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Reds Say Recapture Of Iarkov Near Hitler Admits Hard Struggle Lies Ahead

Jap Threat In Far East Seen Looming Large

(By Douglas Amaron, Canadian Press Staff Writer)
LONDON, March 15—(CP Cable)—The Japanese threat to remaining allied strongholds in the Far East loomed large tonight in British eyes as the Admiralty unfolded the story of what Admiral Sir William James, Portsmouth naval base commander, called one of the "bloodiest and fiercest sea battles of history."
Sacrifice of the allied cruiser and destroyer forces in the Java Sea battle, which delayed but failed to prevent the invasion of Java, will bring repercussions in Parliament, political quarters forecast today.
Thirteen allied warships, fighting to the last man and the last gun, were lost in the three-day engagement against an overwhelming force of Japanese cruisers and destroyers. The combined British, Australian, United States and Netherlands East Indies fleet sank or damaged at least seven or eight enemy vessels, probably more.
Details of the engagements were given with mixed feelings of admiration and grief by sea-conscious Britons to whom the losses represented as great a shock as the news of the sinking in the Far East of the Prince of Wales and the Repulse.
To their pride in the men who fought to the last in accordance with the finest traditions of the navy were joined the grief in the loss of so many seamen and the knowledge that by destruction of this considerable Allied force the Japanese are in a better position to strike south to Australia or west to India.
The Admiralty's announcement came too late for Sunday papers to publish their own story supplementing it only with introductory paragraphs and pictures of the British ships and accounts of their previous actions.

Nazi Drive Of Annihilation Is Postponed

BERLIN, March 15—(From German broadcast)—(AP)—Hitler warned the German people today that a "hard struggle lies before us" and admitted that the Nazi drive of "annihilation" against Russia had been postponed from spring to summer.
"One thing we know today," Hitler told an audience of politicians and army generals, interspersed with scores of German war widows and wounded, "the Bolsheviks who could not defeat the German troops and their allies in one winter will be annihilated by us in the coming summer."
(Until today, Hitler and other speakers of the German propaganda office had spoken of a drive in the spring, but in today's address he shunned reference to the approaching spring season of thaws and paralyzing mud. In his message to the German army on Dec. 21 when he said he had "followed his intuition" and assumed command from the deposed Field Marshal Gen. Walther von Brauchitsch, Hitler had said:—
"Preparations for immediate resumption of offensive operations in the spring until the enemy in the east is finally destroyed must be taken at once." Since then, German communiques have spoken almost exclusively of "defensive" warfare.)
Speaking today at the Zeughaus—the old German arsenal used as a military museum and hall of fame—the Nazi commander in chief cried:—
"Only today do we realize the full extent of the preparation of our enemies. Whatever fate may have in store for us it can only be less onerous than that which lies before us."
After reviewing the relatively easy conquests of France, the Low Countries, Norway and the Balkan countries, Hitler said:—
"Whatever German armies achieved in these campaigns has been in consequence of the task which fate imposed on our armed forces and those of our allies last year."
"Joined with our brave allies, the German army has attacked and annihilated again and again the ever-renewed Russian forces only to meet further masses of men. In four months' endless roads were traversed in our offensive which it

War Situation Last Night

(By KIRKE L. SIMPSON, Associated Press War Analyst)
Even before Japanese war designs in the now separated Pacific and Indian Ocean theatres unfold fully, it is clear that the allies and Axis alike are bracing for even more critical developments in the Atlantic as spring approaches.
Further United Nation retreats before Japan in event of successful invasions of Australia or India would be grave setbacks. But they would not end the war. It still is in the Atlantic that the vital communication lines of allied victory hopes lie. It is there the ultimate test will come.
The Axis could be smashed in Russia. While the Anglo-American fellowship holds the Atlantic ship-bridge to Britain and to Russia Axis victories elsewhere remain but inconclusive incidents of the struggle.

And the dominant fact in the Atlantic as of today is that those communication lines are secure. Neither Japan's intervention in the Pacific nor Axis submarine raiding in North American waters has diverted Anglo-American attention from its main task in the Atlantic.
The sea corridors to Britain and to Russia are open. Heavy convoys of war goods and of Canadian and American troops have reached the British Isles through them not only unscathed, but unattacked. War essentials for Russia are flowing unchecked through the Arctic and White Sea.
These are ominous portents for Hitler. Diversion of his U-boats from the open Atlantic to hazy coastal shipping in American and Latin American waters was itself a confession of their inability to cut allied life lines. The indicated concentration of heavy Nazi surface warcraft in Norwegian waters further demonstrates that failure.
The only known element of the Nazi surface fleet powerful enough to cope with Anglo-American naval forces disposed to safeguard essential traffic to Britain and Russia is the battleship Von Tirpitz. But she has been spotted and attacked in Norwegian waters. But she escaped the fate of her mighty sister ship, the Bismarck. Had she been sunk or crippled the most dangerous threat to allied Atlantic war traffic would have been ended.

Soviets Ready For Jap Assault

LONDON, March 15—(CP)—Russia has issued "battle orders which can be put into instant operation" at Vladivostok and the new naval base of Nikolaevsk, the Daily Mail reported today in a dispatch from Stockholm.
The report of Russian preparations for a possible Japanese assault collected with a series of events which a Reuters dispatch from Chungking said indicated an early Japanese move against the Soviet Union.
These events are the recall by Japan of Lt.-Gen. Yoshitsugu Tatekawa as ambassador to Moscow and his replacement by Nootake, governor of Korea, and the error general of Chang Ching Hui, head of the Japanese-controlled Manchukuo government.
The Daily Mail dispatch quoted informed sources in the Swedish press to the effect that the Japanese army in Manchukuo has been increased to more than 1,000,000 men and said details of the Russian preparations are "being allowed to leak out here by Soviet circles."

Furious Battles Flame In Donets Basin; Ukraine

Russians Charge Wholesale German Atrocities In Great Steel Producing City.

MOSCOW, March 16—(Monday)—(AP)—Soviet forces have smashed through German fortifications on the Kharkov-Kursk-Orel front south of Moscow, recaptured numerous villages and are at the approaches of Kharkov itself, the heavy industries centre of the Ukraine, the Russians reported early today.
"Our advance is continuing against stubborn resisting Germans," the announcement said.
Indications that the recapture of Kharkov might be imminent was given last night in frontline dispatches declaring the big industrial city's "hour of liberation is near."
Furious battles flamed in the Ukraine and the Donets basin where numerous German captives were taken and hundreds of others were killed.
As Marshal Semeon Timoshenko's forces drove on toward the salt marshes of the Sea of Azov and the major German base at the ruined POW camp at Dnepropetrovsk, Russian tanks were thrown into the battle and the infantry mopping up made many captures.
Among the prisoners were troops from the 514th regiment and from the 524th regiment of the 294th division. Many junior officers were said to have surrendered.
The Russians charged by word and photograph that the Nazis had committed wholesale atrocities in Kharkov, great steel-producing city.
As one unidentified point of the thawing southern front, it was reported, the Red Army has been forced to yield a recently recaptured settlement to a German force heavily tank-supported and superior in numbers.

12 Allied Ships Lost To Probable Eight Japanese

WASHINGTON, March 15—(AP)—Britain and the United States announced Saturday the sinking of 12 Allied warships, with a 13th believed lost, in the battle to keep the Japanese out of Java and the others in boldy trying to escape from a tightly closed enemy trap in which they later found themselves.
Five British, two Australian, two United States and four Netherlands craft were casualties. These punishing reverses were offset in part by the destruction of or severe damage to eight Japanese warships.
Britain lost the gallant cruiser Exeter, hero ship of the 1939 battle of the Plate in which the German pocket battleship Graf Spee was defeated and eventually destroyed.
Other British losses were the destroyers Jupiter, Electra, Encounter and Stronghold.
Australia lost the cruiser Perth and the sloop Yarra.
The United States lost the cruiser Houston—President Roosevelt's favorite cruise ship—and the destroyer Pope.
The Netherlands, of its tiny fleet, lost the cruisers De Ruyter and Java, and the destroyers Koertenaar and Evertsen. It was the Evertsen that was reported beached and presumably lost.
The battle divided itself into three parts.
First of all the allied fleet, whose total strength was not disclosed, engaged a superior enemy force on Feb. 27, between Surabaya, the Java naval base, and the island of Havann. Two destroyers, the Koertenaar and the Electra were sunk. The Exeter was badly hit.
The second phase came in the

Are Going To Carry Air War To Japanese

Head Of R. A. F. In India Says British And American Planes Arriving In Increasing Numbers.
NEW DELHI, India, March 15—(CP)—Air Marshal Sir Richard Peirse, chief of the Royal Air Force in India, declared today that he was going to carry the war into the enemy's country, into Japan, and disclosed that United States officers have established an air headquarters in India in increasing numbers.
Air Marshal Peirse, telling a press conference that latest-type British and American aircraft are arriving in India in increasing numbers, emphasized: "We are not going to be content to put up an umbrella and sit underneath for the enemy to come and attack us."
As if to point up the Marshall's words, relays of allied planes smashed troop-laden Japanese convoys in the rivers and bombed machine-gunned columns of troop trucks, tanks and wagons moving northward to attack the British and Chinese armies strung across Central Burma 60 to 80 miles north of Rangoon, a communique said.
Bombs and machine-gun fire upset and sank canoes filled with soldiers near Taikkyann, 20 miles north of Rangoon, a communique said, and other forces were attacked on the road between Mingaladon and Hmawbi, 10 and 15 miles, respectively, north of the capital.

Ten Allied Ships Sunk Recently Off Atlantic Coast

Ten Allied ships were reported during the week-end to have been sunk by submarine action off the North American Atlantic coast during the period dating back to last Wednesday. Considerable loss of life was feared.
In Wilmington, N.C. naval authorities announced Sunday that a big United States tanker had been torpedoed Thursday night and that 26 members of the crew had been landed, burned and exhausted, at Southport, N.C., and Charleston, N.C.
The Navy Department announced in Washington that a small United States merchantman was lost Wednesday and that seven of the crew of 28 had been saved.
As an East Coast Canadian Port 28 exhausted and frost-bitten men were landed after an Allied merchantman had been sunk in the Atlantic. They had been adrift for 80 hours before being found.
Survivors of one American and one Norwegian ship reached Puerto Rican, Haitian, and Cuban ports after their ships were sunk in the Caribbean. Thirty-four of 41 Norwegian crewmen were saved. As were 67 aboard the American vessel. Authorities in the Bahamas announced the landing of 30 crewmen of an unidentified vessel sunk last Wednesday. Fourteen men were lost and 12 saved when the Norwegian freighter Gurney was sunk off Mexico's east coast. The survivors were landed at Progresso.
Havana reported the United States sugar transport Colabee was torpedoed and that 15 of her crew of 37 were saved. The crew mistakenly abandoned ship in the belief the vessel would sink. Actually the ship, only a mile and a half from shore, went aground. Frank Bokman first assistant engineer, and an unidentified dog remained aboard and were rescued. The others took to boats or jumped overboard.

Invasion Signs Seen In Sweden

BERNE, Switzerland, March 15—(AP)—Sweden stepped up her defence preparations to the highest degree tonight as signs of invasion by the still powerful German army increased the tension in the war-torn Scandinavian kingdom.
Considerable numbers of Swedish troop reinforcements were called at the end of February, the Stockholm correspondent in the Lausanne Gazette wrote, coincident with reports that more German forces were arriving in the Stavanger area.
A Swedish army communique indicated mobilization would continue "for some time yet." Swedish manoeuvres in the northern province of Jamtland were the most comprehensive ever held with ski troops, motorized units and tanks co-operating with civil guards.
Three things currently troubled the Swedes:
1. The much discussed possibility of an allied offensive through northern Norway to create a new front and knock Finland out of the war.
2. The sharp criticism of the Swedish position by the German press.
3. The reports in the Swedish press of increased German troop concentrations in Norway, Denmark and the German Baltic coast.
Sweden has 30 million armed divisions, and a small but highly efficient navy. These are safety factors in her favor. So is her economy, which, which Germany has tapped for iron ore, wood pulp and merchant snips.

Senator Edgar Nelson Rhodes Called By Death

OTTAWA, March 14—(CP)—Senator Edgar Nelson Rhodes, former Federal Finance Minister in the Bennett Government and a former Premier of Nova Scotia, died here today.
A native of Amherst, N.S., he was 86.
He died in hospital two weeks after returning to Ottawa from Florida where he had gone to escape the Canadian winter cold because of ill health. With him when he died was his son, Edgar N. Rhodes Jr., of Ottawa.
The funeral will be held here Tuesday from Christ Church Cathedral with burial in Beechwood cemetery, Ottawa.
Senator Rhodes' death followed by only a few days that of Senator Raoul Dandurand, government leader in the upper chamber, and brought the number of vacancies to 12. A Conservative, his death reduced Conservative membership in the Senate to 40 seats. The Liberals hold 42.
Though he had been in delicate health since 1936, Senator Rhodes was a fairly regular attendant at sessions of the Senate.
Conservative House Leader Hanson, a former cabinet colleague of the late Senator, paid tribute to Senator Rhodes as "one of that group of brilliant young men of approximately the same generation who were educated in the public schools of Amherst, in the universities of the Maritimes and who later entered public life, serving their country well and faithfully and shedding lustre on their native province."

Former Paris Newsmen Gives French Picture

Government defenders pointed out, however, that it was apparent the Allied fleet had acquitted itself well and escaped with comparative minor damage in the daylight battle but suffered one of its severest blows in the night action when two Indies cruisers and a British destroyer were caught in a Japanese submarine trap.
Political writers predicted the government would be forced to make a further statement on the matter.
It was during a speech at Alton Saturday night that Admiral James characterized the Java battle as the fiercest and bloodiest ever.
He said:
"This is the fiercest war that ever has been fought at sea. There has been a pace of news rushing in from all quarters of the globe that never a day passes but some ship reported lost in one or other of

Nazi Losses 10 British Nil

LONDON, March 15—(CP)—Terrific air battles raged over the English Channel Saturday and Sunday when the skies had cleared 10 German planes had fallen and every British fighter had returned unscathed to its base.
The dogfights followed by a few hours a heavy night bombing of Cologne, munitions centre and communications hub of the German Rhineland.
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Prime Minister Mackenzie King visited the body as it lay in state at the home of deGaspé Beaubien, Senator Dandurand's son-in-law.
He led a long queue of mourners past the body. In the queue were representatives of the Governor-General, the Lieutenant-Governor, the Provincial and federal governments, the armed services, the diplomatic corps and various business and cultural groups. Tenants and fellow-parishioners of the Senator also filed silently past the body.

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Air Vice-Marshal G. M. Croil On Visit To Prov.

Air Vice-Marshal G.M. Croil, R.C.A.F., inspector general, Ottawa, arrived in Charlottetown late Saturday afternoon by plane from Moncton, N.B. He is here on his annual inspection tour of R.C.A.F. and R.A.F. units of the Eastern Air Command and this morning will visit No. 31 General Reconnaissance School and No. 32 Air Navigation School at the Charlottetown Airport.
This will be the first inspection of troops at the local airport by the Air Vice Marshal as the school had not been opened when he visited here the last time about one and a half years ago. Besides the Royal Air Force members stationed there, a number of Royal Canadian Air Force men are quartered at the operational training units.
This inspection tour does not include No. 9 Service Flying Training School at the local airport. This unit is under a command in Montreal and is for training only.
Before coming here, Air Vice Marshal Croil inspected the R.C.A.F. establishments in Moncton and vicinity. He leaves this afternoon for Debert, N.S., continuing his March time tour.
Accompanying the Air Vice Marshal are: Wing Commander W.F. Hannan, Ottawa, and Wing Commander H.H. Wylie and Squadron Leader J.C. Turf, Halifax.
They registered at The Charlottetown.

Legislature To Be Opened This Afternoon

The third session of the 44th general assembly of the Prince Edward Island legislature opens this afternoon. However, it will be short of much of its traditional display. His Honor, Lieutenant Governor B. W. LePage announced that, following the example set at Ottawa, no military display would accompany the opening ceremony. He will be accompanied by his aide-de-camp Lt.-Col. F. I. Andrew, M. M., and private secretary W. G. Spencer; also officers commanding the various military and police forces. Those invited to accompany Lieutenant Governor LePage into the Legislative Chamber are: Lieutenant E. S. Cope, Officer Commanding the local R.C.A.F. N. V. R. Lt.-Col. E. W. Johnston, Lt.-Col. R. C. Chandler and Major J. R. Faton, representing the army; Group Captain E. A. Blake, O.B.E., M.M., R.A.F. and Wing Commander H.C. Fullerton, R.C.A.F., Inspector J. A. Wright, R.C.M.P. and Chief A. Birtwistle, City Police Force.
His Honor will arrive at the Legislative Chamber at 3 p. m. and read the speech from the Throne.
Last year a guard of honor was present from the Veterans Guard of Canada. This will be the first year for the military display to be discontinued.
The address in reply to the speech from the Throne will be moved by Mr. Peter A. McIsaac, councillor for the first district of Kings and seconded by Mr. Thomas Linkletter, councillor for the third district of Prince.

Many Were Lost 80 Yards from Shore

WASHINGTON, March 15—(AP)—An account by Ensign William J. Macdocks, the only surviving officer of the destruction of the United States destroyer Truxton in a winter gale off the Newfoundland coast, Feb. 18 disclosed tonight that many of those lost were swept to sea by high waves as the ship lay on a reef within 60 yards of the shore.
The 23-year-old ensign's official report, released by the navy, said, too, that swimmers in the terrific seas were handicapped by the heavy coating of oil on the water.

Coming Events

- Come to the Stanley Bridge Concert Tuesday, March 17th. L-882-3-14-31.
- Cramped L.O.B.A. concert and box social Thursday, March 19th. L-994-3-16-18-21.
- Dance in Stanhope-Covehead Community Hall, March 17, 8-9pm. L-996.
- Buying feed bags daily. No. 1 top price. No. 2 with holes less. Ship to Albany. Prompt returns. Cope, Albany. L-911-3-13-31.
- Concert and Dance in Masonic Hall, Hunter River, Tuesday, March 17th. In aid of school. L-970-3-16-11.
- Garden seeds. All the latest and best varieties. Send for free 1942 catalogue. Arthur Vesey, York. L-778.

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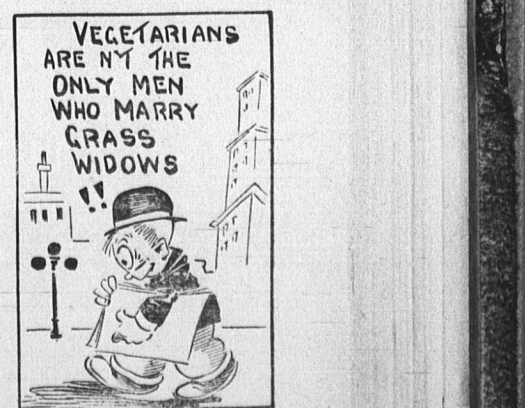
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Retired Banker Called By Death; Well Known Here

SAINT JOHN, N. B., March 15—(CP)—J. H. Stevenson, 86, retired banker, died at his home here Saturday night following a heart attack. He was born at New Glasgow, N.S., and retired in 1938 after a career of 44 years with the Bank of Nova Scotia.
Manager of the bank's main office here for 18 years, he previously worked in Branches at Halifax, Kitchener, Ont., Chicago, St. John's, Nfld., Toronto, Kenilville, N. B., and Amherst, N. S. He attended the New Glasgow High School and Prince of Wales College, Charlottetown, survived by his wife, formerly Eleanor F. Reid, Charlottetown, and two sons of a former marriage to Leonora Reid, Charlottetown. The sons are C. Stuart Stevenson, Saint John, and Lester Stevenson, Westmount, Que.



High tide this morning at 10:43 and tonight at 10:44. Sun sets this evening at 6:07 and rises tomorrow morning at 6:11.
Day moon March 16, 6:50 p.m. Lunation date eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.
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