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BIG OFFENSIVE IN SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

Issue 3rd Compulsory Employment Order Transfer

Will Move Thousands Of Men To New Jobs

Order Becomes Effective On July 15.

OTTAWA, July 1 — (CP) — Labor Minister Mitchell tonight announced issuance of the third compulsory employment transfer order which will make thousands of men - -including many in wholesale establishments - - available for more essential work after July 15.

The order, like its two predecessors, applies to men in age groups subject to call for compulsory military service and, in line with the Minister's recent announcement in the House of Commons, to youths of 16, 17 and 18 years of age.

Subject to compulsory transfer to more esential work by National Selective Service under the third transfer order are men in these age groups in:—

1. Any wholesale activity except the wholesaling of the following commodities: farm products other than tobacco; food products; lumber and building materials; plumbing, heating and ventilating supplies; electrical equipment for industrial use; machinery and equipment; gasoline, oils and greases; fuel and ice; farm supplies; metals, minerals and chemicals; paper and its products; books, newspapers, magazines and sheet music; watches clocks and timing instruments; leather and leather goods; scrap metal, junk and waste.

2. Raising of special livestock like race horses, and dogs, cats and other pets.

3. Flower growing.

4. Horticultural services, except tree surgery.

5. Leather currying, finishing, embossing and japanning.

6. Brewing.

7. Manufacturing in any of the following lines: fur goods; robes and dressing gowns; neckties and scarves; curtains and draperies; metal household furniture; household furniture of other kinds except mattresses and bedsprings; metal office furniture; rattan and willowware; cigar boxes and fancy boxes of wood; mirror and picture frames; perfumes, cosmetics and other toilet preparations; and hand bags and small leather goods.

The age groups subject to military call-up - - and hence subject to the transfer order along with youths of 16, 17 and 18, are set forth by the minister as:—

"Every man who was born in any year from 1917 to 1924 and who has reached age 19, regardless of whether married or single; and to every man born from 1902 to 1916 who on July 15, 1940, was unmarried, divorced or judicially separated, or was then a widower without children, even if such a man has since married; and it also refers to a man who has become a widower since July 15, 1940, and has no children now living; as well as to men who since that date have been divorced or judicially separated."

Warn U. S. Cities May Be Bombed

WASHINGTON, July 1 —(AP)—The public was warned today that the Axis may bomb United States cities this summer in an effort to cripple forthcoming allied offensives by creating a public clamor for withdrawal of air strength from the battle zones to the home front.

The warning came from a highly-placed source asking not to be identified by name. "The war is approaching a vigorous summer, and anything can happen," he said.

Observers believed the warning carried the clear implication that if such air attacks occur, military leaders expect the country to "take it" in the realization that major air strength is committed to offensive operations overseas, and any change in that strategy could only prolong the war with a resultant waste of the lives of soldiers and sailors.

Applications Of Mar. Electric Co. Granted

An application of the Maritime Electric Company for the supply and sale of electric service to the territories heretofore served by the North Tryon Electric Company, was granted by the Public Utilities Board at a meeting held in McGuigan and Trainor's law office on Wednesday.

An application for the erection of a pole-line highway from Charlottetown to North Tryon via Bonshaw, and the servicing of the route, was also granted. Briefs on behalf of both applications were presented by Mr. V. A Ainsworth, divisional superintendant for the Company. There were no contra representations.

Dr. I. J. Yeo, chairman of the Board, presided. Commissioners Thos. Johnstone, Summerside, and J. J. Condon Georgetown, also sat on the hearing. Mr. Condon acted as secretary.

Mr. Ainsworth told the Board that electric line construction was held up by difficulty in obtaining metal. Pole erection along the highway will not begin pending a permit to be received by the company from the metals controller, said Mr. Ainsworth. Meanwhile, the Maritime Electric Company will proceed with a land survey of the territories to be used for pole placing.

EYES ACROSS THE CHANNEL

DOVER, Engl — (CP) —Seven young girls in a canteen amuse themselves by telling the time from a clock in the centre of Calais across the Channel. On clear days they can plainly see the French coast and taller buildings, and with glasses can see the hour and minute hands on a clock tower in the town itself.

COMING EVENTS

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**Horse Races at Riverside Track, Vernon, on July 21st. 7-2-6i.

**Dance French River Hall Friday July 2. 7-2-1i

**Dance in Morell Hall Friday, July 2nd. Clifford Peters Orchestra.

**Rummage Sale, Trinity Social Hall, Saturday, July 3rd, 6.00 P. M. 7-2-2i

**Reserve July 3rd for Bean Supper, Legion Hall, Mt. Stewart, in aid of Greek Fund. 7-2-1i

**Murray Harbor Shipping Club Loading hogs, Monday afternoon, July 5th. D. Ray Brooks, Sec'y. 7-2-1i

**Concert and dance at Wiltshire Hall, Friday, July 2nd. Proceeds for P.E.I.H. overseas fund. Sponsored by Reserve Army. 6-30-2i

**All Summerside ladies over sixteen are cordially invited to attend a Rinso Social, sponsored by Lever Brothers, to be held in the St. Mary's Hall, Friday, July 2nd at 8 o'clock and from Monday July 5th to Friday, July 9th at 2.30 and 8.00 P. M. Admission is absolutely free nd the program lasts about 45 inutes after which refreshments 'll be served.

N. S. Seed For Bermuda

HAMILTON, Bermuda, July 1 — (CP Cable) — A new market for Canada's seed potatoes was seen here today when it was announced by Sir Howard Trott, chairman of the Bermuda Agriculture Board, that E. A. McCallum would leave shortly for Nova Scotia to arrange a contract for that Maritime Province to supply seed potatoes for this British colony.

GESTAPO IN LAWS

LONDON — (CP) — A husband giving evidence in court gave a new name to oft-maligned mothers-in law when he told the judge "I am standing for no Gestapo-in-laws in my house.

Airman Killed At Ch'Town

A member of the R.A.F. was killed Wednesday when he was struck by the whirling propeller of an aircraft at the R.A.F. station in Charlottetown, the Eastern Air Command at Halifax announced last night

The airman walked into the path of the plane while it was taxiing, the announcement said.

Name of the victim, who came from the United Kingdom, was not announced pending notification of his next-to-kin.

Churchill In Statement On Giraud Status

By Lynn Heinzerling
Associated Press Staff Writer

LONDON, July 1 — (AP) — Prime Minister Churchill disclosed in the House of Commons today that the British and the United States Governments had asked the De Gaulle - Giraud National Committee of Liberation on June 19 that Gen. Henri Giraud be retained "on military grounds" as commander of French armed forces in North Africa for the present.

A request for assurances "that there should be no important change in the French command in North Africa at the present time," was made to the Committee, he said on behalf of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Allied Commander-in-Chief.

The representation "was made on military grounds and implied no decision to invest Gen. Eisenhower with full control over the political organization in North Africa," the Prime Minister said in response to a question by Emanuel Shinwell, Labor.

Mr. Churchill's unequivocal words came amid the stormy reaction of the press and some political circles here to what was described by some newspapers as slighting treatment of Gen. Charles De Gaulle, Fighting French Leader.

Following so closely on Mr. Churchills statement yesterday that heavy fighting would occur before fall in the Mediterranean, the statement was seen as along the line of last Sunday's analysis by Kirke Simpson, Associated Press Staff Writer in Washington, of the view that the De Gaulle - Giraud differences would not be permitted to threaten the success of any Allied military operations in the Mediterranean area.

North African dispatches reported on June 22 that the French Committee had decided that Giraud and De Gaulle each would retain command of his own forces. In other words, Giraud retained his post in line with the British — American request on June 19.

Mr. Churchill said this request was made "in view of the prolonged discussions between the French leaders in Algiers on questions involving the character and control of the French armed forces and the serious effect which this might have on the furtherance of the war effort and the safety of the Allied forces."

The Prime Minister, deprecating "any undue attention to the personality of the new French organization," said:—

"The committee is working on the basis of collective responsibility and it is our hope that all its members will merge their personal and individual interests for the common good of France.

"The British Government have consistently encouraged the union of Frenchmen in the fight against the Axis and for the liberation of France."

War Situation Last Night

By Glenn Babb, Associated Press War Analyst

The Allied offensive in the southwest Pacific now extends over an arc of nearly 800 miles but a dispatch from Gen. MacArthur's headquarters says it is "only a small beginning" of the great strategic plan yet to be unfolded. Most of the evidence supports this estimate.

The initial thrusts, into the new Georgia group in the Central Solomons and along the northeastern coast of New Guinea, apparently are the two prongs of a pincers directed toward Rabaul, on New Britain, the main base set up by the Japanese in their Island conquests above Australia. But Rabaul may be only an intermediate objective, although its reduction would be a major military accomplishment.

To the north lies Truk in the midst of Japan's powerful outposts in the mandated Islands just above the equator. To the northwest lies most of the rich Island Empire Japan seized from the United States, Britain and Holland in the first six months of the Pacific war. If the drive from the Pacific were co-ordinated with an eastward thrust from the Indian Ocean that whole region of conquest might be sliced off from the rest of Japan's holdings. It is not unreasonable to assume that some such enterprise was discussed at the Washington war council in May.

The initial advances by the Allied forces largely American, under the overall command of Gen. MacArthur, were against the Islands nearest territory already in Allied hands. Beyond Guadalcanal and the Russell Islands, into which the Americans had moved in recent months, the closest Japanese territory was the New Georgia group. The move into Woodlark and the Trobriand Islands was an easy, unopposed step from nearby New Guinea shores. At first glance, therefore, it would appear this was in the Island-hopping pattern.

But the United States is definitely committed against such tactics.

Hence it is logical to assume that these first Island landings are merely in the phase of clearing the brush away before the real assault begins .

German Writer Has Plan For Invasion

Was Officer In German Army In First Great War; Now Publishes Book In Canada.

TORONTO, July 1 — (CP) — Just one day in advance for the newest Axis guess for "invasion day" a former German Army officer publishes in Canada the first clear-cut plan for an Allied invasion of Europe. The author is L. V. Randall of Montreal, an almost unknown essayist who came to Canada six years ago.

The invasion blueprint is no wishful-thinking guide to an easy victory. It is a cold assessment of the high cost of a vital task. Its primary aim, the author says, is "to show how foolish it is to speak lightly of an invasion or think that it can be started just any day."

Five - Front Plan

The plan outlined - - after a half-book-length military estimate of the situation - - is a five front campaign starting in the Mediterranean and taking three weeks to reach its peak, a smashing drive at France from England. Its key strategy is to win bridgeheads on Europe's west or northwest coast for the launching of strong attacks coordinated with hammer blows on the eastern front.

Five years in the German Army, Mr. Randall finished the First Great War as commander of a Bavarian infantry battallion - - in which Hitler was a corporal he "doesn't remember." Because he saw the inescapability of developments, he left Germany in 1931 and lived for six years in Switzerland, travelling extensively in Europe as banker and industrialist before coming to America.

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Fire Damages Coal Mine

GLACE BAY, N. S., July 1 —(CP) — Fire early today damaged the bankhead of Dominion Coal Company's No. 4 Colliery here - - oldest operating coal mine in North America - - but company officials said later they expected the pit would be back into operation tomorrow.

No one was injured in the fire. The colliery was idle for the Dominion Day holiday as the flames, breaking out near the top of the towering bankhead, melted one of the thick hoisting cables to send a cadge crashing to the bottom of the 400-foot shaft.

The No. 4 colliery - - known also as Caledonia - - has been in continuous operation for 74 years. It is one of the most consistent operators in the Glace Bay field and had not had a major accident since 1889.

AT A GLANCE

(By The Canadian Press)

WESTERN FRONT — British fighter command planes damage three German freighters and four minesweepers in attack on convoy off Hook of Holland, British naval observers expressed belief Germans losing one submarine for every Allied freighter sunk.

MEDITERRANEAN — American heavy bombers smash anew at main Sicilian port of Palermo in wake of heavy British assault on ferry terminus of Messina.

NORTH AFRICA— Giraud asked to remain as commander of French forces in North Africa, Churchill announces in London.

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC — U. S. sea and air forces smash back first Jap counterattack, downing at least 65 planes while troops ashore on New Georgia Island capture Viru Harbor, 30 miles from Munda air base.

RUSSIA — Red troops capture height of "great strategic importance" on front northwest of Moscow and hold it against 3 Nazi counter-attacks.

Capt. Kelly Awarded Lloyds Medal For Bravery At Sea

HALIFAX, July 1—Lloyds Medal for Bravery at Sea was today presented to Captain P. A. Kelly, M.B.E. of the Canadian National Steamship, Halifax by W.G Miller local manager on behalf of R.B. Teakle general manager of the company, in the presence of a representative gathering of local shipping and port authorities. The incident that gave rise to the award was the sinking of the Canadian National Steamship Lady Hawkins of which Captain Kelly was chief officer at the time, by an enemy submarine. Lloyds War Medal is bestowed upon officers and men of the merchant navy fishing fleets in cases of exceptional gallantry at sea in time of war: 251 seamen have received the award since the start of the war. Captain Kelly was only recently invested with the Insignia of a Member of the Order of the British Empire at Government House in Ottawa and was presented with a silver tray by the Dominion Government for the same action.

Sir Patrick Duff And Lady Duff Visit Province

Declaring that he had long looked forward to seeing Prince Edward Island, and expressing unbounded faith in Canada's postwar future, Sir Patrick Duff, Ottawa, Deputy High Commissioner for the United Kingdom to Canada, arrived in Charlottetown Wednesday afternoon in the course of an official Maritime tour.

Sir Patrick was accompanied by Lady Duff, who is an active member of the Red Cross Society in Ottawa and who showed her keen interest in this work by visiting the local Red Cross headquarters within a few hours of her arrival.

Sir Patrick paid his respects to His Honour Lieutenant Governor LePage Wednesday afternoon, and yesterday, with Lady Duff, visited the National Park and other places of interest. They were accompanied by Mr. Justice A. E. Arsenault and Lt.-Col. and Mrs. K S. Rogers.

After luncheon Miss Jessie Fullerton, secretary of the British Overseas Children's Board, accompanied by Gordon Taylor and Stella Pickering, two of the overseas children, were received by Sir Patrick and Lady Duff. They gave a brief account of their experience here and were congratulated by the visitors on being in such pleasant surroundings.

Sir Patrick also visited the R.A.F. General Reconnaissance station here.

They leave this morning for Moncton, where Sir Patrick will visit the R.A.F personnel depot. They will then go to Saint John and Fredericton, where he is scheduled to speak.

P.E.I. Like Home

"Since I came to Canada I have always wanted to visit Prince Edward Island," Sir Patrick told a Guardian representative on his arrival. "I came in a convoy with many Canadian officers returning here after a long spell of duty in Great Britain. There was one from Prince Edward Island who spoke so lovingly of his home, and as I heard him describe it, it almost sounded like home to me, with its red soil like Devonshire or Worcestershire, and all its kind scenes.

"You always make people feel at home in Canada," he added feelingly, "but Prince Edward Island looks to me like home as well.

"In Great Britain we have been set by Providence and geography to be the foremost garrison and the springboard of assault. Whenever we look back, as we so often do with gratitude, to see the direction whence all these gallant reinforcements of men, munitions, food, etc., have been pouring to our aid, it is the Maritimes which, across the mists and wastes of the Atlantic we descry first—like a friendly hand stretched forth to grasp our own.

"It seems in these quiet scenes as if vast distances separated us from the horrors of war. But once you get up in an airplane it is only a few hours. Canadian fliers who bombed Germany one night were in Ottawa the next night. I flew in a bomber back to Britain myself not long ago, and so many people do it that they are becoming perfect bores. But the point is—Great Britain and countries beyond which have been overrun by the Germans are really only a few short flying hours away.

"If anything went wrong—if the air fields of Great Britain, or her harbours, got captured, the Germans could be here in a matter of hours, and the fires which I have seen in London, and the fires which devastated Europe, might be repeated among Canada's fair cities. No place is too quiet or too innocent for the Hun to bomb a church or a children's school there.

"But this will not happen. The initiative is now with us. A new and signal hour approaches, and expectancy is tense on the air. As we survey the majestic resources of the United Nations we can look forward with confident hopes to the event. But our hopes must be sober, realistic hopes The enemy have two to three million men armed to the teeth, and fighting on inner lines of communication. It is a huge

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Ralston Sees Long, Tough War

OTTAWA —(CP) —Defense Minister Ralston last night visited the University of Toronto contingent of the Canadian Officers Training Corps at nearby Connaught Ranges and warned them that "despite our recent successes we are still engaged in a tough and long war."

"Europe has still to be freed" he said. "We have still to match the fighting of Russia and we have to clean up the situation in the Far East."

Allies Seize Two Strategic Jap-Held Points

Enemy Air Field At Munda Is Under Allied Artillery Fire.

By J. F. Sanderson, Canadian Press Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, July 1—(CP)—Allied forces have seized two strategic points in the Central Solomons and from one of them is battering a key Japanese air base with artillery fire.

American forces which landed at Rendova Island, five miles from the Munda air field of the Japanese on New Georgia Island, destroyed the enemy garrison there and, within two hours after the landing, opened up on the Munda field with artillery fire, said a report from the headquarters in Australia.

Earlier today, a navy communique issued here told how powerful sea and air forces beat off an aerial counter attack made by the Japanese on the Rendova landing forces. Reports from headquarters and from the navy disagreed as to details on the number of enemy planes shot down, the former saying that 101 Japanese aircraft were downed in air combat and by ground fire while the earlier navy communique said the number of attacking aircraft was 101, with 66 downed.

Viru Harbour, also on New Georgia Island, fell into American hands the navy said. This harbour, 30 miles from the enemy's base, is the only shelter or anchorage of any sort along the whole southern coast of New Georgia.

The Japanese counter-attack on the American forces at Rendova ran from early forenoon until late afternoon of Wednesday.

The overall progress of the offensive, the biggest of the war and all under the strategic direction of Gen. Douglas McArthur, was reported as satisfactory on both flanks 500 miles apart, one prong aimed at Munda, the other at Rabaul.

Max Stephan Escapes Death

WASHINGTON, July 1 — (CP) — On the eve of his scheduled execution, the death sentence of Max Stephan, Detroit traitor who had been convicted of treason for aiding a German prisoner who escaped from Canada, was commuted today by President Roosevelt to life imprisonment.

The President took this step, a White House announcement said, because he believed "that the sentence imposed by the Court was too severe in that it did not sufficiently take into account the statute which provides for the consideration of different qualities of treason."

Stephan would have died by hanging before dawn tomorrow if Mr. Roosevelt had not commuted the death sentence.

Boy Scouts Fund To Rehabilitate Post War Scouting

OTTAWA, June 30—(CP) — Canada's boy scouts will make a contribution towards rehabilitation of scouting in Europe after the war by paying for the publication of "scouting for boys" in the French, Czech, Netherlands, Flemish, Norwegian and Polish languages, the Dominion Executive Council of the Boy Scout Association announced today.

"For the present, 1,000 books in each language will be printed in Canada, and paid for by Canadian scouts through their 'chins-up fund,' which was inaugurated to aid stricken scouts in Great Britain," the satement said.

"Canadian scouts have contributed more than $37,000 to this fund, nearly all of which now is in England. Future contributions will be used to cover the cost of publishing these books, which will be presented to the scout organization in these countries, as a gift from Canadian scouts."

WOMEN ON CONCRETE

GLASGOW — (CP) —Ten London, Midland and Scottish Railway women under Forewoman Sadie McKondra, are an all women team making 1,000 concrete sleepers a week.

One U-Boat Sunk For Every Freighter Lost

LONDON, July 1 —(AP)— The Germans now are losing at least one precision-built submarine for every mass-produced allied freighter sunk, British naval observers said today.

Sharply-reduced Nazi claims of British and American shipping destroyed during June were weighed by these observers against record allied sinkings of U-boats in the last two months.

Berlin broadcasts, recorded by the Associated Press, asserted that 31 merchantmen aggregating 149,000 tons were sunk by all German agencies in June, of which 20 ships of 107,000 tons were knocked out by U-boats.

An estimate of 20 U-boats destroyed during the month probably would be conservative, for Malcolm Macdonald, British High Commissioner to Canada, announced in Ottawa Tuesday that 14 of these raiders were killed in the previous 14 days.

Prime Minister Churchill disclosed in his Guildhall speech yesterday that the allies' average in May was at least one U-boat sunk a day.

High tide this morning at 11.04 and tonight at 12.41.

Sun sets this evening at 8.50 and rises tomorrow morning at 5.18.

New moon July 2, 8.44 a.m.

Summerside tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

CAR FERRY SERVICE DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY

From Borden — Leave 9.05 a.m 1 p. m. and 4.55 p. m.
Leave Cape Tormentine 11 a.m 3.05 p. m. and 6.30 p. m.

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Charlottetown — Summerside — Moncton

Leave Charlottetown 7.50 a. m 12.30 p. m. 4.30 p. m.
Arrive Charlottetown 1.10 p. m 5.15 p. m. 7.05 p. m.

P. E. I.—N. S. FERRY SERVICE DAILY INCLUDING SUNDAYS

Leave Wood Islands — 7.00 a. m and 11 a.m. and 3 p. m.
Leaves Caribou — 9.00 a. m. and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Main Port In Sicily Is Blasted From Air

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, July 1 — (AP)— American heavy bombers, encountering little opposition, smashed the main Sicilian Port of Palermo yesterday in an unrelenting aerial prelude to trans-Mediterranean amphibious operations that must be the greatest in history.

Escorted by fighters, the American bombers spread new debris amid the island capital's storage depots and barracks, and raked four airfields, a communique said today, following a heavy R.A.F. raid on the ferry terminus of Messina.

French newspapers here gave great prominence today to reports of Axis alarm over the vulnerability of the long Mediterranean coast line opposite Africa, including neutral dispatches of the mobilization of able-bodied Italian manpower in Sicily.

British Fighters Raid Nazi Convoy

LONDON, July 1— (CP)—British fighter command aircraft damaged three medium-seized freighters and four minesweepers in an attack on a German convoy off the Hook of Holland today, the air ministry news service announced.

Typhoon bombers made the attack at masthead height, executing their runs in the face of intense fire from ship and shore batteries and weaving in and out of the cables of the convoy's balloon barrage.

Typhoon fighters acted as cover and damaged some of the convoy's escort of Focke Wulf-190s.

BLOSSOM OF CANADA FLOUR EXCELS IN THE KITCHEN