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## RED ARMY PREPARES FOR SPRING OFFENSIVE

### C. C. F. Council Urges Affirmative Vote In Plebiscite

Statement calling for conscription of wealth and War Industry is also issued.

OTTAWA, March 22—(CP)—A "united union recognition" and the statement calling for an affirmative vote in the forthcoming plebiscite was issued tonight by the National Council of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation after a two-day meeting.

The statement said, however, that once the plebiscite is disposed of the true issues of equal sacrifice and maximum production can be faced.

"The C.C.F. will continue its fight for this policy," it said, "and various reactionary groups in Canada that the constant drive for maximum production and a more equitable distribution of the burdens of this war."

"The C.C.F. stands unitedly behind the forces of democracy in its plea against conscription for those overseas."

The question being asked in the April 27 plebiscite is: "Are you in favour of releasing the government from any obligation arising out of any past commitments restricting the methods of raising men for military service?"

"This is the vital issue," the National Council said. "The Allied Nations do not lack manpower at the moment; they lack machines to defeat the enemy."

"And Canada has lacked the dynamism to victory which can come from the active participation of the common people."

"What Canada needs immediately is maximum production and equality of sacrifice, which can be secured only by the conscription of wealth and war industries. The betrayal of the workers' right to organize, as at Kirkland Lake where employees of steel mills were recently on strike against..."



MR. J. S. WOODSWORTH

### C.C.F. Leader Dies after Long illness

VANCOUVER, March 22—(CP)—J. S. Woodsworth, leader of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation Party, who lived to see the movement he helped to found grow into third-party strength in the Dominion's political arena, died in hospital here Saturday night. He was 63.

Born in Etobicoke, Ont., near Toronto, the son of a Methodist minister, he became successively a mission worker, minister, longshoreman, labor leader, parliamentarian and finally the head of a new political movement with policies far removed from those of the old line parties.

A prominent and vigorous figure in federal politics for 20 years, James S. Woodsworth dropped out of the political limelight following a serious illness in May, 1940.

As first leader of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation and before that as a labor member of Parliament, he was a consistent champion of economic and social reform and a stout opponent of war, militarism and imperialism.

The national council met under the chairmanship of Mr. J. Goldwell Woodsworth, M.P., leader. About 20 members were present including the eight C.C.F. members of Parliament who have been attending the present session. Mr. Lewis, a representative from several provinces.

Early today the council meeting was informed of the death in Vancouver of the party leader and ninth C.C.F. member of Parliament. A message of condolence was sent to Mrs. Woodsworth at Vancouver and Mr. Goldwell was selected to represent the party at Mr. Woodsworth's funeral.

### Japanese Suffer Heavy Losses

Allied Air Forces destroy 23 enemy planes and successfully raid naval base at Rabaul.

MELBOURNE, March 22—(AP)—The combined American and Australian air forces have struck devastating new blows at the north-west of Darwin, the site of a growing Australian and United States air power.

The communiqué said 20 of the 23 Japanese planes were destroyed or damaged early today at probably destroyed early today at Lae, one of the three landing places from which the Japanese are attempting an invasion of New Guinea with Port Moresby on the South coast as the presumed objective.

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### Mrs. Nielsen Is Speaker at Quebec rally

MONTREAL, March 22—(CP)—Mrs. Doris E. Nielsen (Unity North Battleford) in an address here today urged French-speaking Canadians to "be wary of the Quislings of Quebec who would mislead you and realize that Canada is fighting today to destroy German imperialism and not to defend British imperialism."

"There are some would-be leaders in Quebec who are trying to mislead the French-speaking people of Canada," Mrs. Nielsen said at a public rally at Alway Market sponsored by the National Council for Democratic Rights. "These Quislings say the position of Quebec Province in regard to conscription is the same as it ever has been."

Other speakers at the rally were Pat Sullivan, President of the Canadian Seamen's Union who was released last week from internment, and CSM William Mills of the Black Watch who urged "everyone to be a recruiting officer in his own walk of life."

Sullivan, who appeared on the platform with Dave Sinclair and Jack Chapman, two other Canadian Seamen's Union leaders who were released from internment with him, said he was "grateful to the British to take my part, however humble, in seeing that 1942 will bring victory over the Axis."

In her address Mrs. Nielsen urged the release of all interned Trades Union leaders and said "many of them who are still in the Hull jail have been guilty of doing no more than to help their own country by doing in England and he is now second in command."

### American-built Fighter Planes Rushed To Front

Russians continue to push forward after killing 3,000 of the Enemy and capturing large stores of equipment.

(By Eddy Gilmore, Associated Press Staff Writer)

MOSCOW, March 22—(AP)—American-built Airacobra fighter planes were rushed to the front today by the Red army for a spring air offensive while on the frozen land the Soviet armies were reported unofficially to be pushing steadily forward.

The army publication Red Star dated a dispatch "from the Bryansk front" which means that the main Russian army rather than advanced units, now is actively operating in this area 210 miles southwest of Moscow.

The Red Star writer said succinctly that "the communiques are brief but in the middle of a battle nobody talks. They fight. The communiques will come later."

Another Red Star dispatch said the Russians had repulsed a major German counter-attack by four German divisions and one Rumanian division on the southwestern front, killing 2,250 men. The Reds were said to be pursuing the enemy.

The Russian communiqué said British technicians, Red Star said, "no substantial changes took place. A second large shipment arrived at the front" but it related that more than 3,000 Germans had been killed in various battles and that large stores of enemy equipment had been destroyed or captured.

Fighting in the Staraya Russa area where the German 16th army is trapped was said unofficially to be growing in violence and the Russians undertook the job and put the first planes together and in task. The German 260th regiment, after being reinforced, was said to have been reduced to four soldiers and one non-commissioned officer. The second battalion of the 460th infantry regiment, also reinforced, was said to have only 50 effective men.

A captured German flying officer was quoted as saying the Germans were transferring planes from Africa and from the central front to ferry supplies to the trapped army.

The cannon-bearing Airacobras add power to the Russian offensive as being assembled by Russian and in the north, centre and south.

### Axis Outposts In Libya Raided

Hit-and-run operations test enemy's strength; 17 German planes shot down over Malta.

BY EDWARD KENNEDY (Associated Press Staff Writer)

CAIRO, March 22—(AP)—British hard-hitting British columns struck deep into Axis territory Saturday, raiding airbases at Matruh, and enemy outposts near Tarni, German and Italian bases scattered widely through the eastern Mediterranean.

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British Island base of Italy, by fighters and anti-aircraft guns in the 14 originally announced. Bombers struck at the Crete port of Garmak and at the Libyan airbase at Barce, Berka, Derna and enemy outposts near Tarni, and the Greek port of Eleusis, near Athens, was raided Friday night.

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### Mass attack on Burma Airfields

(By Spencer Moosa, Associated Press Staff Writer)

CHUNGKING, March 22—(AP)—One of the biggest air battles yet fought in Burma occurred Saturday when a swarm of 80 Japanese planes attempted a mass attack on allied airfields and was met by a combined force of Royal Air Force and American volunteer group planes.

The 60 Japanese bombers and 20 fighters which made the attack somewhere in south Burma comprised one of the largest forces of invading planes yet seen in Burma and was taken here as an indication that the Japanese are heavily reinforcing their air strength in a determined effort to knock out the R. A. F. and A. M. G.

The Chinese Central News Agency dispatch from Kunning in South China which told of the battle said only two Japanese planes were known to have been shot down in first reports, while "several" allied planes were still unaccounted for.

The report, however, was based on information at 1:40 p.m. Saturday (3:40 a.m. A.D.T. Sunday) apparently only a few hours after the battle, and there was a possibility that more Japanese planes would be received later. There was no mention of any damage to the airbase.

British headquarters in Burma, reporting both land fronts on the Irrawaddy and Sittang rivers were quiet, said the R. A. F. made a successful raid on the Japanese base at Mandalay, just north of Rangoon, Saturday. No details were given.

An airbase in central Burma was heavily bombed by the Japanese Saturday, the communiqué said, and some damage and some casualties to R. A. F. pilots and mechanics were caused.

The quiet reported on the land fronts indicated British forces were still holding their positions around Fuy, 30 miles south of Toungoo, and Letpadan, 65 miles south of Prome. Toungoo and Letpadan are about 220 miles south of Mandalay.

### Charges laid Against Canadian Newspapers

OTTAWA, March 22—(CP)—Four charges were laid against Le Four charges were laid against the Ottawa French-language newspaper under the Defence of Canada Regulations Saturday.

The charges are based on articles published in the March 17 issue of the newspaper which were prejudicial to the safety of the state and the efficient prosecution of the war.

The charges were based on a news item appearing in Le Droit on March 4 under the heading "Powerful Bombing of Renaud Industries in the Paris Suburbs" and an article on March 9 which discussed bombing raids on occupied France by British fliers appearing in a column entitled "Day by Day."

VANCOUVER, March 22—(CP)—C. H. Locke, Vancouver lawyer, announced today on behalf of the Justice Department that four charges had been laid against the Sun Publishing Company of Vancouver under Defence of Canada regulations in connection with certain articles which appeared recently in the Vancouver Sun.

The articles dealt with Pacific Coast defences.

OTTAWA, March 22—(CP)—Munitions Minister Howe said Saturday reports have reached the Ottawa office of Oil Controller Cottrill from various parts of Canada showing that private individuals are hoarding gasoline for use after the rationing plan goes into effect April 1.

Branding such hoarders as "out and out fifth columnists," the minister declared: "An immediate investigation has been ordered and those found guilty will be prosecuted. I feel quite sure that no magistrate will show any leniency toward such persons."

### Torpedo U. S. Merchant ships Sought by City

NORFOLK, Va., March 22—(AP)—Enemy submarines torpedoed three medium-sized United States merchant ships off the Atlantic coast last week, navy authorities announced today, and after one attack planes appeared overhead and dropped depth charges. The sinking of three other ships was announced Saturday.

Eleven crewmen were killed on one ship, five were missing from another and two died in a third attack.

One of the merchantmen was torpedoed in daylight with two other unarmored vessels in view. The torpedoes were fired into one ship and one torpedo struck each of the others. One ship went down after the attack, the others are settling in the water but were still afloat when the survivors were picked up.

Power to issue 20-year debentures in an amount of \$400 million will be sought at the present session of the Provincial Legislature. It was decided at a special meeting of the City Council held Saturday afternoon. The amount is to be broken up as follows: \$165,000; Permanent Works \$29,000; Plant and Equipment \$10,000.

The Council will also petition the Legislature to amend the City of Charlottetown Incorporation Act. The amendment is to ratify the sale and conveyance of the Queen's Wharf property to Mr. Alfred Pickard.

The following other amendments are also requested:

That section 14 of the City of Charlottetown Incorporation Act, 21-22 George V Cap 31 is hereby amended by striking out all words after the word "and" by the second line thereof, and substituting therefor the words "a total of at least three issues of said newspaper or newspapers."

The following is hereby added as section 100B to said Act of Incorporation:

100B. The said Board as constituted and acting for any year may upon the written request of the City Assessor stating that he has in such year or any previous year subsequent to 1939 assessed in error against any person any property not then in existence or not in the actual or apparent ownership or possession of such person or not in itself assessable, and that no appeal against such assessment has been made, may hear and consider such appeal on its merits and give such relief as it might if the appeal had been regularly brought, but may refuse to do so if it appears to the Board that there existed no reasonable excuse for the failure to appeal in due course.

### Coming Events

- Due to arrive another car of feed, wheat. Book now, McGuigan & Boyle. L-1121-3-21-21.
- Collecting hogs Tuesdays and Fridays till noon at Crapaud, R. L-1125-3-21-21.
- "See 'The Irish Millionaire'—a comedy. Tuesday, March 24, Red Cross Concert and dance by Lyndale Institute. Good music and refreshments. L-1144.
- Garden seeds. All the latest and best varieties. Send for free 1942 catalogue. Arthur Vesey, York. L-778.
- Some One, Come All, To Orwell Hall, Tuesday, March 24, Red Cross Concert and dance by Lyndale Institute. Good music and refreshments. L-1144.

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### Score hits on Jap Warships

CHUNGKING, March 22—(AP)—Japanese warships which steamed up the Min River past Poochow on the Fukien coast Saturday, shelled the nearby town of Chang-shi and a fierce counter-attack from Chinese shore guns and were forced to retire after being hit, a Chinese communiqué announced today.

The Japanese military action, the communiqué said, was to have landings from warships at several points on the Kwangtung coast, near Portuguese Macao, south of Hong Kong, five days ago.

Heavy fighting was reported, with the Chinese attempting to repulse the landings.

### LAUNCH FREIGHTER WEST COAST CANADIAN

PORT, March 22—(CP)—The most complete hull ever launched at a Canadian shipyard on the Pacific Coast took to the sea today when the Fort Good Hope was sent down the ways of a shipyard with a minimum of ceremony.

Mast, deck and most of the 10,000-ton freighter, built on order of Wartime Merchant Shipbuilding Limited.

### Mobilization Of Manpower Policy May Be Announced In House Of Commons Today

OTTAWA, March 22—(CP)—Announcement of the Government's manpower mobilization policy will be made in the House of Commons by Prime Minister Mackenzie King some time this week, perhaps tomorrow.

The Prime Minister will supplement his statement by tabling a bill, the National Selective Service Act, which will be put into effect, it was learned tonight.

At the same time he is expected to announce selection of a director of national selective service to superintend the mobilization steps.

In addition to learning details of the administration's intentions in regard to use of men and women in furtherance of the war effort, the House will also be equipped this week with Canada's huge and unprecedented spending program for the next fiscal year—almost \$3,500,000,000.

The specific section of the spending legislation on which debate will be resumed tomorrow is the bill authorizing a gift to Britain of munitions, materials and foodstuffs valued at \$1,000,000,000.

Another measure appropriating \$2,000,000,000 for general war purposes in the next fiscal year, is before Parliament, and there are non-war estimates of \$455,000,000.

A supplementary war appropriation for the current fiscal year of \$135,000,000 also is before the House.

Taken in the aggregate the money bills represent a demand upon the Canadian treasury equal to almost \$1 a day from every person in Canada for every day in the year.

Before the financial legislation is taken up tomorrow afternoon, Mr. Mackenzie King and other leaders will pay tribute to J. S. Woodsworth, leader of the C.C.F. party who died in Vancouver Saturday after a long illness.

Mr. Woodsworth's death creates a vacancy in Winnipeg North Centre, a seat which he has held without interruption since 1921.

The session program as at present revealed would indicate that Mr. Isley will bear the brunt of debate for the remainder of the session, with Labor Minister Mitchell and Perations Minister Mackenzie running close behind.

Mr. Isley now has half a dozen measures before the House, all highly important in that they in-

### Flier killed in Plane crash

LEE, Me., March 22—(A P)—One flier was killed, and another landed safely in balling out of a Royal Canadian Air Force plane which crashed in a snowstorm at Prentiss, about 10 miles northeast of Lee today.

The Lee telephone operator said she had been informed by men who were to the scene that the dead aviator's parachute had failed to open.

The storm had blown down the country telephone line nearest to the scene of the crash, and the Lee operator was unable to get in touch with a group of officials who went there.

### PRICE CEILING FOR COAL

WASHINGTON, March 22—(AP)—Immediate establishment of a price ceiling for bituminous coal, which he ranked second only to food in importance to the United States war effort, was recommended Saturday by Lutter Harr, Bituminous Coal Consumers Council.



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## BLOSSOM FLOUR

EXCELS IN THE KITCHEN