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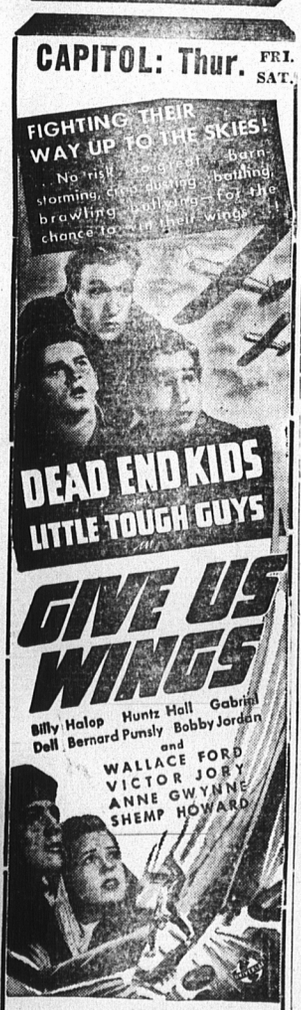

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SOUTHPORT SCHOOL

Honor roll for April and May:
Senior Department:
Grade X—1 Lois Henry, 2 Hammond Kelly.
Grade IX—1 Mary Tait, 2 Marion Power, 3 Margaret McInnis.
Grade VII—1 James Tait, 2 Edna Robertson, 3 Evelyn Henry.
Highest average, James Tait 98 per cent.
Primary Department:
Grade V (Sr.) 1 Eileen MacInnis, 2 Edith Kelly, 3 Norman Corish.
Grade VI (Jr.) 1 Gordon Wood.
Grade V—1 Coleen Power, 2 Clara Wallum, 3 Francis McCarron.
Grade IV—1 Calvin Wood and Blair Kelley (equal), 2 Gordon Cooper, 3 Lawrence Cahill.
Grade III (Sr.) 1 Noreen MacPherson, 2 George Power, 3 Adele Pippey.
Grade III (Jr.) 1 Mary Burns.
Grade II—1 Wilma MacDonald.
Grade I (a) 1 Louise McCarron, 2 Florence Cahill.
Grade I (b) 1 June Robertson and Joan Aylward (equal), 3 June Pippey.
Grade I (c) 1 Mary McInnis.
Perfect attendance: Ella MacInnis.
Principal: Claude W. Wood.
Assistant: Helen M. McInnis.

LONDON—(CP)— Architects and builders are working on plans for "hideout villages" in obscure spots where aircraft and munition workers will be taken home by motor-coaches to peace and safety.

"Private Affairs" At Prince Edward

"Private Affairs," the new Universal film starring Nancy Kelly, Robert Cummings, Hugh Herbert and Roland Young, which opens today at the "Prince Edward" is a comedy of bright contrasts.

Modern and breezy in spirit, its action is played in counterpoint against a background of Boston's staid Back Bay, where tradition holds sway and family sometimes means more than reality.

Roland Young, long famed as the familiar "topper" of that popular film series, wins new laurels in a sympathetic role that finds him as an estranged member of a Boston clan who chose to be a "black sheep" rather than be dictated to in his choice of a bride.

Nancy Kelly is his daughter, a pretty girl who has grown up with her crotchety grandfather, Montagu Love, in the Back Bay atmosphere without ever having seen her father. Action of the film hinges on the fact that Miss Kelly faces the same romantic quandary that engulfed her parent twenty years before.

Nancy loves handsome young Robert Cummings, but her grandfather wants her to marry G. P. Huntley, Jr., who has money and ancestors to recommend him. She takes her troubles to her father. From then on the story concerns itself with members of the triumvirate solving their various difficulties.

No small part in this is taken by Hugh Herbert in a role that admirably suits him. As a breezy cab driver who in a spirit of friendship attaches himself to Young, the comedian has a typical Herbert role that has endeared him to millions.

Albert S. Rogell must be credited with an excellent job of direction, and the screenpay by Charles Grayson, Leonard Spigelgass and Peter Milne was written with an eye to all the values offered by the varied situations.

RADIO

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

EDST.
6.20 p.m.—'London Calling'.
6.25 p.m.—PROGRAMME FOR NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR, including newsletter from the Trade Commissioner, J. Davies.
6.45 p.m.—THE NEWS.
7.00 p.m.—'Questions o' the Hour'
7.15 p.m.—NEWS IN FRENCH.
7.30 p.m.—'Something Going on in Britain Now". 'Visit to North England Factory'. Presented by Cecil Madden.
8.00 p.m.—THE NEWS.
8.10 p.m.—'LISTENING POST'.
8.15 p.m.—'London Calling'
8.30 p.m.—'BRITAIN SPEAKS' — 'Sea Power' — talk by Commander STEPHEN KING-HALL.
8.45 p.m.—HEADLINE NEWS AND VIEWS. Commentator: J. B. McGEACHY.
9.00 p.m.—'The Music of Britain': Cornish Holiday Sketches (Julius Harris), played by the String of the BBC Orchestra.
9.15 p.m.—'Front Line Family' — Episode 33. The adventures of the British Family Robinson in war-time London. Written and produced by Alan Melville.
9.30 p.m.—'CANADA CALLS FROM LONDON' (in collaboration with CBC):
9.30: 'Jean Baptiste s'en va-t-en Guerre. Interviews with French-Canadian Soldiers serving in Great Britain.
9.45: 'BRITISH SKETCHBOOK'. Sound-pictures of everyday life in Great Britain. Presented by Rooney Pelletier.
10.00 p.m.—'DEMOCRACY MARCHES".
10.15 p.m.—'At Your Request'.
10.30 p.m.—'FREEDOM FERRY' 'British Seamen at War' — 4 Feature Programme. A BBC Production: Made in England
10.45 p.m.—Music of Saint-Saens, played by Leslie England (Piano) and the BBC Orchestra (Section B), conducted by Clarence Raybould.
11.15 p.m.— 'Calling the World'. Talk.
11.30 p.m.—RADIO NEWS-REEL.

Clarence Herring of Murray Harbour who is at present serving with the Royal Canadian Navy overseas. He enlisted with the Navy over a year ago and has been on duty overseas since last autumn. Recently Clarence was injured in an air raid while on leave visiting relatives in England. He received a severe scalp wound but escaped serious injury. His father, Pte. Luther Herring, a veteran of the last war, is again in uniform serving with the P. E. I. Highlanders (Black Watch.) His mother is living at Murray Harbour.

Free French Navy Now Vast Fleet

(By Louis V. Hunter)
(Canadian Press Staff Writer)

LONDON, June 2 —(CP) —The Free French Navy, one year old this month, has grown in that short time from two warships to a vast fleet of more than 100 vessels, all playing an important role beside units of the hard-pressed Royal Navy in the Allied Fleet against the Axis.

The fleet came into being June 28, 1940, at Gibraltar where two French naval units took refuge after the collapse of France. Inspired by the determination of their crews to continue the struggle against the Nazis, Admiral Emile Muselier flew to London from Gibraltar and placed himself under the orders of Gen. Charles De Gaulle, leader of the Free French Forces.

De Gaulle entrusted Muselier with the command of the Navy and Air Force but apart from the two Men-O'-War at Gibraltar he had no other armed vessels at his disposal. It was not until a few months later that he learned the submarine Narval, now sunk, at Malta, and the minelaying submarine Rubis, in the North Sea, were carrying on the fight.

Famous Telegram

It was the captain of the Narval who sent the famous telegram to the entire fleet after armistice was signed: "Treachery all along the line. Am heading for a British port." He went to Malta.

The Rubis, after a brilliant campaign in the North Sea decided to rally to Muselier. The captain was decorated with the distinguished service order on July 19, 1940, for outstanding service which resulted in the destruction of several German vessels. He is considered by British authorities to be one of the foremost specialists at present in action.

On July 1, Muselier issued his first order of the day, which instructed "French warships, merchant vessels and Air Force to go without delay to the nearest free French or Allied base with a view to immediate operations against the enemy."

Four days later, after a conference at the Admiralty, an anti-aircraft battery was set up aboard the 22,189-ton battleship Courbet which had come over to Britain's side and a battalion of marines was organized.

Naval School

At the same time the general staff of the Free French Navy was established in London and set about solving the difficult problems of organization.

The naval school aboard the Courbet was transferred to the 965-ton survey vessel President Tissier and the sailing ships Etoile and Belle Poue, both 227 tons. Specialized schools also have been organized, with the help of the British Admiralty, as well as a junior naval training school. Initial training of youthful recruits from all parts of the world is given in a camp on land.

Recruiting has been so satisfactory that the Free French Navy has been able to man vessels originally destined to the Royal Navy. They have French crews and French names. French warships now in commission include the Triomphant, world's largest and fastest destroyer.

There are Free French warships in Massaua, Aden, South Africa, Equatorial Africa, Iceland, the North Sea, off the English Coast and in the Atlantic.

The Surcouf, world's largest submarine, recently was off the coast of Canada, presumably doing convoy work.

VICTORIA SCHOOL

Honour roll for May:
Primary Department.
Grade V (a) 1 Donalda MacLeod, 2, Adele MacEachern and Billie Pidgeon, 3 David MacDonald.
Grade V (b) 1 Ruthie Boswell, 2 Miriam Howatt, 3 Florence Snow.
Grade IV—1 Frank Miller, 2 Nelson MacDonald.
Grade III—1 Roddie MacDonald, 2 Alba Boulter and Janet Howatt, 3 Bobbie Pidgeon.
Grade II—1 Bryce Boswell and Joe MacDonald, 2 Douglas Howatt, 3 Gertrude Bell and Ramon Miller.
Grade I (a) 1 Kathleen Keough.
Grade I (b) 1 Allan Gallant, 2 Leona Stordy, 3 Esther Stordy and Clarence Gallant.

AUCKLAND, N. Z.—(CP)— Japan is trying to withdraw from the Sino-Jap war with least possible loss of prestige, said Dr. T. Z. Koo of the World Student Christian movement, and so far as China was concerned the "crisis is over."

12.00 m.n.—The Daily Service.
12.05 a.m.—'London Calling.'
12.15 a.m.—'BRITAIN SPEAKS' — 'Sea Power'. Talk by Commander STEPHEN KING-HALL.
12.30 a.m.—THE NEWS.
12.45 a.m.—Close down.

The Central Guardian

This column is reserved for news of local interest, but advertising of a newsy nature may be inserted at 5 cents a word, strictly payable in advance.

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FUNERAL SERVICES—The funeral of Elizabeth Byrne was held yesterday morning from her late residence, 61 Pownal Street, to St. Dunstan's Basilica, where Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Louis Dougan, who also conducted the service at the grave. Rev. F. Cass occupied a seat in the sanctuary. The pall-bearers were Messrs. Malcolm McKinnon, William MacKinley, Alexander Coady, Francis Cass, Lawrence Kelly and Frank Eden.

MATHESON—MILLS — A quiet but pretty wedding was solemnized at 12.30 p. m. Friday May 30, at Saint John's United Church Manse when Doris Mae, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mill's, was united in marriage to Harold A. Matheson, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Matheson Charlottetown, P.E.I. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. J. A. Ramsay. The bride was attractive in a street length gown of sapphire blue with navy blue accessories. Her corsage was of pink carnations and maiden hair fern. The groom was attended by B. A. Reeves. After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride. The rooms were prettily decorated with pink and white streamers and spring flowers. The bride's table was covered with a lace tablecloth and centered, with a three tier wedding cake, surmounted with a miniature bride and groom. After the reception the bride and groom left by train for a short wedding trip to Montreal. On their return they will reside in Lockhart avenue, this city. The bride was formerly a member of the T. Eaton Co. Ltd. The groom is employed with the C..N.R. here.—(Moncton Transcript).

ADDRESSES GYROS—The Charlottetown Gyro Club held its regular weekly meeting at "The Charlottetown" Monday night when Sgt. Young of the Royal Australian Air Force brought an interesting message on his home country "Australia." He dealt in particular with the sheep industry with which he had been associated in civil life. In this connection he spoke of the splendidly trained sheep dogs without which it would be impossible to carry on the industry at all. Sgt. Young dealt at some length with the various phases of Australian life and mentioned some of the difficulties as well as with the advantages which that country enjoys. One of the difficulties is transportation. They have three different gauges in their railroad system and freight rates are excessively high. Guests of the evening were Major Wright, a Gyro from Saint John, B. G. Sullivan, of Hamilton, Ont., both of whom are connected with the Unemployment Insurance scheme. A letter was read from the Earl of Hillsborough chapter of the I. O. D. E. expressing thanks for a donation towards the chapter's war work. Gyro Jim Cameron presided.

Mrs. Kenneth Nicholson, of Flat River, P.E. Is'and, has just returned from a pleasant motor trip through New Brunswick. En route Mrs. Nicholson visited her brother Constable Murdoch MacLean of the R.C.M.P. Doaktown, and her sister, Miss Catherine MacLean, Red Cross Commissioner in St. John.

Girl Guide News

Final meeting tonight at St. Peter's Schoolroom from 7 to 8.30 p. m.

Will all Companies have at least one representative at this meeting, please.

8 Canadians On R.A.F. list Of casualties

LONDON, June 3 —(CP Cable)— Eight Canadians were named in the Royal Air Force's 70th casualty list issued tonight. The list carried a total of 504 names.

The Canadians and their next of kin:—

Killed in action:—

Milne, Sgt. F. J., born at St. Marys, Ont., wife resides in Scotland.

Missing, believed killed in action:—

Auger, Fo. H. F., R. Auger, (father) Montreal.

Holden, Po. F. W., born in England, brother resides at St. George, B. C.

Missing, believed killed on active service:—

Lee, Sgt. H.W., born in Calgary, father lives in Birmingham, England.

Previously missing, now presumed killed in action:—

Keller, Fo. W.E.N. (Bud), born in Toronto. E.N. Killer, (father), Oakville, Ont.

MacDonald, Po. G. E., born in Battleford, Sask., Mrs. G. E. MacDonald (wife) Edmonds, Washington

Liddell, Acting Sqdn. Ldr. Eric Beck, Mrs. Hazel Beck Liddell, (mother) Vancouver.

Hunt, Sgt. C. S., Toronto.

GONE WITH THE GLASS

LONDON—(CP) —Bomb shocks have taken a heavy toll in wine glasses and goblets in public houses, virtually irreplaceable, and some pubs have closed on account of it.

War Savings stamps to the amount of $181.75 were sold at a concert given by Quesnel, B. C., Rover Scouts.

British Boy Scouts on war service duty have established such a reputation for courage anddependability that fire wardens, it is said, will always choose the Scouts of a group for any important and dangerous work.

The organization of a Little Theatre group is sponsored by the Sackville, N. B., Rotary Club, to defray expenses in connection with the equipment of two large army huts purchased from the Department of National Defence, for use as permanent headquarters by the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides of Sackville.

Boy Scouts figured prominently in scholastic honours and student elections this year at Queen's University and Royal Military College. Of the three top honours men at the latter two were Scouts, and at Queen's Scouts were elected presidents of the Arts, Engineering and Alma Mater societies.

When Montreal High School entered the local National Salvage drive, Patrol Leader Terry Stanley of the school's Boy Scout Troop brought in one of the biggest contributions, in a double sense. This was the 400 pounds of tinfoil he had been saving in order to secure an artificial arm from a firm advertising such a project. He had suffered amputation as the result of an infection.

Four Seattle Sea Scouts diverted street traffic round a trackless trolley wire that had fallen at a busy street intersection. The wire was sparking, dangling against a news stand and some automobiles. While one of the Scouts kept people away, the other ran to the end of the block and re-routed the traffic. Two patrolmen dispatched to the scene reported the situation well in hand when they arrived. They credited the quick and intelligent work of the Scouts with preventing some serious accidents.

A number of Boy Scouts have been gathering on Saturday mornings at the headquarters of the Toronto Humane Society, to receive instruction qualifying them for the Scout's Friend to Animals badge. The boys are taught the procedure for dealing with and reporting cases of maltreatment of dumb animals.

Patrol Leader Jack Olden and Patrol Second Dennis Edwards were on fire-watching duty in their district between 9 a. m. and midnight. They consider this a "comparatively quiet period. However, they were recalled just after 2 o'clock, and plunged into the thick of the fight with incendiary bombs.

At 3 a. m. a new and heavier wave of bombs hige explosive and incendiary, fell father down the street. One incendiary had gone through to the basement of a dentist's premises and lodged in a cupboard. When the two Scouts arrived the fire was blazing furiously, but they attacked it with stirrup pumps and sand, and eventually had it out.

Then they made their way to a burning school, but were unable to get into the building until the firemen arrived to break down the doors. They took over the hose and tackled the fire while the firemen attacked the blaze in the hall next door.

Next, seeing a blaze on the roof of a five-storey building, they climbed in through a window and made their way to the top. No stirrup pumps were available there, but they found some buckets. With these they ran down to the lower floor for water, and hastened back, up a ladder, through a trap door to the roof. The fire had gained too great a start, however, and they left the fight to the firemen who had arrived.

The incendiaries were still falling, and the boys turned to "roof-hopping," sanding out the bombs as fast as they fell. In this they outstripped the men. Several times the blasts and vibration from H. E.'s nearly blew them from the roof tops. And at 6.30 a. m. two weary Scouts went home for a wash and breakfast before going to their office jobs for a day's work.

LARGE SUBSCRIPTIONS

OTTAWA, June 3—(CP)—Victory Loan headquarters tonight made public a list of some of the largest subscribers to the $600,000,000 campaign which opened yesterday.

The list, which did not include a $3,000,000 subscription previously announced by Quebec Province or a $1,000,000 subscription by British Columbia, showed one company had bought bonds worth $1,000,000—Powell River Co. Ltd. of Vancouver.

The list follows:—

H. R. MacMillan Export Co. Ltd., Vancouver, $500,000; H. R. MacMillan, Vancouver, (personal) $100,000; Austin C. Taylor, Vancouver, $500,000; Powell River Co. Ltd., Vancouver, $1,000,000; Pacific Coast Fire Insurance Co., Vancouver, $60,000; David Spencer Ltd., Vancouver, $300,000; Woodward Stores Ltd., Vancouver, $300,000; Robin Hood Flour Mills Ltd., (subsidiary of International Milling Co. whose head office is in Minneapolis) $500,000; Quebec Workmen's Compensation Board, $400,000; Montreal General Hospital, $350,000; Bank of Montreal Pension Fund, $500,000; Royal Bank Pension Fund, $500,000; Canadian Bank Note Company, Ottawa, $150,000.

The Mayor of Sault Ste. Marie placed orders for $100,000 Victory Bonds for the city and $25,000 on behalf of the city's utilities.

The town of Summerside, P. E. I., placed an order for $40,000 worth of bonds, representing nearly $10 for each man, woman and child in the community.

RECALLING DICKENS

CHATHAM, England—(CP)— In "A Child's Dream of a Star" Charles Dickens described the scene of Chatham's parish church and graveyard as he had seen it as a child from his bedroom in "The Brook" here, now being demolished.

Hunter River And Vicinity

A large number of people from here went to Cavendish on Sunday when the news of the sad fatality became known and were deeply shocked and saddened. The sincere sympathy of the citizens of this community is extended to the bereaved relatives in Montreal. That the quiet picturesque land of "Green Gables" should have been the scene of Sunday's grim tragedy in which those two gay courageous young Canadians lost their lives, seems to the writer to bear out the words of His Majesty "that this time we are all in the front line." Not even a quiet corner in rural Prince Edward Island can escape the stern realities of war.

The many friends of Mrs. Flora Large will be pleased to hear that she has sufficiently recovered from her accident to return to her home. Mrs. Large has been a patient in the P. E. Island Hospital since early in December, having seriously injured her hip when she had the misfortune to fall on a slippery sidewalk. She has the sincere wishes of all for a complete recovery of health.

Misses Mary and Eleanor Larkin of New Glasgow were weekend visitors here the guests of their aunt Mrs. Nelson Clark

On Friday night a number of friends from Hunter River attended a shower given to Miss Alice Dickieson in honor of her approaching marriage. For some time Miss Dickieson carried on her trade of professional hairdresser here and has a wide circle of friends and acquaintances who join in wishing her "bon voyage" on the sea of matrimony.

Friends and relatives will be glad to hear that three citizens of this community who have been seriously ill in the P. E. Island Hospital, namely Miss Verna Robertson, Master Ralph Josey and Mr. Honeywell Spence are making good recoveries. Mr. Nelson Carew has returned to his home in Hopedale and while still not in a good state of health, his condition is considered good.

Mrs. Roy Bruce, daughter of Mr. Garfield LePage of Rustico is at present visiting her old home. She has spent the winter months in Ontario where her husband is serving with His Majesty's forces.

Elmer Bulman, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bulman of South Rustico is at present a patient in the Charlottetown Hospital suffering from an infected hand. Elmer is a member of the R. A. F. and a host of friends here wish him a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Harold Bagnall of Hazel Grove is visiting her sister Mrs. Percy Manuel of Charlottetown.

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Smith from their son George, that he has arrived safely at his destination "somewhere in Canada" and is quite well. Before joining the army George was a valued employee of Geo. E. Full and Son. Prior to his leaving George was waited upon by several members of the staff and presented with a well filled purse. Though taken by surprise, George expressed his appreciation of this very thoughtful act.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Bagnall, Summerside and little son Ralph, were recent visitors to Hazel Grove.

Mrs. Herbert MacLeod spent the weekend in Summerside, visiting her husband who is with the air force there.

Mrs. C. H. MacGuigan and little daughter Marie, have returned home after visiting friends and relatives in Vernon River.

Mrs. MacGuigan of Hope River, has recently been the guest of her son C. H. MacGuigan.

Miss Mary MacLeod of Bradalbane recently visited former friends here.

The play "Civil Service" has met with unqualified success, despite unusually inclement weather, and to date the cast have given six performances in neighbouring communities. They have also several engagements to be fulfilled in the near future. The Red Cross branch is indebted to them for their vigorous efforts to raise money for this very worthy cause and would ask the patronage of all in whose neighborhood this play may be. The need is very great.

Citizens of Hunter River and vicinity were glad to hear that Dr. Bowness of Kensington had opened an office, one day a week here to look after their dental needs.

Mr. William Haslam of Springfield recently visited Hunter River where he was the guest of his cousin Frank Bagnall Friends will be sorry to hear that his mother Mrs. Bertram Haslam has suffered a stroke and is gravely ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Ross were delighted to welcome their oldest son Cpl. Stanley Ross and Mrs. Ross early last week. While here accompanied by his wife and parents Cpl. Ross vsited his sister, Mrs. Nell D. MacLeod, Hartsville. Their other son John Ross, who is engaged in stenography in a military hospital at Sydney, N. S., is expected home soon. Mr. and Mrs. Ross are very proud of the fact that their sons have answered their country's call and are in uniform. A host of friends here wish Stanley and John every success and a safe return.

Friends throughout the province will be sorry to hear that Mr. Walter Rackham is still confined to his home and is still quite sick.

It is pleasing to report that Mrs. John R. Nicholson and daughter Helen who have both been sick for several days are improving. Mr. Nicholson who is serving with His Majesty's forces has been home on leave.—B

CURRENCIES

NEW YORK, June 3—(CP)—The Hong Kong and Shanghai dollars, at 24.44 and 5.44 cents respectively, and the German benevolent mark at 20.45 cents were a shade lower in foreign exchange market trading today, the only changes registered by leading foreign currencies.

The Canadian dollar was quoted at a discount of 11 3-4 per cent. (Ottawa Foriegn Exchange Control Board rate 9.09—9.91 per cent discount.) The pound Sterling closed unchanged at $4.03 1-2 in relation to the United States dollar.

Interpreting The War

By Kirke L. Simpson
Associated Press Staff Writer

Pending clarification of France's role in the war, the world can only guess where Germany and Italy will strike next in the Mediterranean and Middle East.

A British communique stating that a German troop-carrier plane had been shot down off Malta may or may not indicate that the Mediterranean island bastion might be the next Nazi target. Only time will tell.

Vichy possibly holds the key to Axis major strategy. The sequence of cabinet conferences there with Gen. Weygand, Petain-selected French colonial overlord in Africa, indicates that a final decision on French policy is in the making.

Whether the next Axis thrust is to be via French mandated Syria or from Sicily to stimulate the stalled attack on Egypt, French co-operation with German-Italian forces on a scale far beyond any yet reported is deemed possible in London. And if Turkish reports of Nazi forces landed by sea in Syria are true, such co-operation already is in effect.

This would be a graver act of French aggression against Britain than permitting the Nazis to use French air bases in Syria en route to Iraq, assuming such a Nazi invasion was invited or accepted without protest by French authority. The terms of the German-French armistice could not be put forward as a legalistic excuse to cover such a movement.

Both London and Cairo remained strangely silent as to the reports from Turkey. Yet both by now must know the facts. A sea ferried expedition such as Ankara cables describe could hardly reach the Syrian coast without being detected by British sea or air patrols out of Cyprus bases, or by British agents in Turkey.

It is significant that in the 24 hours since first reports of a Nazi sea landing in Syria were published there has been no word of British air blasting to smash it up. That tends to support denials from Berlin and Vichy that landings have been made.

Some London commentators see a possibility that the Nazis might use a Syrian coastal base to strike by air at Cyprus.

However, the feeling persists that it is French cooperation to forward the Axis attack on Egypt from Libya rather than in Syria that it is being sought. That still is the most dangerous Axis thrust in the east.

Dr Barton Reviews Farm Situation To Ayrshire Breeders

The problem confronting farmers in Canada is now more one of maintaining the best possible balance in agriculture rather than speeding up production, Dr. G.S.H. Barton, Deputy Minister, Dominion Department of Agriculture told the annual meeting of the members of the Canadian Ayrshire Breeders' Association at Montreal. To maintain the balance is not an easy task. There are bound to be some misunderstandings and disappointments.

After referring to the difficulties that farmers in the British Isles have had to face since the war began, Dr. Barton said farmers in Canada have had to face their own peculiar difficulties and problems. "Unlike the development in the Old Land, where the war created urgent need for immediate maximum production at home for many farm products, the result of the war thus far here is an increased demand for very few farm products. This is a fact that many people in this country do not seem to have grasped and that others refuse to accept. Added to this is the fact that when war was declared many countries, including Canada, were struggling for a share of overloaded world markets. In the last war we were helping to feed not only Great Britain but France and Italy as well and we had the shipping and navies of all three countries and finally those of the United States to insure transportation. Our major problem has not been to speed up production but to maintain it on the best balanced basis possible. With people eager to help in the war by increasing production and expecting returns that would make such effort possible for them has not been easy to do and some disappointment is understandable.

NOW HAVE LARGER ORDERS

"Last year we entered into agreements to supply only two major products—bacon and cheese. The terms of agreement did not meet with complete endorsation nor entire satisfaction, but we supplied 40,000,000 pounds more bacon and 12,000,000 pounds more cheese than the agreements called for. This country's producers, met these war requirements and were better off for doing so. This year we have larger orders for bacon and cheese, a substantially larger order for bacon, and it is fortunate that this has been possible because without the increase in bacon we should have been in serious difficulties before now and the unprecedented number of pigs coming to market would have sold at much lower prices. The increase in cheese is 12,000,000 pounds. We also have a place in the domestic market for some increase in butter. The dairy industry is doubly fortunate, therefore, because at present butter is one of few products in the domestic market that justifies some production expansion.

"It has been calulated that we should aim to produce 600,000,000 pounds more milk this year, but the question for us is not "Can it be done?" but "How can it be done?" It looks like the production of 100,000 more cows averaging 6,000 pounds each. We can't expect to find 100,000 more cows but we can expect a number of cows and heifers to be milked this year that were not milked last year and if we are able to get extra hundred and fifty pounds from each of the nearly 4,000,000 milking cows and heifers we shall have, we can do it. The production required means an increase of 3.6 per cent of fat over 1940 going into all manufactured dairy products except ice cream, and in 1940 the increase over 1939 was 2.35 per cent. That means we must raise the increase by 1.3 per cent or half as much more than we increased last year. It need not involve stopping the export of cows to the United States, but it does assume that the dairy farmers are not going to desert their farms to work in munition plants or that they are going to continue selling their cows for beef as we are told they are now doing.

BUSINESS NOT UNHEALTHY

"I don't know what your experience may be in various districts but I find no record of unusual numbers of dairy cows being sold for beef or for milking either and my information is that buyers of dairy cows are not finding it any easier to buy cows now than there were this time last year. I think we would have to go back pretty well to the last war to equal it, so I don't think the dairy business is quite so unhealthy as some people would have us believe.

"The labour problem does present a real difficulty; to my mind the greatest difficulty. It is not the first time dairy farmers have faced labour difficulties. Milking machines will help in some cases. Every source of useful help should be carefully canvassed, and probably after all is said and done in many cases the dairy men and women who are not afraid of extra work will do more milking. My guess is that will happen.

"The time to start this increased production is now, and the first thing to do is to co-operate with the cow. We can't expect her to come through if we don't feed her. Winter dairymen usually do feed fairly well but at prevailing prices for dairy products and at expected feed prices they can be expected to do a little better. What is even more important is that cheese factory men should see to it that their early calving cows are not expected to turn their carcasses into milk before they go to grass and then have to use most of the grass when it gets a little short to keep them travelling around instead of making milk.

"We don't know what the summer season may bring, but surely this year it is not too much to expect farmers to make some special provision for summer feed. There are various ways of doing it, there is information available and any intelligent dairy farmer will know how to work it out in his own case.

PRODUCE MORE CATTLE

"That is the immediate program. No one can predict with any certainty what the future holds but there is considerable opinion that as the war progresses, and in any case when it ends, there will be need and demand for much larger supplies of food products and even live stock. With reported depletion of live stock, particularly in some of the dairying countries in Europe, it would seem that replacements would be necessary and those in this country who find it practicable to do so may be well advised to grow more cattle. As for the dairy products in which we are specially interested, we cannot overlook the position of other countries with which we must expect to compete. There are elements in this country that think quality of product is being overstressed in war time and who will not listen to any reference to economic production. They are all for expansion and price to insure it to win the war. If the aftermath of the last war is any criterion, and if the increased production capacity of exporting countries is not to be ignored, we may expect the consumer, wherever he is, to buy where he can get the greatest value and that means that the position of those who sell will depend upon the product they have to offer and what it costs them to produce it.

NAMED HEAD OF FORESTERS

Frank E. Hand, Toronto, was unanimously re-elected supreme chief ranger of the Independent Order of Foresters. Hand declared the order was gaining strength with 121,000 members in Canada the United States and the British Isles... The election featured the opening day of the 23rd quadrennial session of the supreme court of the I.O.F.

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