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FRANCE AND RUSSIA SIGN AGREEMENT

U. S. 1st Army In New Drive

McNaughton Is Candidate In Grey No. Riding

OWEN SOUND, Ont., Dec. 10.—(CP)—Defence Minister McNaughton will be a Liberal Party candidate in a by-election in Grey North riding early in the new year, it was announced today by John Dolfin of Derby Township, president of the Grey North Liberal Association.

John Thomson, chosen previously by the Liberals as their nominee, said he would support Gen. McNaughton, and it is expected formal endorsement of the Defence Minister will be made at a convention here next Saturday.

Mr. Dolfin said Gen. McNaughton, who entered the Defence Ministry following the recent resignation of Col. J. L. Balfour on the reinforcement issue, had accepted an invitation to contest the seat made at his suggestion by William P. Telford, Mr. Telford has been absent from his seat in the House of Commons for more than a year due to ill-health.

(Later the president of the Association announced that Gen. McNaughton had accepted the invitation to stand as Liberal candidate. In a telegram he said that for the next few days he must give all his attention to completing arrangements for the dispatch of reinforcements needed by our troops overseas and to the return home in view of the restoration of William P. Telford, Mr. Telford has been absent from his seat in the House of Commons for more than a year due to ill-health.

Coming Events

- **Xmas Concert and Dance, Orwell Hall, December 21st. 12-11-11.
- **Hunter River Concert, Thursday, December 21st. 12-11-11.
- **Rice Point School Concert, Dec. 21st. 12-11-11.
- **Christmas Concert, New Argyle School, December 21st. 12-11-11.
- **Next shipment dressed hogs will be December 15th. Book McGuigan & Boyle. 12-5-10.
- **Buying live and dressed poultry. Paying top market prices. Island Cold Storage Ltd. 11-17-44.
- **Annual Meeting of the Federal Dairying Co., will be held in the hall at Eildon, Wednesday, Dec. 13th at 7.30. J. R. McWilliams, Secretary. 12-9-21.
- **Dance, Emerald Hall, Monday, Dec. 11. Proceeds for Sir Arsenault, returned from overseas wounded. 12-9-21.
- **East Wiltshire School Concert, North River Hall, December 21st. Dance after. 12-11-11.
- **Christmas Concert, St. Catharines Hall, Thursday, December 21st. 12-11-11.
- **Christmas Concert, Fredericton Hall, Tuesday night, Dec. 19th. 12-11-11.
- **North Melton School Concert, Wednesday, December 20th. 12-11-11.
- **Victoria Tuesday, National Film Board Movies, 3 p. m. and 7 p. m. 12-11-21.
- **Reserve Wednesday, December 14th for Institute Dance, Millview Hall. 12-11-11.
- **Evening Concert and Dance in Lot 68 Hall, Tuesday, Dec. 19th. 12-11-11.
- **Alexandra, Monday, National Film Board Movies, 3 p. m. 12-11-11.
- **Christmas Concert, Hazel Grove School, Friday, Dec. 21st. 12-11-21.
- **Christmas Concert, Emerald Hall, Thursday night, Dec. 21st. 12-11-11.
- **A Christmas concert will be held at Greenvale School, Thursday, December 21st. 12-11-11.
- **Stanhope - West Covehead Christmas Concert, Community Hall, Thursday, Dec. 21st. 12-11-21.
- **Southport Institute Gift and Party Sale at Maritime Electric Tuesday at 3 o'clock. 12-11-11.

War Situation Last Night

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON
(Associated Press War Analyst)

American forces driving into Germany's No. 2 industrial area, the Saar Basin, forced a new and ponderous threat to German hopes of halting the Allied winter offensive anywhere west of the Rhine.

Their success in forcing multiple crossings of the Saar barrier and spearheading deeply into vulnerable frontier gaps between the Saar and the Rhine off-set a relative lull in the bitter fighting farther north where Allied troops had fought their way to the Meuse and the Roer.

It was quite clear, however, that German commanders were caught on the horns of a dilemma as to where to deploy their dwindling reserves up to now strongly concentrated in the north. It is there, along the Aachen-Arnhem sector, where they appear to expect the culminating Allied assault of the winter campaign. To fend it off the gigantic Ruhr-Rhine heart of German war industry, they have risked and perhaps lost the lesser Saar Basin and its important mechanical and natural resources.

It remains to be seen whether the situation along the Saar and eastward to the Rhine may not force a recasting of German defence plans. An Allied breakthrough in depth toward the Rhine south of the Moselle could gravely affect security of the whole west Rhine sector northward of the Arnhem corridor. It could lead to disruption of north-south communications in the central Rhine valley. These facilities are of vital importance to any prolonged German defence of the Cologne Plain approaches to the Ruhr or to the flatlands east of the Neder Rhine that lead direct to Berlin.

Battles of greater casualty cost to both sides than any yet fought in the west are in prospect in both main action theatres. Official Allied reports clearly indicate, however, that the cost to the enemy to date since the winter offensive began has far exceeded that of the attackers.

The prisoner count in Allied collection centres bears that out. Aside from his dead and wounded, week by week and day by day, the foe has been paying a high price in prisoners taken for his bitter-end defence.

Two factors change the Allied and German normal casualty ratio. One is the Allied preponderance in artillery. General Eisenhower is again doing what he did in Normandy to force his way through German fixed or field defences step by step. He is using guns and shells on an unprecedented scale to blast his way ahead, and in so doing minimizing his own personnel losses.

German Prisoners Close To Escape

LEIGH, Lancaster, England, Dec. 10.—(CP)—Four German prisoners of war who escaped from a camp near here Saturday night sneaked into a United States Air Force base, climbed into a medium bomber and had started its engines for an escape flight to Germany before they were overpowered and captured by a sentry.

The prisoners were wearing British trousers and German uniform jackets. Three of them claimed to be fliers.

Kentville's Grand Old Man Passes

KENTVILLE, N.S., Dec. 10.—(CP) William Youd, Kentville's "grand old man" and four-times mayor, died today at the age of 84. He was one of the pioneers of the road in Nova Scotia, starting in the sixties of the last century and retiring almost 50 years later as master mechanic of the Dominion Atlantic Railway.

Reds 7 Miles North Of Budapest

LONDON, Dec. 10.—(CP)—Russian troops have driven to within seven miles of Budapest; in the north, the Soviet communiqué announced tonight.

The Russians already were within five miles of the capital on the south and within three miles on the east.

The Soviet communiqué said that Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky's 2nd Ukrainian Army had captured 5,000 prisoners from Dec. 5 to 9.

Moscow from dispatches expressed belief Soviet storm troops were battling inside the city of Budapest, striking the blows that will knock Hungary out of the war and pave the way for an invasion of Germany through Austria.

Hungary's puppet government had already fled to the Austrian frontier town of Sopron, 112 miles east of Budapest, leaving the city to be defended by the Germans and those Hungarians with enough heart left to put up a fight.

School Auditorium At Truro Burned

TRURO, N. S., Dec. 10.—(CP)—A three-alarm fire almost completely wiped out the new Central School auditorium here Saturday with a loss of more than \$50,000. Cause of the fire was not known. The building was unoccupied at the time of the outbreak.

Town Of Ormoc Falls To Yanks

MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, PHILIPPINES, Dec. 11.—(AP)—(AP)—The United States Marines have taken the Levite Island west coast supply port of Ormoc, a headquarters communiqué said today.

Full of the Japanese, held port Sunday climaxed a swift drive by the 7th Division, which with the 7th Division, has been working a steady squeeze play on an isolated force of Japanese scouts of Ormoc.

An enemy force "many thousand strong" has been trapped by converging American forces south of Ormoc, headquarters reported.

Nazi Attacks In Italy Beaten Off

ROME, Dec. 10.—(AP)—The Germans have launched savage counterattacks against the British 8th Army's newly won bridgehead over the Lamon River flanking Faenza's defenses but all were beaten off, Allied Headquarters announced today.

DeGaulle Completes Details At Kremlin

By DANIEL DELUCE
MOSCOW, Dec. 10.—(AP)—Gen. de Gaulle crowned his mission to Moscow with a treaty of alliance and mutual assistance with Soviet Russia today and started for home in France.

As a special train carried Gen. de Gaulle's delegation across the frozen steppes toward Baku on the Black Sea and his waiting plane the Moscow radio announced to millions of Soviet citizens the signing of the new treaty with an old ally.

The party left Moscow's Kursk station in a snowstorm at 10:10 a. m. with Foreign Commissar Vyacheslav Molotov waving a farewell from the windy platform.

Plane Crashes In Water Off Sea Cow Head Light

An aircraft crashed yesterday into the waters of Northumberland Strait, three-quarters of a mile off Sea Cow Head, a point several miles from Summerside. It was learned last night.

Thomas Rankin, lighthouse keeper at Sea Cow Head said the plane crashed about 2:40 in the afternoon during a snow squall. He said he could not see the plane but heard it and heard the crash and what sounded like an explosion. Shortly after, he reported, the weather cleared slightly a man on the shore could see flames from the wreckage less than a mile at sea.

Air force officials at Summerside said the plane was not from Prince Edward Island station.

"One unconfirmed report said it was an R.A.F. transport command aircraft and another that it was a Mosquito (on a mainland base.)"

The sea ferry, Prince Edward Island went to the scene of the crash late in the afternoon and picked up some wreckage but no bodies were located.

International At A Glance

(By The Canadian Press)

Western Front—U. S. 1st Army captures one village, enters four others in thrusts west of Roer River; 1st Canadian Army clears Germans from fort south of Maas River in Holland; French 1st Army takes Thann.

Russian—Soviet troops advance along Danube north of Budapest to within seven miles of city; register gains along Slovakia border as well as closing on Budapest from three sides.

Greek—R. A. F. bombers, fighters in action against E.L.A.S. centres as Greek civil strife continues.

Aerial—U. S. heavy bombers in frigid weather hit Coblenz, Bingen rail yards.

Naval—Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser named to command new British Pacific fleet.

Philippines—U. S. troops capture west coast port of Ormoc on Leyte Island; thousands of Japanese trapped.

Chinese—Chinese forces push back Japanese who thrust into Kweichow Province, recapturing Hsiasy, 12 miles from Luichai.

Liberation Of Channel Islands Not Likely Soon

LONDON, Dec. 10.—(CP)—Liberation of British Channel Islands must wait perhaps until the end of the war while British troops fight elsewhere, it was reported today.

The French term Gen. de Gaulle's visit an unqualified success and judged it had raised his stature as a statesman immeasurably.

The Russian and French negotiators kept Britain and the United States informed of all developments in the negotiations. The definite impression was sustained that the strengthening of the Franco-Soviet entente was being done within the larger framework of the friendship of both countries with Britain and the United States.

'QUAKES REPORTED'

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—(AP)—Two "fairly severe" earthquakes in the direction of the Netherlands East Indies were recorded early today on the Fordham University seismograph. Rev. Joseph J. Lynch reported the quakes were felt by about 10,000 miles away at 1:30 a. m. E. D. T. and at 1:34 a. m.

Fighting Continues In Greek Capital

By Stephen Barber
ATHENS, Dec. 10.—(AP)—R. A. P. Wellington bombers and cannon-firing Spitfires attacked E. L. A. concentrations around Athens today after an earlier E. L. A. S. attack supported by mortars and artillery had been repelled by British troops using tanks and field guns.

Premier Papandreu, in a statement today, denied his government was pro-Fascist or that the E. L. A. S. had risen in defence of the Greek state.

"I repudiate these charges with all the force of my soul," he said. "He said the statement was made to dispel an 'erroneous impression' on the part of foreign public opinion.

"If the extreme leftists had been the majority was on their side they would not have risen out would have agreed to disarmament and remained in office until a free election could be held. Their desperate attempt to revolt is frank admission that the left-wing is not in the majority."

Within Athens British troops engaged in anti-sniper patrols focused their task difficult because a majority of the snipers were civilians. A communiqué said Saturday. Snipers shot a British ambulance driver assisting a wounded Greek civilian and captured the ambulance.

The danger of epidemics was causing growing concern after week-long strike. All unloading of relief ships was at a complete standstill. U.N.R.R.A. plans to organize soup kitchens had failed to materialize.

Large numbers of dead still are awaiting burial.

Both sides were hoping a settlement might be reached.

Dimitri Lambrakis, publisher of an independent Liberal newspaper who has been working to mediate the crisis, said tonight he had found the Communist and E. L. A. M. leaders taking a less emphatic view of their demands.

Flying Bombs Fired At England Last Night

LONDON, Dec. 10.—(CP)—Anti-aircraft guns lifted a heavy barrage tonight as flying bombs came in from the east coast. Several of the missiles were believed to have been hit.

CATERHAM, Surrey, England.—(CP)—Mrs. Louisa Caton has reached the age of 102. Her sisters lived to 94 and 96.

Britain Has Two Fleets In Far East

LONDON, Dec. 10.—(CP)—Britain now has two naval fleets to fight the Japanese in the Far East—one in the Pacific and the other in the Indian Ocean.

These first major steps to implement Prime Minister Churchill's promise that Britain would send the greatest possible forces to the aid of the United States were disclosed tonight when the Admiralty announced the appointment of Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser as commander-in-chief of the Pacific fleet.

The British Pacific fleet is an entirely new command and the 55 ships of the Royal Navy's eastern fleet and Vice-Admiral Power's second-in-command. The East Indies station command lapsed when the Japanese overran the Malay Peninsula and captured Singapore early in 1942.

Rear Admiral C. S. Daniel, who won the D. S. O. for his anti-submarine work early in the war, has been made vice-admiral and placed in charge of administration of the Royal Navy's Pacific fleet.

The Admiralty declined to disclose precise limits of Admiral Fraser's new command, but informed quarters believed his fleet would operate in any section of the Pacific where its power was needed.

This could be in support of the United States Pacific fleet's drive westward against Japan or in support of operations in the Philippines.

Plane Crashes Into River; 3 Men Killed

MONTREAL, Dec. 10.—(CP)—Three members of the R. A. F. Transport Command were killed tonight when they dropped their Mitchell B-25 plane into the St. Lawrence River rather than crash on top of nearby Lacine Houses.

Next of kin have been notified and their names will be released shortly.

R. A. F. Transport Command officials said that the plane was operating on training manoeuvres. On such an operation, the crew is generally made up of an instructor, a radio operator and a student pilot.

According to officials, the plane was in trouble shortly after taking off from Dorval airport. Losing altitude over Lacine, the pilot apparently tried to turn back to the airport and avoid crashing into houses at the suburban town. Unable to gain altitude, the plane then fell into the river.

Big Bon Stopped More Than 12 Hours

LONDON, Dec. 10.—(CP)—The Bon, the giant clock in the tower overlooking the parliament buildings, stopped Saturday night for more than 12 hours. Ministry of Works officials said a mechanical defect was responsible. It was not until Sunday morning that the clock was again moving. The previous occasion was during an air raid in 1941 when some damage was done to the belfry.

Boy Scout Program To Be Expanded

OTTAWA, Dec. 10.—(CP)—Expansion of Canada's Boy Scout program to cover a wider field of activities for older boys was announced Saturday at a joint meeting of the Dominion executive board and Provincial representatives of Scout Associations across the Dominion.

The new program calls for greater development of long distance hiking, canoeing and bivouac camping for boys of between 15 and 17 years. The program will be known as senior scouting, and will apply to older scouts of all lands, sea and air scouting units. A feature will be the greater attention given to the social interests of the older boy. Under provincial guidance, selected older scout groups will demonstrate the possibilities of the new senior scouting in their respective areas.

It is expected the new scouting program will round out the good citizenship work at present carried on in wolf cub packs and boy scout troops for boys of 8 to 15 years of age, scout officials said.

Spanish Press Has Praise For Churchill

MADRID, Dec. 10.—(AP)—The entire Spanish press, from the regime's international commentators to the smallest provincial dailies, devoted columns of praise today to Prime Minister Churchill's Friday speech. All writers viewed it as the first suggestion of a break between Britain and Russia.

Nixon Resigns As Ont. Liberal Leader

TORONTO, Dec. 10.—(CP)—Harry C. Nixon, provincial leader of the Ontario Liberal Party, resigned Saturday to Archie Haines, president of the Liberal Association. A caucus of the 17 Liberal members of the legislature on Wednesday had accepted Mr. Nixon's resignation as house leader and offered the leadership to former Premier Mitchell Hepburn, who accepted it.

At that point, the leadership passed to Mr. Hepburn. Mr. Nixon declared that the provincial leadership was a matter for the provincial convention to settle. His resignation of this post followed.

Australia Has Immigration Plan

CANBERRA, Dec. 10.—(CP)—Commenting on the Australian Government's announcement of plans for the immigration of 17,000 British and European children to Australia each year, Stanley Melbourne Bruce, Australian High Commissioner in London, said his plans were only part of a larger population to increase his country's.

Details of the larger project now were being worked out by the British and Australian Governments.

Plan Maritime Shipyards Fed.

HALIFAX, Dec. 10.—(CP)—Plans for the formation of a Maritime Shipyards Federation comprising all shipyard and marine repair unions in the area are taking definite shape. John W. McKinley, vice-president of the Sydney Marine and Structural Workers' Union, said tonight.

A general conference of all unions concerned will be held in the next few weeks. Mr. McKinley said, as a preliminary to the calling of a general convention at which the federation will be established.

A. A. MacAusland of Vancouver, 1st vice-president of the Congress of Labor, who is in charge of establishing shipyard federations in the Maritimes and central Canada, has been in Halifax for the last few days and has consulted with Pat Shea, C.O.L. organizer here in charge of perfecting the Maritime organization and other marine union officials.

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BLOSSOM OF CANADA FLOUR GIVES FINER RESULTS

12 MORE SHOPPING DAYS
SOME GALS ARE GOING IN FOR THE 'SPARE' IDEA BY GOING OUT WITH TWO BOY FRIENDS

METEOROLOGICAL BUREAU
TORONTO, Dec. 10.—(CP)—Minimum and maximum temperature: Vancouver 23, 43; Edmonton 13, 35; Regina 20; Winnipeg 4 below; 18; Toronto 34, 35; Ottawa 27, 33; Montreal 31, 32; Quebec 31, 30; Saint John 40; Moncton 23, 37; Halifax 34, 42; Charlottetown 34, 37.

FORECASTS

MARITIME EAST AND WEST: Fresh winds; partly cloudy and slightly colder.

High tide this morning at 8.33 and tonight at 8.25.
Sun sets this afternoon at 5.16 and rises tomorrow morning at 8.28.
New moon December 15th, 11.34 A. M.
Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

DAILY AIR SERVICE — Summerside — Moncton
Leaves Charlottetown 7 A. M. 11.30 A. M.; 5.15 P. M.
Arrives Charlottetown 12.45 P. M. 5.45 P. M. 7.30 P. M.

SUNDAY SERVICE
Leaves Charlottetown 11.30 A. M. and 4 P. M.
Arrive Charlottetown 2 P. M. and 5.45 P. M.

CHARLOTTETOWN — NEW GLASGOW (Daily except Sunday)
Leave Charlottetown 1 P. M. Arrive Charlottetown 5.20 P. M.