

Nothing that happens to us is beyond God's power to control and transform for our good.

Temperament is not an unchangeable climate; grace is not checked when it touches moods.

Covers Prince Edward Island Like the Dew

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STALIN DROPS ROLE OF SILENCE, BECOMES PREMIER

Stimson Urges Immediate Naval Aid To British

U. S. Secretary of war is most outspoken in advocating prompt assistance.

Celebrates 10th Anniversary of Consecration



BISHOP J. A. O'SULLIVAN
Bp. Rev. J. A. O'Sullivan, Bishop of Charlottetown, today will celebrate the tenth anniversary of his consecration as Bishop.

(By J. F. Sanderson, Canadian Press Staff Writer)

WASHINGTON, May 6—(CP)—Immediate use of the United States navy "to make the seas secure for the delivery of munitions to Britain" was urged tonight by the United States Secretary of War, Henry Stimson.

In one of the strongest statements made by any member of the administration for naval action, Stimson warned the American people in a broadcast address that it would be at least another year before the United States would have an army and air force adequate to defend itself against a victorious Axis.

He argued it would be unwise to run the risk of the British Empire being defeated by the Axis because then, the United States would stand alone before a Fascist-organized world with neither the natural allies nor the military equipment to win in the end.

The War Secretary said that the efforts of the United States to guarantee victory for the British Commonwealth are proving to be insufficient and control of the Atlantic Ocean by the British fleet, the main bastion of American defence for 100 years—is threatened.

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Ships Seized In U. S. Are Repaired

WASHINGTON, May 6—(AP)—Maritime commission officials said today that 26 Italian and two German ships taken into "protective custody" by the United States coast guard several weeks ago, now are in shipyards receiving repairs.

The vessels allegedly were damaged by their crews while tied up in American ports. Officials said two of the 25 Italian vessels taken into custody were not damaged.

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Now Organized For Big Victory Loan Campaign

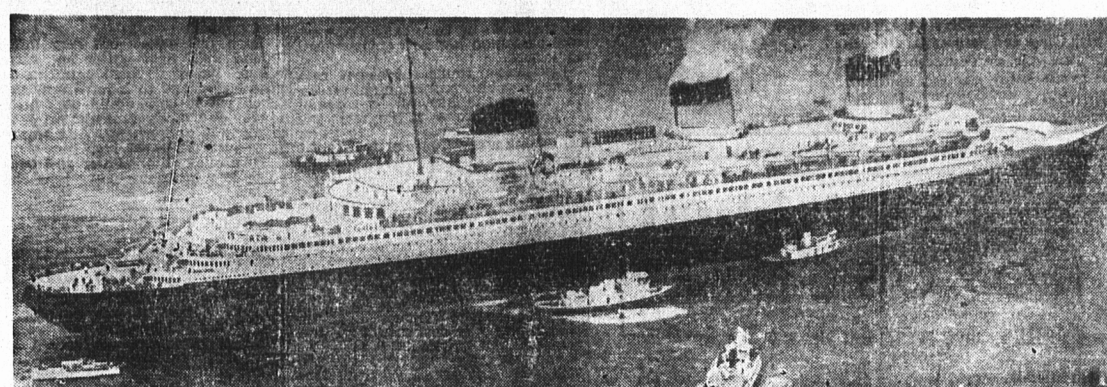
Plans made for Province-wide participation in campaign which will be launched June 2.

Immediate Action by U. S. urged

Senator Claude Pepper Advocates Convoys; Amendment Re Ship Transfer Defeated.

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Luxurious Normandie May See Service In Battle Of Atlantic



The S.S. Normandie, pride of the former French passenger fleet and for many months lying idle in New York harbor, may become one of the mightiest links in the "bridge of ships" President Roosevelt is determined to create to guarantee delivery of the U.S. war supplies to Britain. Following his order that the Maritime commission acquire 2,000,000 tons of existing domestic and foreign merchant shipping for this purpose, come reports both from Washington and Vichy that the great French liner will be seized for the shipping pool. The Normandie could carry thousands of troops and vast quantities of war goods.

Both Scotland And Ireland Under attack

Nazi Raiders Swarm Over Central And Western Scotland.

LONDON, May 7—(Wednesday)—(CP)—German raiders swarmed over central and western Scotland last night and early today in a sharp attack more widespread than that of previous nights.

The attack apparently aimed at the western area grew in intensity as the hours went by.

A few planes were reported also over Liverpool and its surrounding Merseyside, but only a few bombs were dropped.

Sirens sounded a brief alert in the capital before midnight last night but the all-clear followed shortly after and no planes were sighted.

During Tuesday the Germans sent two separate air forces against the southeast English coast in a renewal of daylight bombing.

Royal Air Force fighters took to the air and beat them off and the only apparent casualties were three of Dover's barrage balloons. They were attacked by four Messerschmitts and burst into flames.

In this "Hell's Corner" engagement.

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R.A.F. In Great Foray On Rhine

Industrial section of Germany hammered by British planes; 9 enemy downed over Britain.

(By W. J. Humphreys, Associated Press Staff Writer)

LONDON, May 6—(AP)—The Air Ministry announced tonight a great foray on the industrial middle Rhine and coastal attacks along the 1,000-mile front from St. Nazaire to Norway.

With this they coupled an announcement of the destruction of nine German raiders in a single night's defence of Britain.

A strong force of the lumber command dropped "a great weight of high explosive and incendiary bombs" on Mannheim during the night and attacked Frankfurt-am-Main in the same foray, the Air Ministry announced.

Fires could be seen in both cities through gaps in the clouds, pilots reported.

Some of the R.A.F.'s most powerful bombs were dropped on both cities.

At Mannheim, the air ministry said, there appeared to be fires in all parts of the city. River port facilities, chemical and engineering works were objectives.

At Frankfurt, it was related, the showers of debris from buildings hit by a single super-bomb could be seen from a great height.

The Boulogne and Cherbourg docks were bombed again; German coastal shipping was raided in daylight Monday and the coastal command blasted at the French port of St. Nazaire and started fires amidst the hangars of the Nazi airbase at Stavanger, Norway.

Docks, naval workshops and the railway depot at St. Nazaire, on the Brittany peninsula, were directly hit.

The announcement concluded: "From all of these extensive operations, none of our aircraft is missing."

Forest fires Threaten homes In Nova Scotia

SHELBURNE, N. S., May 6—(CP)—A forest fire on the highway between here and Jordan Falls threatened several homes today before being brought under control by firemen and volunteers. Three houses caught fire but all three were saved.

Chief Fire Ranger George A Swansburg said the fire was still travelling east but no homes were in immediate danger.

Menzies says Britain cannot Lose war

Speed of Victory Depends On U. S. Aid.

(By H. M. Peters, Canadian Press Staff Writer)

NEW YORK, May 6—(CP)—Prime Minister Menzies of Australia arrived in North America by clipper plane tonight and told reporters at La Guardia seaplane base that he had two points to stress:

1. "Britain cannot lose" the war. 2. The "speed in which she wins it" depends upon the actions taken by the United States.

Mr. Menzies, who will fly to Ottawa tomorrow for a conference with Prime Minister Mackenzie King and other members of the Dominion government, said frankly in response to a question that he hopes the United States will convey goods across the Atlantic to Britain.

The question of convoys was one which the United States had to decide for himself, he said. But he would be less than honest if he did not express the hope that America will see that planes and other munitions "arrive where they will do the most good."

Mr. Menzies en route home via Canada and the United States after a lengthy visit in Britain, was greeted by Australia's minister to Washington, R. G. Casey, and by Newbold Morris, president of the New York City council.

Admits aiding Evasion of Military training

MONTREAL, May 6—(CP)—Jean Tarte, Montreal lawyer, testified in court today that he had received money to facilitate evasion from military training and had "split" the money with Pierre Decary, former divisional registrar here.

Tarte, charged with facilitating evasion, was testifying at the preliminary hearing of Decary, who is accused of accepting bribes in a widespread plot to obtain illegal exemption from military training.

Mr. Decary was charged with accepting bribes from youths aged from 21 to 24. In all, 17 persons face charges in the case.

After Tarte's testimony, Decary was ordered by Judge Maurice Tremblay to appear May 13 for voluntary statement.

Later, counsel for Tarte and Mike Maloney, charged with aiding and abetting the youths to evade training, agreed to let today's evidence stand for their preliminary inquiries and they too were remanded for further hearing May 13. Tarte and Maloney were the only witnesses.

Meanwhile, the preliminary inquiries of eight youths charged with attempted evasion were postponed to May 12, when six men facing other charges will appear.

More aid for Middle East

LONDON, May 6—(CP)—Britain, "with the ever-increasing help of the United States, is hoping to send more and more support to the battle of the Middle East on which the Axis seems to be staking so much," Lord Moyne, British Colonial Secretary, said in a war review in the House of Lords today.

Move Might Be Hint Of New Soviet Swing

Molotov was advocate of collaboration with Germany

(By Henry C. Cassidy, Associated Press Staff Writer)

MOSCOW, May 7—(Wednesday)—(AP)—Joseph Stalin is carded suddenly today the official anonymity behind which he has led the Soviet Union and assumed the premiership, supplanting Vyacheslav H. Molotov, who had held that post for 11 years.

Three official decrees, dated at the Kremlin as of Monday, said the supreme Soviet had relieved Molotov as chairman of the council of peoples' commissars at his own request; appointed Stalin to succeed him and made Molotov vice-chairman of the council, or vice-premier.

Molotov remains as Foreign Affairs commissar, a post he has held since he succeeded Maxim Litvinov two years ago, five months before the war began.

The BBC, heard in New York, recalled that Molotov's replacement of Litvinov preceded the swing of Soviet foreign policy to Germany which culminated in Molotov's negotiation of the non-aggression pact with Germany. It added that with the German occupation of Poland and Rumania and the invasion of Yugoslavia, on Russia's southern flank, "a further change seems to be indicated."

A communique said Molotov was relieved of the premiership at his own repeated request; that he had:

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Blast Iraq Strongholds

(By Edward Kennedy, Associated Press Staff Writer)

CAIRO, May 6—(AP)—The Royal Air Force announced today a series of blows against the foes of Britain today from the valley of the Euphrates to the shores of Libya and the fastnesses of Ethiopia.

Pressing a broader offensive against the persistent Iraq troops, British bombers Monday smashed barracks at Diwaniya, 130 miles below Baghdad on the Euphrates; scored hits on Iraq motor transport at Al Fakhir, between Baghdad and Lake Habbaniyah; and silenced still more of the guns with which the Iraqis have been bombarding the R.A.F.'s Lake Habbaniyah airbase, the Middle East Command announced.

The Iraq artillery maintained its fire, but the British communique said the results were negligible, and the shelling was "intermittent and inaccurate."

In the Basra area, the situation was described as quiet.

The R.A.F. announced its offensive as some sections of the press in London called for vigorous operations to clean up the five-day old war begun by Iraq's new anti-British Premier, Rashid Ali Al Gallali.

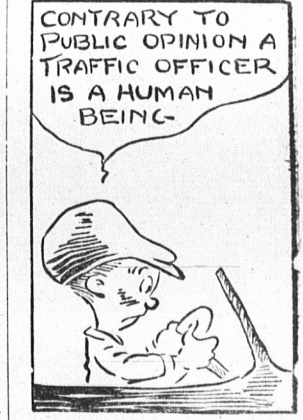
In Libya, the British command announced a "very heavy" bombing attack Sunday night and Monday morning on Bengasi harbor and Gherma, Gazala, Barce and Benina airdromes. Fires and explosions resulted and at least five Axis planes were destroyed on the ground at Benina, it was declared.

\$75,000 fire At Halifax

HALIFAX, May 6—(CP)—Portions of the three-storey Wentzell Building in downtown Halifax were swept by fire today, and unofficial estimates placed the damage at above \$75,000.

Fire Chief J. W. Churchill would offer no estimate but said the damage cost "nothing like" an early estimate. His men controlled the blaze in an hour and a half but were in action three hours.

Flames eating into oakum and tar sent smoke billowing up the top stories from the basement and spread all of the several floors established there to evacuate. Churchill said it was doubtful, however, if any of them would have to "stay out" any length of time.



CONTRARY TO PUBLIC OPINION A TRAFFIC OFFICER IS A HUMAN BEING.

TORONTO, May 6—(CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Vancouver	48 60
Edmonton	41 51
Regina	39 48
Winnipeg	35 44
Toronto	48 61
Ottawa	43 74
Montreal	48 75
Quebec	41 72
Saint John	38 67
Halifax	48 61
Charlottetown	36 62

FORECAST

Gulf:	Moderate to fresh winds; partly cloudy followed by showers in west portion.
Bay Chaleur:	Moderate winds; fair and warm followed by showers on Thursday.
North Shore:	Fresh winds; fair and a little warmer; followed by showers over west portion.
Maritime West:	Moderate winds; partly cloudy and moderately warm followed by showers on Thursday.
Maritime East:	Moderate winds; fair with a little higher temperature.
High tide this morning:	at 7.30 and tonight at 8.25.
Sun sets this evening:	at 7.12 and rises tomorrow morning at 4.40.
Full moon May 11:	11.5 a.m. Summer tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.
(All times Standard.)	

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Coming Events

- Rate for Notices in this column 3 cents per word.
- *See play at Cherry Valley Hall Friday, 9th, 8 P.M. L-378-5-7-41.
- *Reserve Wednesday, May 14th for Million Play. L-402-5-7-11.
- *Auction and Bridge, Holy Name Hall, Friday, May 9th in aid of Alar Society. L-404-5-7-31.
- *Dance I.O.O.F. Hall, Montague, 4 piece orchestra, Thursday, May 6. Admission 25c. L-359-5-5-21.
- *Loading hogs at Albany every Thursday afternoon. Friday at Emerald until 11:30 a.m. A. C. Green Albany, G. C. Green, Emerald.
- *North River Concert Thursday, May 8th. Proceeds for War Work. Admission 20c and 10c. L-415-5-7-11.
- *Dance, Box Social and Lottery Quiz in Covehead Road School, Friday, May 9th. If not fine, following Monday. Admission 20c. L-412-5-7-11.
- *Buying May 12th only, good weather. Pips 25 pounds and over. Also good thirty feeds up to 90 pounds, not over, will not accept limited stock. Livestock Marketing Board. L-421-5-7-21.
- *Loading hogs Thursday, May 8. Kensington till 3 p.m.; Summerside 10 a.m. till 1 p.m. Ray Bag-ger and Mervyn Bulman, Hunter River, Friday till noon. Signed McEwen and Campbell. L-430.