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MERE MAN

We hear other people's afflictions,
Why have we not courage and enough
to sport.

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Social Credit Leader Dies



THE LATE PREMIER ABERHART

VANCOUVER, May 25 (CP)—Premier William Aberhart of Alberta, who gained international fame as the head of the world's first Social Credit Government, died in hospital here on Saturday, May 22.

Death was due to a liver ailment. Mr. Aberhart entered hospital for a checkup April 18 while vacationing here. He later was released but re-entered hospital last week-end after attending physicians held an emergency consultation.

He took a turn for the worse Thursday. Mrs. Aberhart and his two daughters were at the bedside at his death at 5 a.m. P.M.T.

Funeral services will be held at Central Memorial Church here Wednesday afternoon and will be conducted by Rev. G. Harrison Willett, a personal friend of the premier for the last 15 years.

School teacher and Bible class leader at Calgary, Mr. Aberhart became interested in Social Credit in 1923 and became a provincial and national member of the party. He was elected premier in 1935 and his party won a majority in the provincial election in 1937.

Until his death Mr. Aberhart was hopeful that his legislation—ruled unconstitutional in provincial and Dominion courts and the Privy Council—would be implemented in Alberta.

He was not a candidate in the 1938 Alberta provincial election but in his campaign he promised election on a monthly credit dividend of \$2 for every man and woman in the province and also that he would take over as premier if his party won at the polls. He won that year and swept into power again in 1940, pledged to establish a financial system based on utilizing national wealth.

In the 1935 election his party won of 23 seats and Mr. Aberhart succeeded Premier R. G. Reid, whose United Farmers of Alberta government failed to win a simple seat. He took over when a seat was found for him in Okotoks—High River constituency and an administration was sworn in Sept. 3 that year.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, North Africa, May 24 (AP)—Pantelleria, which may yet win from Malta the title of world's most-bombarded island, was given another drastic going-over by British and American bombers yesterday and the number of Axis aircraft destroyed in the Mediterranean theatre in the last five days rose to 317 officially tabulated.

U.S. medium bombers and fighters blasted Pantelleria three times within five days by enemy action results described as "excellent" and the R.A.F.'s big two-engine Wellingtons followed up by night to pulverize the huge Italian island with two-ton block busters.

Again yesterday and last night the bombers met no fighter opposition.

Though the attacks on Pantelleria and other widespread Allied raids against Sardinia and the Ionian mainland brought no announced destruction of German or Italian planes Sunday, delayed reports boosted to 306 the number of Axis craft wrecked by the North-American air force alone since last Wednesday. Middle East and Malta-based squadrons however, had accounted for at least a dozen more.

Against this wholesale destruction of enemy air power over and on Italian soil an announced Allied force of 16 planes of the Northwest African air force, a ratio of nearly 17-to-1.

Troop Ship Not "An Old Freighter"

OTTAWA, May 24 (CP)—Air Minister Power said today in the House of Commons that a ship which was sunk in the Atlantic by enemy action with loss of 37 R.C.A.F. personnel was a suitable ship for passenger and not "an old freighter" as he had been told.

Mr. Power said he had received a number of inquiries from House members and others about the loss of the R.C.A.F. ship.

The ship, of British registry, had a speed of 15 knots. It had a crew of 88 and accommodation for 53 passengers. The lifeboat capacity was 231 persons.

Prince County Girl Victim Of Accident

Miss Louise Cormier, 18, of Waterford fatality injured on road near St. Louis.

Sydney Strike Is Settled

SYDNEY MINES, N.S., May 24 (CP)—Officials of the United Mine Workers of America announced tonight a strike aimed at 100 per cent unionization of Prince's colliery employees had been successful and work would be resumed tomorrow after a deputation lasting since last Thursday.

BUSINESS MAN DROWNED

WOODSTOCK, N. B., May 24 (CP)—Swirling water of the St. John River took the life of Albert E. Babiker, prominent Woodstock business man, when a boat capsized while he and his son, Wilbur, were fishing here today. Unable to reach his father in the swift current, Wilbur finally swam to shore after a hard struggle.

Jap Counter-Attacks In Making At Attu

Enemy Launches Second Large-Scale Air Assault To U.S. Positions.

By HAMILTON W. FARON
Associated Press Staff Writer
WASHINGTON, May 24 (AP)—Desperate counter-attacks by the Japanese in an attempt to regain control of Attu appeared in the making today as the United States navy announced a second large-scale enemy air assault on the Aleutian Island.

The raids came on successive days, the navy reported, with about 15 bombers participating Saturday and 16 Sunday.

Two naval units, attacked by the first flight of bombers, turned them back. U. S. Army fighter planes rose to battle when the second group was reported nearing Attu.

They possibly came from the U. S. airfield at Amchitka, some 200 miles to the east, indicating that efficient systems have been set up on Attu to call for air support when needed.

The fighters went into the aerial battle on the short end of a long odds engagement, but came out on top. Five of the 16 bombers were shot down in fierce fighting. Two American fighters were lost, one shot down, the other listed as missing. One pilot was rescued.

When the bombers came remained in doubt. Many observers believe they were based on Parr-mushiro, a Japanese sea and air base 430 miles to the west in the Kurile Islands. The possibility exists, also, that they might have come from Japanese carriers holding the behind fog banks in the North Pacific.

In the event they were carrier-based, a naval engagement is at least a possibility, for it is unlikely carriers would be there without escorting warships.

Hon. W. R. Motherwell Passes

REGINA, May 24 (CP)—Hon. W. R. Motherwell, former Dominion and Saskatchewan Minister of Agriculture and known as the father of the co-operative movement among agrarians, died here today after an illness of several weeks. He was 83.

Born in Lanark County, Ont., Mr. Motherwell began his agricultural career on a homestead at Abernethy, Sask., in 1882 and became one of the Dominion's leading agricultural authorities. He travelled from Brandon, Man., to Indian Head, Sask., in a Red River cart.

Elected president of the Territorial Grain Growers' Association, formed at Indian Head, in 1901, he later took an active part in formation of other western organizations such as the Saskatchewan co-operative societies and pools.

Elected to the Saskatchewan legislature in 1905, he was Minister of Agriculture in the province during the Liberal administrations of Hon. Walter Scott and Hon. W. M. Martin until 1918.

In 1921 a few days before reaching his 62nd birthday, Mr. Motherwell was sworn in as a member of Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King's Liberal Government as Dominion Minister of Agriculture. He resigned the Cabinet position in 1930.

Mr. Motherwell was first elected a member of Parliament for Regina constituency in 1921. He was a member of Parliament for Melville constituency in Saskatchewan from 1924 until 1940. He announced his retirement from an active political career in June, 1939. "When a man drops out at 80, people can't be so quick," he is said at that time. He did not contest the constituency in the 1940 general election.

Russians Make Feeler Thrust Into Nazi Lines

DELAIR, N.J., May 24 (AP)—A Pennsylvania railroad spokesman said today that "excessive speed" caused a crack 15-coach Atlantic City-New York passenger train to lurch off the tracks on Delair's "horsehead bend" last night, carrying 14 persons to their deaths and injuring others.

The accident occurred at 8 o'clock. Miss Cormier lived only a few minutes. She was dead when Dr. S. Bandler of Alberton reached her.

An inquest was ordered by Coroner J. E. C. Hunter of Alberton. A jury was impanelled and viewed the body. Then the hearing adjourned until Wednesday night. Evidence will be taken at St. Louis Hall.

The driver of the truck was Gilbert Hudgins. It was learned.

Miss Cormier was a daughter of Mrs. Gladys Cormier. Her father is dead, the victim of a drowning accident a few years ago. In addition to her mother a sister Miss Florence Cormier, also survives.

Funeral services were held yesterday morning from the Palmer Road Roman Catholic Church. Burial was in the Palmer Road Cemetery.

Beaverbrook In Canada

TORONTO, May 24 (CP)—Lord Beaverbrook, former British Minister of Supply and Newspaper Publisher, arrived at nearby Malton Airport from New York tonight and was met by J. O. Bickell, Canadian Mining Magnate and head of Victory Aircraft. The two drove away in a car to an unannounced destination.

Both men brushed off all questions as to the purpose of Lord Beaverbrook's visit to his native Canada.

Conway Airman Presumed Dead

OTTAWA, May 24 (CP)—Sgt. Stirling David Banks of Conway, P.E.I., was listed as previously reported missing on active service now for official purposes presumed dead overseas, in tonight's 583rd R.C.A.F. casualty list of war. His number was given as R72892 and his next of kin his father, I. D. Banks.

Victoria Day Is Observed

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
Canadians celebrated the Victoria Day holiday yesterday much as they have been accustomed to in the past, although Dominion Government employees across the country found themselves at work throughout the day.

Victoria Day was one of the holidays eliminated by the Dominion Government in its effort to boost war production but in most centres the day had been proclaimed a civic holiday. Thus most retail enterprises were closed along with schools, liquor stores, and some Provincial Government offices.

At Your Service "SALADA" TEA & COFFEE

If less must now go further it is doubly important to buy Tea and Coffee by the "flavour" standard.

War Situation Last Night

By Glenn Babb, Associated Press War Analyst

The heaviest air raid of history, inflicted by the R.A.F. and R.C.A.F. on Dortmund Sunday night, seems to indicate that the experiment mentioned by Winston Churchill—to determine whether "the use of air power by itself could bring about the collapse of Germany or Italy"—is well launched.

The Dortmund raid evidently ushers in a new phase of the war, Dortmund showed the Germans what they can expect the war on the home front to be like from this point on.

It must be remembered, however, that Mr. Churchill said the experiment was worth trying only "so long as other measures are not excluded." The terrible punishment German industrial centres are getting and will get in ever-increasing measure will not mean any release from the constant menace of invasion. There is no basis for any Nazi hope that the experiment will permit the slightest relaxation of the guard that must be maintained all around the 11,000-mile perimeter of the European fortress.

Mr. Churchill in his speech to the United States congress was vague on the subject of the invasion, but he did say that the western Allies must do "everything in our power that is sensible and practicable to take more of the weight of Russia in 1943." There is no reason to believe that the bombing campaign alone would satisfy Russia's insistence on a second front in Europe. That insistence must be met this summer unless relations between the western powers and the Soviet Union are to be subjected to more severe strains than ever before.

Where and when it will come is for Hitler and his Generals to guess but there is nothing more certain in the war outlook than that there will be one or more direct assaults by sea, land and air by Canadian, British and American forces somewhere against the European fortress this year. These may not constitute the final, knockout blow, which may be withheld while the softening up continues a few months longer, but they will be major diversions which will compel Hitler to withdraw hundreds of thousands of fighting men from the Russian front.

The immediate, primary objective of the raids, of course, is the destruction of Hitler's war potential by knocking out his factories and limiting production.

But the morale factor may prove in the end the determining one. As the fury of the storm rises the conviction will be borne in on the German people that this is not just a passing ordeal but a scourge that must continue with ever more terrible effect until the war is ended and it must be clear in time even in Germany that in such circumstances it can end in only one way.

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LONDON, May 24 (CP)—Still starting in preliminaries to an expected great summer offensive, Red Army troops made a feeler thrust today into German positions on the western front, and smashed a strong German reconnaissance group near Rostov, the Russians reported tonight.

Elsewhere along the fluid battle-line, Soviet artillery and airplanes hammered at concentrations of enemy tanks and troops moving up to the front, and German air attacks launched upon Soviet military objectives at opposite ends of the long front were shattered. The midnight communique also a separate broadcast recorded by the Soviet Monitor.

INTERNATIONAL AT A GLANCE

AERIAL—Dortmund blasted with more than 2,000 tons of bombs described as heaviest raid of war to date. More than 100,000 tons have been dropped on Germany; R.A.F. Beaufighters and naval planes shoot up convoy and E-boats in Channel.

RUSSIAN—Patrolling and reconnaissance continues preparatory to expected offensive; 13 Nazi bombers shot down in raid on Batsk.

ALGIERS—Union between De Gaulle and Girard effected; Girard spokesman says; London observers say De Gaulle will be central figure of French North African regime.

MEDITERRANEAN—Allies again bomb Pantelleria; Axis aircraft destroyed in five days raids to 317.

PACIFIC—Japanese again bomb Attu in Aleutians as U.S. forces continue mop-up; 16 tons of bombs dropped on Rabaul by allied fliers.

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First Kinsmen Conference Here Concluded Saturday

Mr. W. J. Kirby of Moncton Is Elected District Governor.

W. J. Kirby of the Moncton Kinsmen Club was elected Governor of District No. 7, Saturday, as the Maritime and Newfoundland Milk for Britain conference concluded at the Charlottetown Saturday night. The Governor-elect succeeds J. C. Johnson of Sydney. Other officers elected included Deputy District Governor Hugh MacCusick of Glace Bay and District Secretary J. E. Murphy of Moncton.

Kinsmen George Sinclair of the Charlottetown Club, recently transferred here from Amherst and long a prominent member in the district, is the nominee for District No. 7 for the National vice Presidency.

Three sessions were held on Saturday with a business session taking place in the morning followed by the luncheon at which the delegates heard an interesting and timely address by Col. K. S. Rogers, the text of which appears in this issue; election of officers and discussion of the Milk for Britain fund and post war problems occupied the afternoon, the conference concluding with the Governor's banquet held in the evening.

The conference proved a highly successful one and the Charlottetown Kinsmen Club, hosts to the large number of delegates present, received well deserved tributes from the visiting clubs for the manner in which the conference had been conducted, it being the consensus of opinion that this year's conference had been the most successful both from an entertainment and business outlook.

The new Governor-elect and past District Governor J. C. Johnson were named as the delegates to attend the National conference to be held in Windsor, Ontario, site of the 1944 District 7 conference is Saint John, N. B.

Morning Session
The morning business session was presided over by Governor J. C. Johnson who in his opening remarks warmly welcomed the visiting delegates stressing particularly the two new clubs added to the district, Pictou and New Glasgow, the latter club being the 100th to enter the Kinsmen circle. Minutes of the last conference were read.

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Famous Island Airman Back In Canada

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2,000 Tons Of Bombs Dropped On Dortmund

German Industrial Center Given Heaviest Raid In History Of Aerial Warfare.

LONDON, May 24 (AP)—Beating down the world's thickest anti-aircraft defences guarding the primary source of Germany's war power, the R.A.F. and R.C.A.F. dumped more than 2,000 tons of bombs on the industrial city of Dortmund last night in the heaviest, most concentrated attack in history.

The unprecedented assault also carried the Allied air forces to another milestone in the aerial battle of Europe, for, Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Harris disclosed, it brought the total weight of explosives dropped on Germany by the bomber command since the war began to 100,000 tons.

British heavy bombers also blasted other objectives in the Ruhr, ranging up and down the industrial valley they flooded only a week ago by their breaching of the Mohne and Eder dams.

In a shattering inaugural of the western half of Prime Minister Churchill's promise to bomb the Axis ever more heavily, an average of more than 33 tons of high explosives and incendiaries plunged down on the eastern Ruhr city of Dortmund every minute for a full hour.

The total weight of more than 2,000 tons was almost five times greater than the amount dropped by the German force in its biggest raid on London on April 16, 1941. The Germans used 250 tons in their raid on Coventry, Nov. 14, 1940, when 300 persons were killed and hundreds injured.

The irresistible fire and destruction which was made up of four-engined giants capable of lurching Britain's biggest "Block-Busters," 500,000 residents of the iron steel, coal and transportation centre.

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It was only 12 days ago that the R.A.F. had set a record for the weight of bombs dropped by unleashing 1,500 tons on Duisburg, another Ruhr city.

Labor Shortage At Fertilizer Plants

SAINT JOHN, N. B., May 24 (CP)—Labor shortage at Saint John fertilizer plants is threatening to curtail farm production in this and other sections of New Brunswick, said J. E. McIntyre, Stationer, in an interview today. He is agriculture agent of the Department of Colonization and Agriculture, Canadian National Railways.

THE PINCH OF POVERTY SHOULDN'T TROUBLE THE WOMAN WHO WEARS TIGHT SHOES!

High tide this afternoon at 3:34 and tomorrow morning at 5:05. Sun sets this evening at 8:32 and rises tomorrow morning at 5:21. Last quarter moon May 29, 3:33 A.M.

CAR FERRY SERVICE DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY

From Borden — Leave 9:05 a.m. 1 p.m. and 4:55 p.m.
Leave Cape Tormentine—11 a.m. 3:05 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

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Charlottetown — Summerside — Moncton
Leave Charlottetown 8:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. and 4:55 p.m.
Arrive Charlottetown 1 p.m. 3:45 p.m. and 7:05 p.m.

F.E.L.N. FERRY SERVICE DAILY INCLUDING SUNDAYS

Leaves Wood Islands—7:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.
Leaves Caribou—9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

COMING EVENTS

- Talkies—Malpeque Wednesday, 5-22-25.
- Talkies—Bredalbane Tuesday, 5-22-25.
- Talkies—Crapaud Thursday, 5-25-27.
- Talkies—Cape Cove Friday, 5-26-28.
- See York play in Marshfield Hall tonight, 5-25-11.
- Just arrived shipment of driving harness, work harness, work collars, to establish traces, bridges, Get a set while they last. W. P. Smith & Co.
- The Borden L.O.T. will present two one act plays with specialties including the "BB Boys" in Cape Tormentine Hall Wednesday, May 26th. Admission 25c and 15c. Dance after.