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yield.

NAZI GARRISON AT KHERSON WIPED OUT

Russia, Badoglio Gov't Exchanging Ambassadors

Move Comes As Surprise To The United States;
Several Questions Are Posed.

Discuss Tunnel Correspondence In Commons

OTTAWA, March 13 (CP)—Prime Minister Mackenzie King said today in the Commons that to provide the documents sought in a return by F. C. Black (PC—Cumberland) would require going through correspondence back to 1973 and it would take "a good part of a year to prepare."

Mr. Black asked for copies of correspondence between the Dominion Government and the Italian Government since confederation on the project for construction of a tunnel or causeway from Cape Tormentine, N. B. to the Island.

Mr. King said that almost every year someone had "felt it his duty to urge the construction of this tunnel."

Mr. Black replied that only the correspondence between the governments was desired, and he dealt with only one subject.

"True it has been lengthy," he continued. "But the people on the mainland of Prince Edward Island have been waiting for the solution of this problem for a long time. It was one of the conditions of confederation."

He suggested the motion be allowed to stand and if Cabinet members felt the correspondence and information too voluminous and not of special interest at present, it was one of the conditions of confederation.

The motion was stood over.

Invasion Coast Bombed Again

LONDON, March 13 (AP)—United States heavy and medium bombers and R. A. F. Mosquitoes returned today to German forward positions in northern France, target of an estimated 500 sorties in the last three months—as the Corps now change to medium and perhaps decisive, period of the air war approached with the waning moon.

Within the Germans failed to send up a single fighter to defend this sector, closest to Britain, where the enemy is known to have troops and anti-invasion weapons.

However, two of the small force of heavy bombers which crossed the English Channel in the afternoon failed to return. Victims either of anti-aircraft fire or mechanical failures.

Warehouse Burned At Campbellton

CAMPBELLTON, N. B., March 13 (CP)—An old electric power station building, used in recent years as a warehouse and repair shop, was destroyed by fire of unknown origin early today.

The loss, including supplies and equipment, was estimated at \$25,000. Campbellton's fire alarm system was destroyed, and a R. P. siren may be used until a new system is installed.

Wage Control Order Revised

OTTAWA, March 13 (CP)—Amendments to the wage control order widening authority to war related activities, were introduced today in the Commons by Mr. King.

Main points of the revision are:—

1. Modification of a section relating to increase in ability of the employer to pay without causing price increases.
2. Removal of a provision for enlargement of the National War Labor Board from three to eight members.
3. Restriction of the right of the board to make recommendations on war related decisions by requiring that opportunity be given interested parties to make representations before the board.
4. Elimination of a section giving war labor boards authority to reduce wages.
5. Revoking of provisions placing the onus of proof of compliance on an employer or employee charged with an offence under the order.
6. Reduction of penalty clauses applying to persons found guilty of offences under the order.

70,000 British Coal Miners Are Still On Strike

LONDON, March 13 (CP)—Only 30,000 of Britain's striking coal miners returned to work today while 70,000 others ignored the appeals of the government and their own Union leaders alike as the strike went into its second week.

In Wales dozens of the biggest pits in the country—some of them almost in sight of camps where Allied troops are training for the invasion—remained idle in the dispute which is costing the country at least 300,000 tons of coal a week.

Outside of appeals in the name of patriotism for the men to return to their jobs, the government gave no indication whether it planned a firmer step.

Ferry Made Freight Crossing Yesterday

Ice conditions improved somewhat in Northumberland Strait yesterday and a freight trip was made during the afternoon. Last night the ferry took on coal at cornentine and did not leave the mainland with passengers until 12.13 this morning. More than two hours after the ship sailed railway officials here said the boat was "half way over."

The boat took just over an hour and a half to make the crossing to the mainland yesterday morning.

Yesterday Capt. John McGuire, master of the ship said the ice was far heavier than on other nights. "It is the worst I have seen in 10 or 12 spring breakups," he continued. He denied a rumor that the ferry was leaving badly as a result of damage to her bottom from a rock at one of the piers earlier this winter.

Heavy Raids On Germany Expected To Begin Again

LONDON, March 13 (CP)—The Frankfurt radio warned tonight that raiding planes were over Germany, an indication that British night bombers might be seeking targets over the Reich.

Bright moonlight of recent nights has limited the R. A. F. to low level precision bombing by relatively small formations but within a few more nights the moon which has favored the Germans from saturation night assaults will be gone.

Meanwhile it was learned that the U. S. air force has given top priority to the goal of wiping out the Nazi air force, with the American strategic air force beginning a deliberate campaign last week to engage the German fighters as much as possible, and knock them down.

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Lottery Racket Probed By F. B. I.

BOSTON, March 13 (AP)—Sixteen Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts men, named in secret indictments returned last Friday by the federal grand jury, were arrested today by Federal Bureau of Investigation agents on charges of conspiracy to transport lottery tickets interstate in connection with what federal authorities described as a tri-state lottery with an alleged gross annual "take" of more than \$1,000,000.

The indictments charged that the men operated the crystal lottery with daily prizes ranging from 50 cents up to \$1,000, based on the U. S. Treasury balance.

E. A. Soucy, head of the Boston F. B. I. office, said that the indictments were based on the U. S. Treasury balance.

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War Situation Last Night

By Kirke L. Simpson, Associated Press War Analyst

The battle of the southern Ukraine, all but unrivaled in history for the size of the opposing forces engaged and the vast terrain over which it has been fought, is virtually at an end in a crushing Russian victory.

Kherzon at the Dnieper mouth has fallen. The Bug River line last potential water-guarded front in southwestern Russia for the defeated Nazi invaders, is outflanked at one end and punctured in the centre. There is no other front of the wide Dnieper that marks the old Russian-Bessarabian border behind which the foe can hope to rally.

A German flight into Rumania proper is on. It must force the issue of not only Rumanian but Bulgarian continued adherence to the toppling Axis, and possibly lead to Turkish active co-operation with the Allied-Russian war fellowship.

Moscow advices say panic conditions prevail in Nazi ranks in some sectors, and the speed with which the Kherzon bastion was wrested from Nazi hands lends credence to such reports. There can be no doubt that its fall adds to the already desperate situation of anywhere up to 500,000 Nazi troops in the southwestern Ukraine, particularly those still east of the Bug.

Kherzon and Nikolayev were essential protective bastions for Odessa, main Russian Black Sea port. With Kherzon in Russian hands, Nikolayev is too vulnerable to expect it can long be held by the Germans to prevent the Russians from closing in on Odessa.

It appears more probable that Nazi evacuation of Odessa will be reported soon. With the Kherzon-Nikolayev protective barriers lost it could become a Nazi graveyard.

Reds Turn Down Counter Peace Proposals By Finns

Dramatic Developments Within Next Few Days
Hinted At By Helsinki Newsmen.

Assessment By-Laws Given Third Reading

STOCKHOLM, March 13 (AP)—Russia was understood tonight to have informed Finland the Soviet Union is unable to accept Finnish counter-Armistice proposals in their present form.

A heavily censored message from Edwin Shanke, Associated Press Correspondent in Helsinki, hinted at "dramatic developments" within the next few days and suggested that the Finnish government must make a decision quickly—possibly at a meeting of the Finnish cabinet today—or face severe consequences.

The exact nature of the reply Moscow made yesterday to the Finnish counter proposals is unknown but it was strongly indicated that Russia stood to all purposes on its original principal demands that Finland intern German troops in the country, withdraw to her 1939 borders and repatriate Russian prisoners.

Russia's reply was believed to have offered Finland one last chance to quit the war on conditions substantially the same as those tendered the Finns a few days ago.

The crisis was described in informal quarters here as "getting touchy" for Finland.

Neither government, however, was believed to have closed the door to eventual agreement.

To Speed Training Of Medical Doctors

OTTAWA, March 13 (CP)—Canada's nine medical universities, which in peace-time graduated an average of 400 students annually, are expected to provide an average of 740 graduates annually as a result of a move to compress a three-year curriculum into two. It was revealed today.

A national health survey report on the Canadian Medical Procurement and Assignment Board, tabled in the Commons by Defence Minister Ralston, showed that 891 medical students graduated in 1943 and that 542 were expected to graduate this year.

The Board found that the teaching staffs of the medical universities were depleted by enlistments in the armed forces and recommended that "satisfactory replacements should be found before any further withdrawals from the teaching staffs are made."

NEW YORK, March 13 (CP)—An American News Magazine has adopted Capt. Perry Cadogan of Glace Bay, N. S., as the flesh-and-blood "Old Bill" of this war.

The current edition of the magazine, Newsweek, pictures Capt. Cadogan in his cover over the caption "Old Bill turns up on the Italian front." The officer's full-flowing whiskers and tin hat says Newsweek, make him the counterpart of the cartoon character created in the first Great War by Bruce Bairnfather, British cartoonist.

Capt. Cadogan is a member of the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals.

Hull Makes Reply To Appeal By Pope

WASHINGTON, March 13 (AP)—The United States served notice tonight that if Rome becomes a battleground and treasure reifies of Christianity there are destroyed the blame will be upon the Germans.

State Secretary Cordell Hull declared that German soldiers have entrenched themselves in Italian shrines and monuments and that Allied military authorities "are dealing primarily with considerations of military necessity."

This statement was in response to Pope Pius XII's appeal Sunday that Allied and German leaders spare Nazi-occupied Rome so that they may be remembered in benediction and not malediction.

Hull made no promise to spare Rome, although he stressed the desire of Allied authorities to avoid destruction of holy and historic places, and human lives, "to the extent humanly possible."

"The Secretary of State was questioned about the Pope's appeal at a press conference, and issued a formal answer to the queries later in the day."

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Mrs. Roosevelt Visits Trinidad

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, March 13 (CP Cable)—Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, the globe-trotting wife of the United States President, has turned up in Trinidad to visit the American troops who have been guarding this hemisphere defence outpost for more than three years.

Returns For Course

Signal S. G. George M. Burnett, who has been over here for over four years, returned yesterday for the United States Cadet Course in Infantry, having been recommended to a Commission.

A patrol from a French-speaking unit (the Royal 22nd of Quebec) crossed a deep gully (fringing its main position east of Tollo, four miles inland from the Adriatic Sea, and occupied a cluster of houses on a road leading from the coast. The Germans pulled up on the road and the patrol suffered no casualties.

The patrols probed the lines at both ends of the corps front and at least one German was killed. Canadian casualties were light.

Travel Ban Would Affect Many In Ire, No. Ireland

DUBLIN, March 13 (CP)—Considerable anxiety was expressed here today over the possibility that the British-Irish travel ban might be extended to movements between the British Isles and the continent.

While travel across the Irish sea involves about 300,000 trips a year, some persons had looked the view of a ban on travel between the British Isles and the continent.

"Any interference with this free flow of traffic would create very considerable problems for business concerns and transport companies," a Dublin resident commented. "War conditions have created a tremendous development of tourist travel between the north and south. At the moment the British Isles are completely booked by northern people planning to spend the St. Patrick's holiday weekend here."

Closing of the Eire-Ulster border would create little further surprise, but some persons had looked the view of a ban on travel between the British Isles and the continent.

"The tragedy of the whole thing," a Dublin official said, "is that it had to happen just when we felt pro-British for the first time in our history and were forgetting all the bad times of the trouble and the black years of Elizabeth Cromwell and William III."

28 Air Training Schools To Close

OTTAWA, March 13 (CP)—Air Marshal Percival Fawcett tabled today in the Commons a list of 28 air training schools to be closed in the period between March 15 and the end of the year.

The list includes the Aircrew Graduate Training School at Quebec, 11 Service Flying Training Schools, one Operational Training Unit, Three Initial Training Schools, eight Elementary Flying Training Schools, an Air Observer School, one Bombing and Gunnery School, and the Wireless School at Guelph which occupies part of the Ontario Agricultural College building.

Answering a question from Walter Tucker (L—Northern) Maj. Fawcett said the recent air conference between the Canadian and British air authorities was held at the request of the British Air Ministry. Production of aircrew during the next year would not be curtailed because of the closing of schools.

The schools to be closed and dates of disbandment include the following:—

- No. 34 Operational Training Unit, Fenfield Ridge, N. B. May 18.
- Elementary Flying Training School, No. 4, Windsor Mills, Quebec, Aug. 26.

King Explains Canada's Part In Eire Affair

OTTAWA, March 13 (CP)—The Canadian Government declined to intervene in the exchange between the United States and Eire Government over Axis legations in Ireland, Prime Minister Mackenzie King said today in the Commons.

He added that in informal conversations he had informed the Irish Government that the Canadian Government was "in full sympathy with the object of the approach made by the United States government."

The closing of the legations in order to prevent transmission of information to the enemy.

While this was the Canadian reaction to informal suggestions that Canada might obtain the withdrawal of the United States note, Mr. King said he believed discussions through Hon. J. K. Kearney, Canadian High Commissioner in Dublin, and Hon. J. J. Heenan, Eire High Commissioner in Canada, "were of some help at the time in steadying a difficult situation."

Answering a question from Gordon Graydon, Progressive Conservative House Leader, Mr. King said there were no written communications and hence no documents to be tabled.

BUILDING GETS LIFT

BATHURST, Gambia (CP)—It has been found that good bricks can be made from West African clay and the public works department of this territory anticipates considerable interest in building to result.

Reds Capture Big Black Sea Base

LONDON, March 13 (AP)—Gen. Rodion Y. Malinovsky's Stalingrad veterans wiped out a panicking German garrison at Kherzon today, capturing that big Axis Black Sea base at the mouth of the Dnieper River and boosting the toll of German dead and captured to 73,000 in 10 days, Moscow announced tonight.

Striking with crushing speed 23 miles down the west bank of the Dnieper River, the 3rd Ukraine Army chased the Germans, "who fled in panic" into Kherzon. Then breaking into the strategic city "on the heels of the retreating Germans" the Soviet soldiers quickly slaughtered those who sought to make a stand, said a communique recorded by the Soviet radio monitor.

Far to the northwest in pre-war Poland a new Russian thrust southeast of Tarnopol found Red Army troops reaching a point about 50 miles from the Rumanian frontier and about 100 miles from the eastern tip of the old Czechoslovakian border. Not yet able to take Tarnopol frontally the Russians appeared to be resorting to their favorite device of speeding around their goal.

The capture of Kherzon, taken by the Germans in the fall of 1941, opened the way for coordinated Red Army drives on the next big Black Sea objectives, the ports of Nikolayev, 35 miles north west of Kherzon, and Odessa, 96 miles west of Kherzon.

Other Russian units already are within 30 miles of Nikolayev on the north, moving down both sides of the Inguil River. Odessa, the ultimate major prize, lies on the coast through which the Germans must retreat along the Black Sea coast into Rumania over inferior rail routes unless they can stop the Soviet juggernaut.

Malinovsky's troops were said to have killed or captured 22,500 German soldiers between March 6 and 12. Thus, in little more than a week, three Russian armies have slain 65,000 Germans and captured nearly 9,000 on the basis of Moscow announcements.

Lively Patrol Activity On Canadian Front Reported

(By Douglas Amaron)
(Canadian Press War Correspondent)

WITH THE CANADIANS IN ITALY, March 13 (CP Cable)—Lively patrol activity resumed today on the Canadian corps section of the British 8th Army front as another sudden change in the weather brought sunshine instead of squalls.

A patrol from a French-speaking unit (the Royal 22nd of Quebec) crossed a deep gully (fringing its main position east of Tollo, four miles inland from the Adriatic Sea, and occupied a cluster of houses on a road leading from the coast. The Germans pulled up on the road and the patrol suffered no casualties.

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Col. Ralston Confirms Plan Re Doctors

OTTAWA, March 13 (CP)—Defence Minister Ralston described today in the Commons a plan to provide a limited number of service doctors to civilian communities whose needs were urgent.

He was replying to a question from Dr. H. A. Bruce (PC—Toronto Parkdale) who, at a previous session, had asked about a report circulating on this subject.

The servicemen would remain, their pay and allowances would be provided by the provinces in an arrangement with their places would be taken in the armed forces by younger doctors, previously rejected on medical grounds. Col. Ralston said the officers used for this purpose would be of "the older and more experienced" type.

He emphasized that before appointments were made the necessary arrangements would be established as "really urgent."

He said the plan could not be made final until arrangements are concluded with the provinces.

Mud Has Ground Fighting In Italy At Standstill

NAPLES, March 13 (CP)—Ground operations in Italy have come to an almost complete standstill with both sides so deeply mired in clinging Italian mud that only the opposing artillery is able to maintain the battle.

Allied artillery put in a heavy day Sunday shelling German troop concentrations and gun positions in the area.

At the beachhead, considerably increasing its volume of fire, but otherwise action was limited strictly to the aerial campaign against the Field Marshal Albert Kesselring's supply lines.

British bombardiers hit two German supply dumps off the Spanish Coast, beaching one and leaving the other in sinking condition, an announcement said.

A German broadcast claimed this attack was "a violation of international law" and identified the unken vessel as the 3,700-ton German auxiliary ship Kirtel. It said 10 of the crew were killed and 15 wounded.

Charges Election Steal Shaping

WASHINGTON, March 13 (AP)—Senator Joseph Guffey (Dem Pa.) broke into the Senate's row over service vote legislation today with a charge that a pending "states rights" compromise would disfranchise 100,000 United States servicemen and perpetrate "the greatest organized election steal since 1876."

THE WAY OF THE TRANSGRESSOR MAY BE HARD BUT IT'S NEVER LONESOME!



High tide this afternoon at 2:30 and tomorrow morning at 3:10. Sun sets this evening at 7:04 and rises tomorrow morning at 7:14. Last quarter moon March 17, 5:05 P. M.

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