ask you by your votes on Monday next, to give to Gen McNaughton, at this very critical time, every opportunity for the fullest possible service to Canada's army overseas.

Ottawa's Interpretation

In political circles here the interpretation placed on Mr. King's statement and the general sequence of events was that if General McNaughton wins the by-election a short session of parliament will be held to terminate with the issue of writs for a general election.

If the Minister is defeated the expectation is that there will be no session of Parliament but the election will be called as soon as possible, which would be early in April.

As two months must elapse between the issue of writs and a general election Mr. King's statement that an election will be called before April 17 means that voting will take place June 17.

Coal Situation In Maritimes Tight

(By The Canadian Press)

MONCTON, N.B., Jan. 29—"Consignees of coal are urgently requested to take special efforts to unload and release coal cars as soon as possible in order to alleviate a serious supply situation which has recently developed in the Maritimes," Rand H. Matheson, chairman of the Maritime Shippers' Advisory Board said here today.

A special appeal for immediate action and cooperation was received by the Transportation Commission of the Maritime Board of Trade over the weekend from Mr. T. C. Lockwood, Transport Controller. It was pointed out that delays in releasing coal cars will create an acute coal situation.

No Reply From Mr. Gibson To Urgent Wires

The following telegram with regard to the reported closing of the Air Navigation School at Charlottetown on Feb. 4 was forwarded on Saturday afternoon to Hon. Colin Gibson, acting Minister for Air, Department of National Defense, Ottawa:

"It is regretted request of our Federal representatives interview for delegation is impossible. Due to fact every war industry activity in Charlottetown has finished when airport closes, Charlottetown citizens are demanding that any transfer of personnel be deferred until this interview is possible. Civilian maintenance crew will be added to our present increasing unemployed. Delegation prepared to proceed at any time and due to large numbers of men and women enlisted and ready response to all war finance subscriptions it is urged your full consideration be given this request. Wire immediately. Urgent.

(Signed) J. E. Blanchard,
Mayor of Charlottetown.
D. M. Gass, President Charlottetown Board of Trade."

No reply to this being received, Mayor Blanchard last night sent the following wire to Hon. Mr. Gibson:

"As Charlottetown still considers itself vitally interested in democratic system of government, we also consider our urgent wire of Saturday warrants the courtesy of reply."

Up to a late hour last night, no reply to either telegram had been received.

"Big Three" Named Honorary Presidents

BUCHAREST, Jan. 29—(Reuters)—Marshal Joseph Stalin, Prime Minister Churchill and President Roosevelt have been proclaimed honorary presidents of the new Rumanian General Confederation of Labor embracing 500,000 manual and professional workers and public officials.

International At A Glance

(By The Canadian Press)

EASTERN FRONT—Russians invade Germany on a 30-mile front northwest of Berlin, take town 93 miles from German Capital; German radio warns "fate of Berlin in balance"; Province of Pomerania threatened with isolation.

WESTERN FRONT — U. S. 3rd Army crosses Our River into Germany at two points south of St. Vith; U. S. 1st Army gains 3½ miles east of St. Vith and French 1st Army advances to within 1-2 mile of Colmar in Alsace.

AERIAL — R. A. F. planes bomb Berlin Monday night; more than 2,000 Allied bombers, fighters hammer at seven German rail centres and tank factory in daylight Monday.

PHILIPPINES—U. S. forces capture San Fernando, Capital of Pampanga Province, Luzon, 34 airline miles from Manila, advance beyond city.

BURMA—R.A.F. bombers smash at Japanese in Arakan area east of Akyab, aiding Indian ground forces.

CHINESE — Japanese forces advance around Swatow; Tokyo asserts Chinese coast near Philippines fortified in preparation for any Allied landing.

CANADIAN — Prime Minister Mackenzie King says Canadian general election will be called before April 17, when life of Parliament expires.

U. S. 3rd Army Crosses Back Into Germany

PARIS, Jan. 29 — (AP)— The United States 3rd Army smashed back into Germany today, crossing the Our River at two points into the forefield of the westwall in a storm of fire from enemy self-propelled guns.

A front dispatch said the crossings were made through waist-deep freezing water of the borderline stream eight miles south of St. Vith and some 13 miles southwest of Prum, a road and railway centre feeding the Siegfried Line.

(A Berlin broadcast declared American pressure was mounting on this front.)

The United States 1st Army to the north also was on the attack, liquidating the Belgian bulge and hammering out a bulge of its own within two miles of the German border after a 3½-mile advance

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Gateway To Manila Falls

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC ADVANCE COMMAND, Jan. 30— (Tuesday) — San Fernando, the "gateway to Manila," has been captured by 6th Army forces who were only 34 miles from the Commonwealth Capital, headquarters reported today.

TORONTO, Jan. 29 — (CP) — Minimum and maximum temperatures: Vancouver 28, 39; Edmonton 13B, 5; Regina 18B, 2B; Winnipeg 11B 4; Toronto 15, 29; Ottawa 5, 14. Montreal 5, 15; Quebec zero, 19; Saint John 6; Moncton 20, 33; Halifax 24, 35; Charlottetown 25, 34.

FORECASTS

LOWER ST. LAWRENCE AND LAKE ST. JOHN: Fresh to strong winds partly cloudy with light snowfalls or flurries and a little lower temperature.

GULF AND BAY CHALEURS: Strong winds and moderate gales with occasional light snow and becoming somewhat colder.

NORTH SHORE: Strong winds and gales with snow probably part sleet in eastern districts.

MARITIME WEST: Strong winds partly cloudy and somewhat colder with light snowfalls or flurries.

MARITIME EAST: Strong winds and moderate gales with occasional light to moderate snow and becoming somewhat colder.

High tide this afternoon at 1.86 and tonight at 1.21.

Sun sets this evening at 6.04 and rises tomorrow morning at 8.22.

Last quarter moon February 5 5.56 A. M.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

DAILY AIR SERVICE
Charlottetown — Summerside — Moncton

Leaves Charlottetown 7 A M. 11.30 A.M; 5.15 P.M.
Arrives Charlottetown 12 45 P.M. 5.45 P.M. 7.30 P.M.

SUNDAY SERVICE
Leave Charlottetown 11.30 A.M and 4 P. M.
Arrive Charlottetown 2 P. M and 5.45 P. M.

CHARLOTTETOWN — NEW GLASGOW
(Daily except Sunday)

Leave Charlottetown 1 P. M.
Arrive Charlottetown 5.20 P.M.

Nazi Leaders Prepare For Possible Loss Of Berlin

Today Is 12th Anniversary Of Hitler's Election As Chancellor Of German Reich.

LONDON, Jan. 29 —(CP)— Nazi leaders began preparing the German people for the assault of Berlin today by summoning them to last-ditch resistance in the Hinterlands.

"We will fight before Berlin, in Berlin, around Berlin and behind Berlin," a German broadcast declared.

The Moscow radio, attributing its information to "leading political circles in Berlin", said Hitler had gone to the Eastern Front on an "inspection tour to acquaint himself with the critical situation."

Asserting that all high Nazi officials had left Berlin for Munich, the Paris radio said the latter city henceforth would be "the centre of German resistance."

The Nazis stated that there had been some disorganization during the flight of thousands of Germans from threatened areas, while unconfirmed broadcasts from Paris and Brussels spoke of demonstrations inside Germany.

The Paris radio quoted a Swedish diplomat, whose name was not given, as saying the German Army had informed Hitler "it is useless to continue the war." In German-language broadcasts Allied radios attempted to impress upon the German people the futility of fighting.

Ley's call for last-ditch resistance was broadcast on the eve of Hitler's 12th anniversary as Chancellor and was contained in a political-military review by Georg Schroeder, Transocean's Chief Correspondent.

"There is no doubt that the Germans have not lost the battle in the east," Schroeder wrote, "because the High Command still has trump cards in its hands."

Hitler's anniversary will not be celebrated in any form, he said, declaring that "tomorrow will be a day of work and fight such as all our days are now."

In London it was believed there was little likelihood—barring a last-minute propaganda switch—that Hitler would go to the microphone as has been his custom. One London newspaper remarked that "if Hitler speaks it can be but to say farewell to a terrified nation."

War Weariness Is Cause Of Trouble

(By The Canadian Press)

LONDON, Jan. 29 — The Archbishop of York said today that "war weariness" was affecting British-American relations, adding that Americans frequently failed to realize that Britons were "exceptionally sensitive to criticism" after more than five years of war.

Coming Events

**Dance, Mt. Stewart Legion Hall, Wednesday. 1-30-2i.

**Buying live and dressed poultry. Paying top market prices. Island Cold Storage Ltd. 11-17-tf.

**Loading hogs every Thursday for Davis & Fraser Ltd. Merlyn Divine, Peakes. 1-23-tf.

**Special Baha'i broadcast, "Religion and the New Age" tonight, 9.15, over C. F. C. Y. 1-30-1i.

**Loading Dressed Hogs Friday, McGuigan and Boyle, Hunter River. 1-30-2i.

**Loading Dressed Sows Friday, McGuigan and Boyle, Hunter River. 1-30-2i.

**Rummage Sale, St. James Church Hall, Saturday, February 3rd at 6.30 o'clock. 1-30-3i.

**Our store will be closed Jan. 29 and 30 for stock taking. McGuigan and Boyle. 1-26-5i.

**Owing to weather conditions will be unloading car of Bulk Wheat, Vernon Station, Monday and Tuesday. Edison Nelson, Dillon & Spillett. 1-29-2i.

**Notice — Loading hogs at Albany, Thursday Feb. 1st, from noon until 4 o'clock Friday. Emerald until 11:30. G. C. Green and A. C. Green. 1-25-2i

**Do it now, order your Chicks from Swift's Hatchery before February 1st, and take advantage of the savings offered. Delay is money. Call, or write immediately for particulars and price lists. Swift's Chick Hatchery. 1-25-5i

**Loading hogs Thursday, Feb. 1, Summerside, till 1:30 p. m.; Kensington till 3 p. m.; Elmer Wigmore, Bradalbane, Friday, till 11:30 a. m.; Borden Bagnall, Hunter River, Friday till noon. MacEwen and Caseley. 1-30-2i.

**Summerfield Credit Union open for business Monday, Feb. 5th. Card tournament will conclude with grand prize awarded. Orders for Spring seeds will be received. Cash must accompany order. Come and enjoy a social evening with your friends and neighbors. 1-30-2i.

200 Soldiers Home From Duty Overseas

OTTAWA, Jan. 29 — More than two hundred Canadian soldiers, including the complete cast of the Canadian Army show "Invasion Revue", have arrived back in the Dominion from overseas.

With the returning soldiers came a large group of British war brides and children of Canadian soldiers. In some cases, the mothers and children were en route to join the soldier-husbands in this country.

The Invasion Revue cast of 32 members — men and women — will rebuild their show in Canada and make a tour of the Dominion before recrossing the Atlantic.

Island Girl Held As Police Probe Racketeer's Death

(By The Canadian Press)

TORONTO, Jan. 29—First arrests were made today in connection with the gangland slaying of Louis Wernick, Toronto racketeer whose bullet-riddled and frozen body was found in a snowbank last Friday. Arrested on nominal charges of vagrancy were two women, said by police to have been frequently in company of Wernick.

One of the women, a brunette who said she was 20 years old said her home is in Florida, while the other, a 17-year-old titian-haired girl, is from Prince Edward Island. Bail was set at $500 and had not been arranged late tonight, the prisoners being detained.

Police said they traced the movements of the two women during the past year and established that the women had made several trips to Montreal with the slain man.

Four days of extensive inquiry have so far failed to provide any clues as to the identity of the killers. However, the police search for the gangland gunman who "rubbed out" Wernick had led them to an underworld explanation of the disappearance last April 23 of Rocco Perri of Hamilton.

Perri, who styled himself "King of the Bootleggers" was associated with Wernick in a rum-running syndicate in the late 1920's. Police expressed the belief today that Perri was slain after learning that Wernick told a friend last August he had obtained reliable information that Perri "is in a barrel of cement at the bottom of Hamilton Bay."

Police have been unable to find any trace of money, bonds or stocks Wernick is supposed to have had on him at the time of his disappearance Jan. 15. Officials intimated tonight that if shreds of information in their possession can be developed, some light might be thrown on the disappearance of more than $80,000 in Victory Bonds stolen from Toronto homes.

Information reaching police sources said that housebreakers, unable to dispose of "hot" war bonds, turned them over to one of the Wernick rackets to be disposed of.

Cargo Plane Sets Record In Flight

NEW YORK, Jan. 29 — (AP)— The first non-stop flight from Europe to New York by a regularly scheduled cargo plane was completed Sunday by an Air Transport Command Douglas C-54, officials at La Guardia Field announced today. A scheduled stop at Goose Bay Labrador, was cancelled when the plane was found to have sufficient gasoline.

Col. Eugene F. Gillespie, A.T.C. commanding officer at La Guardia Field, said the plane completed the 3,316-mile flight from Prestwick, Scotland, to the airfield here in 16 hours, 57 minutes.

The ship carried 4,300 pounds of cargo including 2,900 pounds of mail, but no passengers.

Local Dietitian Serves In Army Hospital In Eng.

THE 184TH GENERAL HOSPITAL, England, Jan. 29 — Highly important in care and treatment of casualties returned from the battle front, is the selection and preparation of the proper food. As chief dietitian, First Lieutenant Flora H. Gordon, 30, of 127 Fitzroy Street, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Canada, supervises the preparation of meals for battle casualties recovering at this United States Army general hospital in England.

With the aid of two assistants, she prepares diets, containing those foods most beneficial in each particular case. She makes periodic visits to the wards in order to check on the progress of the patients, and changes the diets as conditions warrant.

Lt. Gordon, in addition to her other duties, exercises close supervision over the mess personnel to make certain that no food which can be used is wasted. Menus are prepared in such a way as to make full use of left-over food, saved from other meals.

Lt. Gordon, a graduate of Prince of Wales College, Charlottetown, and of McGill University, Montreal, was employed at the Margaret Pillsbury Hospital, Concord, Massachusetts, as a hospital dietitian before being commissioned in the United States Army in March, 1943.

Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H.J. Gordon, live at the Fitzroy Street address.

ACTRESS WEDS

UNION CITY, N.J., Jan. 29 — (AP)—Gloria Swanson, stage and screen star, was married here today to William M. Davey, 52, of New York. It was the fourth marriage for Miss Swanson, who gave her age as 45. She is starring currently in "A Goose For The Gander" at the Playhouse Theatre in New York.