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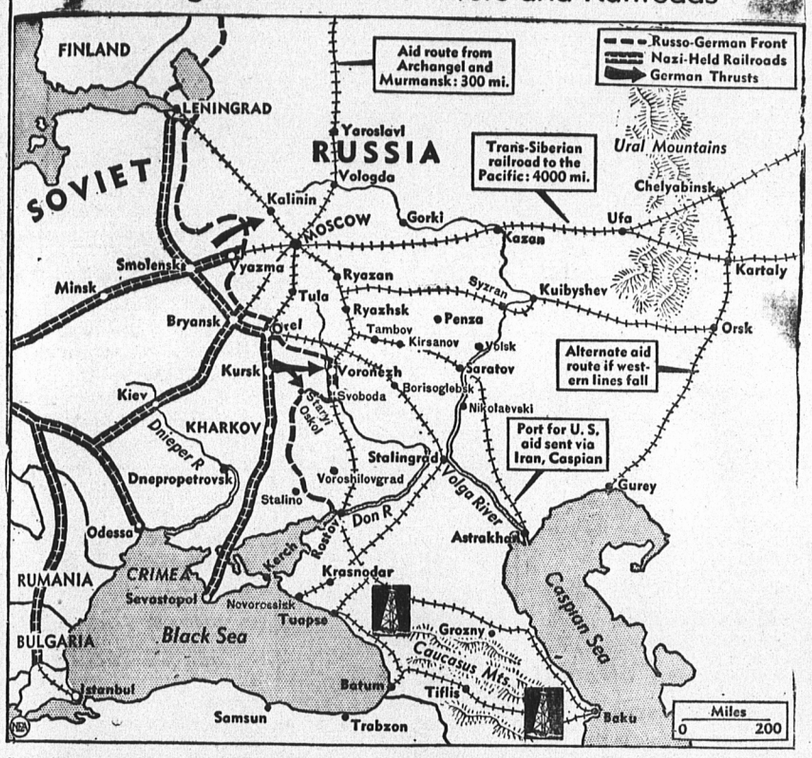
BRITISH FORCES MAKE SUDDEN SMASH AT AXIS

Col. Drew Letter Discussed In Commons

The Fight for Russia's Rivers and Railroads



Important sideshow in the battle for Russia's Caucasus oil is the German campaign against her railroads and rivers to the north. Map shows how Nazis, now controlling the Dnieper River and many key railroads, threaten the Don and Volga areas and the rail lines over which flow aid from Russia's allies.

War Situation Last Night

(By KIRKE L. SIMPSON, Associated Press War Analyst)

Diehard Red army defence of the citical Voronezh north anchor of the Don front and an indicated deflection eastward of the southern claw of the Nazi clutch on the Donets lightens slightly the sombre cast of Russian war news.

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There is an implication, at least that Marshal Timoshenko has managed to withdraw his battered armies on the east, southeast and south faces of the huge German attack bulge without a serious rupture of his lines. If that is true, the tremendous German thrust still is contained. Yawning Nazi encirclement traps have been avoided. The Russian army of the south still is a fighting entity although still in retreat.

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An unconfirmed report of a new Nazi thrust eastward from Taganrog to within six miles of Rostov suggests that a broad Russian withdrawal below the Don-Donets Basin also may be in progress. With the southern prong of the German main attack spearing down the Donets to Lisichansk and reported to have pressed on southeastward to Voroshilovgrad, a Russian retreat on the coastal flank to escape entrapment has seemed inevitable.

Whether it means Russian surrender of the whole great eastward bend of the Don or an attempted stand short of that is not yet clear.

Germans Push Ahead Towards Stalingrad

Menace is great on approaches to Caucasus, Russian Press warns.

(By EDDY GILMORE, Associated Press Staff Writer)

MOSCOW, July 16—(Thursday)—(AP)—Two German columns driving in separate sectors toward the steel city of Stalingrad have forced Russian troops to evacuate the town of Boguchar, on the Don River in the north, and Millerovo, on the Moscow-Rostov railway supply line and only 75 miles from Stalingrad, the Russian high command reported early today.

On the northern limits of the battlefront, Soviet troops fought off a renewed series of German attacks against Voronezh, the Wednesday midnight communique said. There were no material changes in other sectors on the long fighting line.

The official Russian press meanwhile warned that the "menace is great" on the approaches of the Caucasus.

Fighting in the Voronezh area is "developing with increased ferocity," the Russians said. "A number of fortified positions have changed hands several times."

Soviet troops counter-attacking after German thrusts in several sectors have forced Nazi tank and infantry units to withdraw with heavy losses.

Several German reserve divisions have been rushed eastward from France and Belgium, the communique said, to fill the gaps in the Russian front caused by tremendous Nazi casualties.

At Voronezh, where the Germans made their first great plunge southeastward nearly two weeks ago, 11th-hour counter-attacks on the south side of the city pushed the Germans back to where they crossed the Don, and on the north approaches the Russians stopped the upper arm of an encircling movement, then threw the

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Premier King Decides Not To Table Item

Discussion On Subject Rages More Than One Hour.

OTTAWA, July 15—(CP)—Prime Minister Mackenzie King told the House of Commons tonight that Lt.-Col. George Drew's letter to him criticizing the Hong Kong Commission report was a violation of the order of secrecy under which the inquiry was conducted, and would not be tabled in Parliament.

The Prime Minister read an opinion from George A. Campbell, K. C., Montreal, expressing the opinion that the letter violated the secrecy order which ruled the inquiry, and that tabling the letter would be a further violation.

Mr. Campbell was one of the commission counsel with Col. Drew, who is Ontario Conservative leader and who was nominated as counsel by Conservative House leader Hanson.

The Prime Minister's decision, which was announced at a time when it had been generally expected he would table the 32 page letter at the request of M. J. Coldwell, C.C.F. House leader, precipitated a discussion of more than an hour.

Mr. Hanson strongly criticized the decision and urged that at least, even if Mr. King would not table the letter, the Prime Minister remove censorship which prevented newspapers from publishing it.

He argued that the letter should be published and the people of Canada be permitted to make their own judgment. "Let the chips fall where they may," Mr. Hanson exclaimed.

The Conservative House leader said Col. Drew would welcome an opportunity to defend himself from any charge that the letter transgressed the rules of procedure before the commission.

He said he was advised that

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Capture Number Of Prisoners In Desert War

Ground Won Earlier From Rommel's Army Is Held Despite Enemy Counter - Attacks.

(By Edward Kennedy, Associated Press Staff Writer)

CAIRO, July 15— (AP)—British forces striking suddenly in the central sector of the El Alamein battleground captured an "appreciable" number of prisoners in a sharp offensive tonight while Australians on the central road were throwing back a strong attempt by Nazi Field Marshal Erwin Rommel to regain lost ground.

A considerable amount of British armor was known to have been massed in this central sector of the desert battleground some 80 miles west of Alexandria.

The British troops hit the Axis in the centre while Rommel was fiercely engaged on the coast road. There, too, he was repulsed and attacks in other sectors also were thrown back.

The R. A. F., was considerably active, fighter bombers and light bombers scoring many direct hits on tanks.

The pilot of one light bomber who destroyed an enemy tank said he saw it "turn inside out."

The new Nazi effort to retake the desert coastal ridge five miles west of Alamein began with a sundown attack by motorized infantry and tanks yesterday, wore on through the night and continued until it was beaten off this evening.

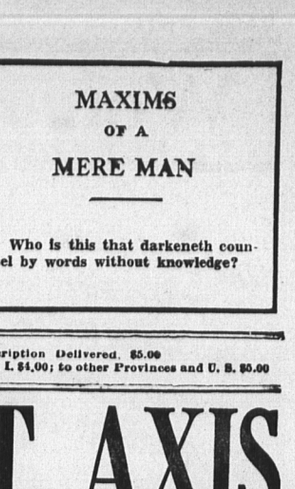
After being repulsed in a daylight attack Monday with considerable losses, Marshal Erwin Rommel apparently decided to try his luck on the night side, still trying to dislodge the allies from Tel El Eisa—the Hill of Jesus—which was taken by Australian troops last Friday in the first half of a 10-mile imperial advance west of El Alamein.

It was the third Axis attack so far on the heights.

The British defenders had the continued backing of the R. A. F. which has maintained mastery of the skies over the battlefront, and the fliers pounded at the enemy tank and motorized infantry columns in large-scale attacks.

In one swoop the R. A. F. destroyed all but one vehicle in a desert convoy of 15 armored cars and transports and one tank, besides taking toll of Axis aircraft.

The R. A. F. also attacked Tobruk in force, sowing fires that eventually blended into one great conflagration.



W. M. BIRKS

At the conclusion of a private dinner at which he was host to King Peter of Yugoslavia, W. M. Birks, chcairman of the Canadian Friends of Yugoslavia, was invested by His Majesty with the Order of Saint Sava, one of Yugoslavia's most ancient and honored decorations. Mr. Birks is one of Montreal's outstanding citizens.

Liquor Traffic Under Fire At Ottawa

OTTAWA, July 15—(CP)—M. J. Coldwell, C.C.F. House leader today named the Ontario government under Premier Mitchell Hepburn and "multi-millionaires controlling Canadian Distillers" as possible obstacles to federal action for curtailment of liquor consumption in Canada.

Speaking in the House of Commons Mr. Coldwell said the Ontario Premier's associations with the liquor business were "pretty well known all across this country."

He said the fortune of the heads of Canadian Distillers was founded "in a Regina junk yard" during the First Great War, and was "laid through one of the most pernicious bootlegging businesses this country has ever seen."

If any province stood in the way of taking the business out of such hands "that provincial government should be exposed and denounced."

The House was in committee of ways and means on budget resolutions when several members revived Monday's argument for federal action against the liquor traffic.

Mr. Coldwell said the whole traffic should be taken out of the hands of private interests and operated under strict government supervision from manufacture to sale.

Finance Minister Ilsley repeated statements he had made in earlier discussions, that this was a provincial government responsibility and the provinces should bear it.

He could not see that the government was justified in invading the provincial jurisdiction but promised to give consideration to a suggestion from some members that the federation administration sponsor a national temperance campaign.

Pleas for federal action to curtail the liquor traffic were made by Mrs. Cora Casselman (Lib. Edmonton East), Conservative House leader Hanson, John Diefenbaker (Con. Lake Centre), Thomas Reid (Lib. New Wesminster), Rev. Daniel McIvor (Lib. Fort William), Howard Green (Con. Vancouver South), J. W. Noseworthy (C.C.F., York South), and T. L. Church (Con. Toronto-Broadview).

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"The clear insinuation by Mr. Coldwell is that I am tied up with the liquor traffic. I never have had, nor have I now, any direct or indirect interest in any brewery, winery, distillery or hotel..."

JAILED FOR KNIFE ATTACK

HALIFAX, July 15 — (CP)—Frank King, a United States merchant seaman from North Carolina, today was sentenced to one year in city prison following the knife-wounding of city police constable Watts last June 25.

Fire Chiefs Elect Slate

KENTVILLE, N.S., July 15—(CP)—A. C. Neal of Amherst, N.S., was elected president of the Maritime Fire Chiefs Association at the concluding session of the association's 28th annual convention here today. Saint John, N.B., was chosen as the site of the 1943 convention.

Other officers elected were Karl Walker, Fredericton; W.J.S. Walsh, Campbellton, N.B.,; and Fred Burt, Reserve, N.S., vice-presidents; and Charles Cunningham, Saint John, N.B., secretary-treasurer.

At the concluding session today the association adopted a resolution recommending to federal authorities that more care be taken in the future to select suitable equipment for distribution to Air Rair Precautions organizations.

Coming Events

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**Talkies—Souris Monday. 7-15-3i.

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**Due to arrive car bulk feed wheat. Book now. McGuigan & Boyle. 7-8-11.

**Coming of Peg", St. Georges Players, Cardigan, July 20th. 7-15-2i.

**Dance in St. James Hall, Summerfield, Friday, July 17th, auspices C. W. L. 7-6-2i.

**Ice Cream, Dance, Donaldston School, Friday 17th. Drawing for Quilt. 7-16-1i.

**Festival and Dance at Union Road, July 22nd in aid of Red Cross. 7-15-16-21.

**Trucking hogs as usual for the summer months. List your hogs with A. C. Green, Albany and G. C. Green, Emerald. 5-6-7-11-W-T-M-tf

**Car Buck Wheat unloading Friday, July 17, Saturday, July 18, Monday, July 20. Same price list. Bring bags. Dilion & Spillett.

**Play to be held in Bonshaw Hall, Friday, July 17th, postponed until further notice. 7-16-1i.

**Unloading car No. 4 Northern wheat at Vernon Station, Thursday and Friday, July 16 and 17. Excellent quality, price right. Bring own bags. A. H. Mutch. 7-16-1i.

**Hogs—We want another car load of hogs this week end. Taking delivery any day or will supply trucking service on request. Highest market price paid regularly. Livestock Marketing Board. 7-16-1i.

200 Spitfires In Daring Raid

LONDON, July 15 — (CP)—Two hundred daring Spitfire fighters flying only a few feet above the ground shot up 200 miles of the French coast in a low-level attack today, blasting camps, gun posts and scattering German troops "all over the countryside."

A squadron of fighting French airmen played a leading role in the attack, the air ministry news service said tonight, sweeping over the cliffs at Fecamp to attack light anti-aircraft field artillery batteries, wireless stations, freight cars and troops.

The fighters sped to the attack when fine weather returned today and strong formations of planes roared over the channel.

Four offensive operations were reported, centring on the Etaples area, across the channel from England, and over Fecamp, St. Valerie-en-Caux, and Dieppe.

The news service said gas works at St. Valerie en-Caux were "set alight."

In another operation, a 500-ton coaster towing a target for German anti-aircraft batteries was sunk by Spitfires off the Dutch coast, the ministry added.

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Income Tax Changed For Married Women

OTTAWA, July 15—(CP) —Finance Minister Ilsley today gave the House of Commons his first change in the budget income tax amendments—one designed to keep married women from quitting employment, and indicated there would be others.

When the House, in committee, reached the income tax amendments the Minister announced that a wife receiving earned income in excess of $660 a year may be treated as a "single" taxpayer while the husband may be treated as a married taxpayer for income tax purposes.

This action was being taken, the Minister said, because of the fact that "a substantial number of women are proposing to leave employment because it will pay them to do so as a result of these income tax schedules."

He said it would mean a considerable cost to the treasury, "but I am afraid we will have to do it in order to prevent this exodus from employment."

R.A.F. Ferry Crew Killed

MONTREAL, July 15 — (CP) — Four crew members of a Royal Air Force ferry command Hudson bomber were killed today when their plane, on a training flight, crashed into a swamp and burned between Ste. Genevieve and Cartierville, near Montreal. Names of the crewmen have not been released by air force officials.

Cause of the crash, second ferry command aircraft in two days has not been determined. Yesterday a plane of similar type crashed at nearby Lachine and four airmen were injured.

Damage In N. S. Thunderstorms

HALIFAX, July 15—(CP)—Severe thunderstorms charted an erratic course over Nova Scotia last night, leaving in their wake minor property damage in various districts and causing two deaths in the Halifax area. Numerous dwellings and other buildings were struck on Cape Breton Island and inter-town tram services were disrupted.

L.Bdr. Donald Young, California-born member of the Canadian army, was killed by a bolt which ripped into a school building at Ketch Harbor, near the mouth of Halifax harbor. A dance was being held in the school and several others were knocked unconscious by the bolt.

At Sambro, a few miles from Ketch Harbor, Ernest Grey, a fisherman, was killed by another of the thousands of flashes which kept the area under an eerie glare for hours.

Second Front Agitation Is At High Pitch

(By Drew Middleton, Associated Press Staff Writer)

LONDON, July 15—(AP)—Advocates of a second land front in Europe to help Russia pressed firmly tonight for quick action while British sources reported definite, favorable progress in the battle against Nazi submarines which looms as an important factor in all second front considerations.

Qualified London sources who declined to permit use of their names said Russia is pleading again through her envoy, Ivan Maisky, for prompt help by a British-American expedition to Europe to take some of the tremendous Nazi pressure off the Red army.

The Russians in Moscow indirectly presented a case for a second front with official reports that the Nazis, suffering huge losses in the battles in southern Russia, had in the last few days hurriedly transferred several divisions from France to the Russian front.

One argument advanced by second fronters here is that if the Germans can set the stage with victories in southern Russia, the Japanese might attack in Siberia.

But with all the talk of a second front, military sources here envisioned such an effort as a permanent, well-considered attempt requiring exhaustive preparation and not just a hit-run affair.

"All preparations for opening a second front are under way and the objective is a front which will be permanent, not only a large hit and run raid," one informant said. "The type of operation now being done by the Commandos will be part of any major invasion scheme."

Meanwhile, William C. Bullitt, special assistant to United States Navy Secretary Frank Knox, arrived in London today. It was understood he would talk with Admiralty shipping officials on the best means of fighting submarines.

WOMAN TAXI DRIVER

TRURO, N.S., July 15—(CP)—Wartime taxi driverettes have a long way to go to equal the record of Mrs. Theresa Currie of Truro who today completed 25 years of service as a taxi driver. She has piled up a total of 830,000 miles of chauffering since 1917, when she slid behind the wheel of the first automobile introduced into the cab business here by her late husband, Waldo Currie, cab and livery stable operator.

Asks Gifts Be Cut To Reduce Shipping Space

LONDON, July 16—(Thursday) —(CP)—In a letter to President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill asked today that the flow of individual gifts and supplies from the United States to Britain be diminished to save shipping space for war materials.

To this end the foreign office announced that hereafter cargo space would be allocated only to direct consignments through the American Red Cross to the British Red Cross and women's voluntary services, and through the British war relief society to the personal service league.

Organizations wishing to make a request to the United States for some specified gift to meet a special need may apply to the American gifts committee for authorization of the shipping space required.

The abrupt halt of what Churchill called "the brotherly flow of materials" to individuals and unauthorized groups represents another notch in the tightening of the British belt.

It will not necessarily mean hardship, however, since the principal effect will be on shipments of luxuries and non-essential supplies which formerly supplemented the food and clothing rations of many of the British people.

For some time it has been illegal for individual unauthorized groups to request supply shipments from the United States, but many individuals and numerous Americans living in Britain have been receiving packages of tobacco, clothing and delicacies which are unobtainable in the United Kingdom.

Progress In Boosting Sheep Numbers 100,000

OTTAWA, July 15—(CP)—Definite progress in the campaign launched throughout Canada last April to increase the number of sheep in Canada by 100,000 was reported by provincial deputy ministers of agriculture at a meeting held today following the conclusion of a Dominion-Provincial butter conference.

CHAMPION BLOOD DONOR

BARROW-IN-FURNESS, England — (CP) — Albert Anson, 46-year-old pipe fitter, claims to be world champion blood donor. He has given 52 1-2 pints of blood in transfusions in various parts of the country.

High tide this afternoon at 12.38 and tonight at 12.19.

Sun sets this evening at 7.44 and rises tomorrow morning at 4.28.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

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