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BRITISH INVASION OF SYRIA PROCEEDS SMOOTHLY

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Germans adopt Elaborate means Of camouflage

Seek To Cover Targets At Hamburg, Hanover And Bremen.

By Louis Hunter
Canadian Press Staff Writer

LONDON, June 9—(CP)—The Germans have adopted elaborate methods of camouflage in an endeavor to check the devastating Royal Air Force raids on Hamburg, Hanover and Bremen.

A traveler who visited these three cities recently told a representative of the Daily Telegraph that the German frontiers and railway stations at Hanover and Hamburg had other equally expensive targets were completely hidden under a canopy of timber rising on a gentle slope to form an artificial mound. This was covered with grass and ferns, the effect from the air being that of a road running through fields over the crest of a hill.

The Germans also attempted to disguise landing fields by which they were to be used for the transport of troops to the front. The shape of the landing fields has been altered by covering parts of it with boards supported on piles. Another lake near Hamburg has been camouflaged by the same method.

After eight or nine oil storage tanks had been blown up near Hanover, and production stopped for several weeks, the Nazis covered the remaining tanks by erecting dummy houses on top.

Local residents told the informant millions of marks had been spent in camouflaging landmarks. Describing devastation in the three cities, he said Hanover suffered great damage. Whole streets in the industrial districts have been "blown completely flat."

One of the most important targets which has been hit several times is the continental rubber works, which makes rubber boots for the German air force and a kind of rubber casing which the Germans are now using to cover parts of submarines.

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Wichy calls Situation grave

WICHY, June 9—(AP)—Wichy sources said tonight that British aerial squadrons are lying off Beirut and Tripoli, Lebanon's capital and chief port, ready to speed the British-Free French land campaign with naval bombardment.

It was acknowledged that the situation for its forces after two days of offensive to wrest mandate of Syria and Lebanon from its Nazi control, was "paralyzing grave."

These forces were attributed to Jacques Benoit Mechin, former aide of Vice-Premier Admiral Darlan and now one of his chief collaborators working with the Germans in Paris.

A Beirut communique claimed mandate forces at sea, on land and in the air were putting up "frenzied resistance to the forces of the adversary."

Coming Events

See for Notices in this column 1 cents per word.

Wanted to buy bologna cattle phone or write for price. Signed Island Cold Storage Co., Ltd. L-242-5-21-41.

Ice cream and dance in Donagh School, Wednesday, June 11th. L-309-8-10-21.

Dance St. Teresa's Tuesday, June 10th, Webster's Orchestra. L-249-6-7-10.

Hunter River Play at Brackley Point Tuesday, June 10th. L-211-6-7-11.

Milton Institute dance tonight at White Spot, New Dance Band. Modern and old time music. L-296.

Buying sows, junks and suckers. Parting highest market prices. Tuesday, Wednesday only. Knud Jorgensen. L-301.

Dance in Cardigan Hall, Thursday, June 12, in aid of British Post Office Relief Fund. Sponsored by Postmaster. L-293-6-10-21.

See Indian River players at Fort Augustus, Tuesday, June 10. L-299.

See the play, "The Maid From Misamis" by the Ligurian Players at Charlottetown at Souris, Thursday, June 12th. L-306-6-10-21.



The above map indicates the location of the latest Middle East military activity, the British drive into Syria. Latest reports indicate the British and their Free French allies are encountering only scattered resistance in the three-pronged invasion of the French Mandate. Reports from the area indicate French soldiers and their officers in considerable numbers are deserting to the British and Free French cause.

Province Over Half-way Mark In Big Campaign

Total in Victory Loan drive reaches \$767,050; Summerside leads race.

Prince Edward Island passed the half-way mark in the big victory loan drive, it was announced by Provincial Loan Headquarters last night. The figures as compiled at 7 p. m. were \$767,050 for the Province.

Summerside was closest to its objective, a total subscription of \$205,750 putting it less than \$20,000 from its goal.

In Charlottetown too the campaign was going strong with \$320,950 already subscribed out of a quota of \$550,000.

Other figures last night were: Prince County, outside Summerside, \$104,000; Queen's County outside Charlottetown, \$73,000; King's Co., \$65,350.

Officials and workers here, as elsewhere in Canada did not observe the holiday but stuck to the job of putting the campaign over.

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The following telegram received yesterday from Major Roy Holman, Charlottetown, P. E. I. Satisfactory release to the press this afternoon in connection with our Victory Loan subscription, "The National Victory Loan Committee announce the re-

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Clamor for Representation in War Cabinet

SYDNEY, Australia, June 10—(Tuesday)—(CP Cable)—The Sydney Morning Herald renewed its demand today for direct dominion representation in the British War Cabinet.

The Morning Herald declared that if the idea had been taken up in Australia more strongly than in other dominions, this was partly because Australian troops were involved in the recent re-arguing in the Middle East.

The Herald suggested the war has reached a stage comparable to the First Great War in 1916-17 and urged wider sharing of responsibility for high strategy and more intimate consultation.

Though a full imperial cabinet may not be possible, the paper concluded, there is a clear need that one of the major dominions, possibly in rotation, be continuously represented by a senior minister in London.

(Prime Minister Churchill has given no encouragement to suggestions that an imperial war cabinet be formed.)

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Fire Sweeps Over One Square Mile Woodland

DIGBY, N. S., June 9—(CP)—Fire swept over nearly a square mile of woodland between the villages of Acadiaville and Conway today but was controlled by fire-fighters three hours after starting from an unknown source.

U. S. defends British move

WASHINGTON, June 9—(AP)—The United States defended the British attack on French-mandated Syria and Lebanon today and in effect accused the Vichy Government of fighting Germany's battle in the Middle East.

Secretary of State Cordell Hull defined the American Government's attitude on the British-French clash in a long talk with Gaston Henry-Haye, the Vichy Ambassador.

Deploping any Vichy military help to Germany, Hull was reported authoritatively to have told Henry-Haye that it was not even clear that Vichy's military collaboration with the Axis is confined to Syria.

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Victory Loan Drive enters Second week

OTTAWA, June 9—(CP)—Banks and many other institutions were closed today, the King's Birthday, but canvassers for the \$600,000,000 Victory Loan 1941 continued their work with a renewed effort to carry the loan forward, national loan headquarters announced tonight.

No new figures were available, but loan officials said they expected Monday's totals would reflect the holiday and be somewhat below the \$46,035,400 daily average of subscriptions reported last week.

Latest loan figure announced last night, set cash subscriptions at \$276,222,800, 46.03 per cent of the loan's objective.

In addition to the cash subscriptions, a \$200,000,000 conversion of Dominion of Canada bonds maturing next November has been reported.

"With the bulk of the flush supply,"

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Says Churchill Needs better Team to win

LONDON, June 9—(CP Cable)—Sir Herbert Williams, executive director of the Incorporated Association of Electric Power Companies today told the Croydon Chamber of Commerce that the coalition Government was one reason "for the many blunders" of the war.

Sir Herbert, attacking the cabinet, declared Prime Minister Churchill needed a "better team" around him if Britain were to be better served.

"In a coalition government you get rottenness and inefficiency," he said. "Half the ministers of the crown I wouldn't hire in business for \$500 a year. Furthermore, I wouldn't hire half the war cabinet for \$500 a year."

He declared it was a "real peril" to the country that Mr. Churchill "should be regarded as a man beyond challenge or criticism, as a sort of inspired demagogue."

He added that what he called the inefficiency of government departments would not improve "until we get a Prime Minister who will say: 'If you don't do your job, then you'll be fired.'"

Sir Herbert Williams served as Conservative member of the House of Commons from Reading 1924-29. He was an unsuccessful candidate for the combined English Universities in 1918 and 1921 and for Wednesday in 1922 and 1923.

He was parliamentary secretary to the Board of Trade in 1926 and 1929.

Jap wheat Deal discussed In Commons

OTTAWA, June 9—(CP)—Considerations prompting the government to grant export licences for wheat shipments to Japanese agents were such that it would not be in the public interest to reveal them at this time, Trade Minister MacKinnon told the House of Commons today.

This answer was given after the minister had been subjected to questioning on the shipments to Japanese-occupied North China in Japanese boats, a deal which was subject to questioning in the House on two occasions last week.

Conservative House leader Hanson said the explanation did not satisfy him.

"The reason is apparent—the heat was put on by Tokyo," he said. "Make no mistake about it, it is where the pressure came from and the government yielded."

"That is certainly not my information," Mr. MacKinnon replied.

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Loss of Cruiser, Two Destroyers Is announced

LONDON, June 9—(CP)—Loss of the anti-aircraft cruiser Calcutta and the destroyers Hereward and the Heterwad 1,340 tons, each carrying normally about 145 men. The Admiralty communique said the Hereward was last seen heading toward the coast after having been damaged by an Axis air attack.

The communique brought Britain's naval losses in the battle of Crete to four cruisers and six destroyers, making the total losses in those categories since the war began nine cruisers and 49 destroyers.

The other cruisers lost in the Crete campaign were the Gloucesters, Fiji and York and the other destroyers Juno, Greyhound, Kelly and Kashmir.

CHILD KILLED, DRIVER CHARGED

SYDNEY, N. S., June 9—(CP)—Struck by an automobile near the city's outskirts today, 10-year-old Kenneth Lotherington died three hours after admission to hospital. Stanley Petrie of nearby New Victoria, who police said was the driver of the car, was taken into custody on a manslaughter charge.

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Sinking Reported By South American Circles; Washington Story Says Robin Moor Torpedoed.

RIO DE JANEIRO, June 9—(AP)—The 4999-ton United States merchant ship Robin Moor, carrying eight passengers and a crew of 38, was sunk south of the Cape Verde Islands by the Atlantic about midway between Brazil and West Africa on May 21, and 27 crewmen and the passengers are missing, it was reported here today.

The Brazilian steamship Osorio which wireless that she had picked up 11 members of the crew advised that she still was searching for three of the Robin Moor's lifeboats in which the other victims presumably took to the sea.

The passengers included three women and a child.

The Osorio gave no information as to the cause of the Robin Moor's sinking.

WASHINGTON, June 9—(AP)—A report that the United States steamship Robin Moor was torpedoed and sunk in the South Atlantic "by a German submarine" was relayed by the Robin Moor's via commercial communication channels.

(In New York, the Robin Moor said it had no word of the cause of the Robin Moor's sinking, but added that it was rumored "that she had been found by a ship sailing from New York May 6 for Cape Town, South Africa.")

The Robin Moor, according to the available information, sank at 6:15 north 26:30 west—some 600 miles to the south of the Cape Verde Islands—but the lifeboat in which 11 of her crew were picked up was found at about 0:46 north 37:37 west, or nearly 800 miles to the southwest of that point.

The Osorio left Norfolk, Va., for Rio De Janeiro May 23 and is expected here within a week.

The Brazilian ship lagers radioed that she had sighted two large objects, possibly boilers, floating a half-mile apart yesterday at 4 p. m. at a point 5:18 north 43:25 west. The port authority warned shipping and also advised all vessels to be on the lookout for survivors of the Robin Moor.

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Armies Advance 35 Miles Into French Mandate

Encounter only scattered resistance; Many desert Vichy cause for British & Free French.

(By Reiley O'Sullivan, Associated Press Staff Writer)
HAIFA, Palestine, June 9—(AP)—The British-Free French advance into Syria has attained an average depth of 35 to 40 miles, it was indicated here tonight, with the allied forces still encountering only scattered centres of resistance.

Reports reaching here said that a "considerable number" of French officers and men had joined the ranks of the Free French forces, while others, without aligning themselves, simply ceased resistance.

British casualties were described as "negligible."

The Imperial and Free French forces were continuing their drives toward Beirut and Damascus and Ryak in the second day of their push into the Levant States, aimed primarily at wiping out all Nazi influence there.

Although there had been no official announcement here since the outset of operations allied troops were said unofficially to have met only sporadic resistance and delaying actions. Their main thrusts were reported extended upwards of 30 miles.

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Calls Hitler Very unfriendly

JERSEY CITY, N. J., June 9—(CP)—John Gudany, former United States ambassador to Belgium, said his return from Europe today that his recent interview with Hitler, as published last Friday, was "a very faithful account" written factually.

In the 1-1/2 hour interview Hitler, he said, told him that any idea of a German invasion of the western hemisphere was "fantastic."

Returning on the American export liner, Excambion, Gudany was asked whether he received the impression that Hitler was "sincere and was telling you the truth."

"Yes, I think he believes that," replied the former diplomat. "He believes the invasion of our continent and hemisphere is fantastic."

"His attitude was a very unfriendly one—one of hostility toward me. He gave me the idea that he didn't like me at all because I was an American."

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Some People Are Like Alarm Clocks—They Go Off At The Wrong Time



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FORECAST

Synopsis: The weather has been fair and comparatively cool over Ontario, while light to moderate showers have occurred in Alberta Saskatchewan and south-west Manitoba.

BOSTON, June 9—(AP)—Forecast for northern New England: Fair and warmer Tuesday, Wednesday increasing cloudiness, no much change in temperature, moderate to fresh northwest wind Tuesday.

High tide this morning at 10:41 and at midnight.

Sun sets this evening at 7:45 and rises tomorrow morning at 4:13.

Last quarter moon June 16, 11:45 a.m.

Summerside tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

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