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BRITISH REPORTED FLYING BIG BOMBERS TO GREECE

Plan Immediate Start On Seaway, Power Project Formal agreement on St. Lawrence development signed By Canada and the U. S.

By C. B. BLACKBURN Canadian Press Staff Writer OTTAWA, March 19.—(CP)—An immediate start on the vast Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River basin power and navigation project was agreed today by Canada and the United States in a joint wartime industrial step. Official estimate of the main power and navigation works to be located in the International Rapids section of the St. Lawrence was placed at \$266,170,000, but additional works to be carried out and expenditures already made, including Canada's \$132,000,000 for the Welland Canal, are expected to bring total cost of the whole project to approximately \$500,000,000, shared by the two countries. A formal agreement was signed by Canadian and United States plenipotentiaries this afternoon and announced a few minutes later by Prime Minister Mackenzie King in the House of Commons. Mr. King read a personal message from President Roosevelt, who forecast that the work could be completed in 1945, and envisioned a "protected" state of emergency in which the seaway and power resources to be developed would be of vital value to both countries. Details of the agreement will be presented to the House of Commons in Ottawa and to Congress in Washington next Friday afternoon. Mr. King will also table correspondence with Ontario and Quebec on the project.

Norwegians lose Many ships but 873 still remain

HALIFAX, N. S., March 19.—(CP)—The Norwegian merchant fleet has suffered heavy losses since the Nazi invasion of Norway but the situation is not alarming, Major Arne Sundt, minister of supply and shipping in the Royal Norwegian Government told newspapermen on his arrival here tonight. Major Sundt is here to confer with L. A. Devold, representative of the Norwegian supply and shipping ministry in London. About 300,000 tons of shipping were lost out of 3,900,000 tons under control of the Norwegian Government in exile between April 9, 1940, and Dec. 31, 1940. "These losses are heavy," he said, "but not at all alarming. We have control of 873 ships, and with our whalers nearly 1,000. The income derived from the fleet has enabled the Norwegian Government to take an active part in the allied warfare with a military expenditure about twice as large as in times of peace, supporting a navy in British waters and on convoy duty, an army in Scotland, and the training and building up of an air force in Canada. Major Sundt said the first squadron of the Royal Norwegian Air Force, being trained near Toronto, will soon be in England. He severely criticized German destroyers traded to Britain last year when taken over by the Norwegian navy and manned by Norwegian crews.

War—25 Years Ago Today

(By The Canadian Press) MARCH 20, 1916—Sixty British destroyers were sunk in the Battle of the Atlantic. The British fleet was severely damaged and the German fleet was victorious. The battle was a decisive victory for the Germans, who sank 60 British destroyers and captured 10 more. The British fleet was reduced to a mere shadow of its former self.

Coming Events

Notices in this column 3 cents per word. *Talkies—Souris Thursday, L-13-3-18-31. *Talkies—Montague Saturday, L-13-3-8-31. *Wedding hops at Albany every Thursday afternoon, Friday at 11:30 a.m. A. M. C. Albany, G. C. Green, A. C. *Grand Party in aid I. O. O. F. Pund Thursday, March 21st, 8 p.m. Refreshments, Special Entertainment. *Charlottetown Milk Producers Association, Friday, March 22nd, 8 p.m. Agricultural Show, attendance important. *Cullen, Secretary, L-16-3-20-21.



WINS MILITARY CROSS

Award of the Military Cross to Major Robert Williams, of Toronto, camp commandant at Canadian Corps headquarters in England, is announced in London. He becomes the first Canadian to win the decoration in this war. The presentation by the King at an investiture at Buckingham palace results from the brilliant work of Major Williams in "covering" the Allied withdrawal from Namsos, Norway.

Australia is Excited over U. S. Ships visit

SYDNEY, March 19.—(AP)—Sydney was agog tonight as it prepared to welcome seven American warships which are to arrive here tomorrow for a three-day visit as part of a training cruise. More than 500,000 Australians are expected to take part in a tumultuous ovation for the 2,000 officers and men of their crews. Members of Parliament and government ministers are arriving from Canberra by special train and there has been an influx of thousands of visitors from other states determined to demonstrate Australian appreciation of American aid and friendship.

Quebec House to Debate seaway

QUEBEC, March 19.—(CP)—Premier Godbout announced in the legislative assembly today that the House will resume debate tomorrow on the development of the St. Lawrence deep waterway project. The Premier made the announcement after the opposition introduced its eighth successive motion to have the government withdraw from the development project. Premier Godbout, speaking before the assembly defeated the opposition by a vote of 51-14, said that the development of the St. Lawrence will not only affect Quebec, but will affect the whole country and "we want to cooperate with the government to find a solution which will satisfy all the people, he said. Prior to hearing Mr. Godbout, the assembly heard Mr. Duplessis state that "the message on the province of Quebec would be worse than the canalization. The Quebec government's attitude is downright treason—tacit if not expressed."

5,000 recruits On move to begin 4-months training

By Edwin Johnson Canadian Press Military Correspondent OTTAWA, March 19.—(CP)—Nearly 5,000 recruits, advance guard of Canada's new army in the making under the four-month compulsory military training plan were on the move tonight. On reporting at their respective camps the new recruits will be given a thorough medical examination and if found fit will be launched upon their military life. At the end of the four months and unless the recruit desires to volunteer and is accepted for some active unit, he will be posted to a reserve unit and return to civilian life.

Halifax-Boston Service?

HALIFAX, March 19.—(CP)—Possibility in air service between Boston and Halifax would be established this summer was expressed yesterday by Premier A. S. MacMillan in an interview. Conversations had been carried on with the President of Boston-Maine Airways Inc., he said, but many difficulties would have to be ironed out, such as arrangements for mail conveyance and complications of international law. The service would provide important links between Halifax, New Glasgow and Yarmouth.

London Under Heavy Attack Raid on Empire Capital said heaviest this year.

LONDON, Mar. 20.—(Thursday)—(CP)—A great German air armada dropped thousands of bombs over a broad area of London in a six-hour overnight raid, dealing death to uncounted numbers in the city's most thickly populated districts, and reminding Londoners of last September's terrific raids. It was the heaviest raid of this year. Rescue squads, augmented by soldiers, dug for hours to save people trapped in new ruins as London once more took its turn in the Nazi raiders' city-at-night raid tactics. A hotel was partly wrecked; four hospitals were hit; homes in several areas were destroyed. At least one raider fell in flames. In one hospital physicians and nurses removed several hundred patients when it was damaged by a shower of bombs. Other patients were expected to be removed during the day. Another hospital was damaged by two heavy bombs. Its maternity ward, in use as a temporary first-aid station, was wrecked. The patients, in another part of the building escaped unhurt. The cost of the hospital's hit, housed 1,200 patients. The bombs broke a gas main in one district, but soldiers and emergency squads continued rescue operations. The all-clear sounded about 2:30 a.m. (9:30 p.m., Wednesday, A.S.T.). At the same time, the southeast coast shook to heavy explosions of long-range gunfire from the French shore west of Boulogne. The cost was estimated by engineers at \$226,170,000, most or all of which is expected to be paid by the United States.

U. S. Navy to Supply small Craft to Britain

WASHINGTON, March 18 (AP)—Col. Frank Knox, secretary of the United States navy, said today the navy's first aid to Britain under the lend-lease program would be to supply light surface vessels, such as submarine chasers, motor boats and other "mosquito" vessels. At the same time, he disclosed that the British government had asked to use United States yards for the repair of war-damaged vessels. No action, Col. Knox said, had been taken on this request. The mosquito vessels, he told a press conference, should be useful in combating enemy craft in the English Channel and for general inshore work. None has been transferred yet, Knox said, and he declined to discuss the questions of transferring destroyers in addition to the 50 traded for Atlantic bases. He said he had the last three or four days had on hand "about a dozen motor torpedo boats already in commission. He added that the navy had "some facilities for repairing vessels such as the damaged British craft, explaining "we always do" have such facilities. The request had been made in the last three or four days, he continued, but withheld further information. These indications of the form of aid to Britain were coupled with a hint that the voyage of four United States cruisers and nine destroyers to the South Pacific involved more than the mere training which the navy has made the purpose.

N. B. Farmers Favor Central Potato Agency

HARTLAND, N. B., March 19.—(CP)—Upwards of 500 farmers are expected to visit Fredericton soon and make representations to Agricultural Minister Taylor concerning the formation of a central potato agency. Decision to organize the mass delegation was reached this week when representatives of agricultural societies in Victoria and Charlottetown met here. They went on record as favoring a central agency to handle all seed potatoes or export from the province. Many farmers and shipments of large quantities had "demoralized" the South American market, and many of the potatoes could not be sold at any price, it was claimed. Another allegation was that some shipments violated regulations of the provincial department of agriculture. LONDON, March 19 (CP)—Kiel and Wilhelmshaven—German submarine bases—were subjected to violent and effective overnight bombardment, the air ministry news service declared tonight, because they play such vital roles in the life-or-death battle of the Atlantic. "Our aircraft were able to drop great loads of high explosives and incendiary bombs on docks, shipbuilding yards and industrial centres of these ports," the news service pronounced. Through rifts in the clouds over Kiel, the British aviators said they dropped incendiary bombs first, and these started fires which made beams for the succeeding waves of bombers. Then followed the rumble and explosion of demolition bombs. The ministry said that returning fliers could see the bright glare of fires in the sky for miles along the homeland journey. At Wilhelmshaven, bombers could see the burst of many high-explosives on wharves and shipyards where fliers large and small quickly sprang up. In addition, overnight raids were conducted on Emden, oil storage tanks at Rotterdam, a "target" otherwise identified at Texel, and two airdromes in Holland.

Hull pounded In heavy raid

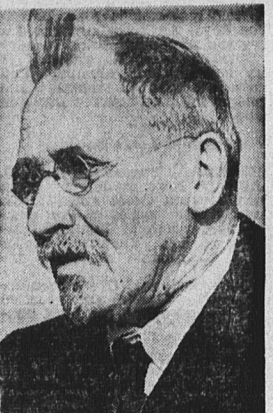
HULL, March 19.—(CP)—This English east coast factory and shipping city of 300,000 was pummeled on the wreckage today of one of the heaviest German night attacks on British provincial centres. Throughout last night and early today waves of hundreds of Nazi raiders poured down incendiary and high explosive bombs. The exact number was not announced. Large numbers of seriously injured filled the city's hospitals. Some were dug out of the smouldering ruins 12 hours after the attack. Many of the casualties were caused by his on air raid shelters. One shelter, the only survivor was a year-old baby. In another the casualties included the wife and daughter of the chief of Hull's detective force.

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Boston Navy Yard damaged In explosions

BOSTON, March 19.—(AP)—The communication and power system of the Boston navy yard was damaged today by fire, punctuated by a series of explosions which blew out manhole covers, a condenser under locomotive shop and three sections of the plant into confusion. Faulty insulation was blamed for the fire, but water poured upon the blaze short-circuited other lines, shutting off power and telephone communication. Six thousand plant employees were forced to suspend operations for the day when the blaze cut off power for shipbuilding operations and yard officials indicated that 4,000 more might be sent home.



LABOR LEADER DIES

Tom Mann, veteran British labor leader, died March 19 at the age of 84. Born in a mining district, Mann began work on a farm at the age of nine, and two years later went into the pits, where he worked until he was 14. Then he learned to become a journeyman engineer in Birmingham and at the age of 21 settled down in London, where he became active in the then infant trade union movement.

New seaway to Rival Panama Canal in size

By J. C. STARK Associated Press Staff Writer WASHINGTON, March 19.—(AP)—An agreement to start the long-debated St. Lawrence seaway and power project at once was signed by the United States and Canada today in what President Roosevelt called a vital joint defence move. Subject to approval by the United States Congress and Canadian Parliament, the revised 16-year-old plan envisions a giant St. Lawrence River. It would rival the Panama Canal in magnitude. The cost was estimated by engineers at \$226,170,000, most or all of which is expected to be paid by the United States. The agreement will be made public Friday, when it is submitted to Congress by Mr. Roosevelt with a request for the necessary appropriation. Unlike the treaty proposing a similar project which failed to receive the necessary two-thirds vote of the United States Senate in 1914, the agreement will require only a majority vote in each House of Congress. The agreement was concluded after negotiations on a revised American proposal made in 1938 under which the United States offered to undertake and finance the International Rapids section, permitting Canada to wait until later to carry out her share of the project. What specific agreement was reached on the financing was not disclosed but the engineering report embraced only the International Rapids section.

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Storm warning To shipping off New England

BOSTON, March 19.—(AP)—Windy west and northwest winds which carried a rapid storm warning off New England shipping today, have brought velocities ranging up to 128 miles an hour atop Mount Washington in New Hampshire, accompanied by cold as low as 26 below zero. Within a few miles of Boston, at the Blue Hill Observatory, winds attained 89-mile-an-hour violence. Strong winds, which the weather bureau said would be measured at gale force off southern New England, continued to harass mariners off the coast today.

11-man Board for U. S. Labor disputes

WASHINGTON, March 19.—(AP)—President Roosevelt created today an 11-man Board, headed by Clarence A. Dykstra, to help settle labor disputes in defence industries. Dykstra, president of the University of Wisconsin and director of selective service, also was designated as one of the public's representatives on the Board. In creating the Board, the President said it was "essential in the present emergency that employers and employees engaged in production or transportation of materials necessary to national defence shall exert every possible effort to assure that all work necessary for national defence shall proceed without interruption and with all accomplishable speed."

Tenseness Grows As Balkan Areas Await New Storm

Greeks to throw half million men against Nazi invasion; Reservists equipped by British supplies. (By Robert St. John, Associated Press Staff Writer) BELGRADE, March 19.—(AP)—Lines for the threatened battle of the Balkans drew taut tonight with reports that Britain is flying United States-made aircraft to Greece and that both Greece and Germany are massing additional troops along Bulgarian frontier zones. A well-informed Greek source said that, of a total army strength of 800,000, the Greeks would leave 300,000 men to fight the Italians in Albania and would throw 500,000 along the northern front, where the British command has brought up supplies to equip every reservist. Enormous convoys moving through the eastern Mediterranean have taken vast quantities of British supplies into Greece, it was stated. At the same time, the Germans were reported building up a striking force of 600,000 to 700,000 in Bulgaria and Rumania, and various Balkan sources have reported that 100,000 men of a planned British force of 300,000 already are in Greece. From Bucharest, capital of Nazi-dominated Rumania, came reports that many towns in Moldavia have been ordered to receive German troops soon. This squared with opinion of some neutral military observers that Germany plans to build up an army of 28 divisions in Rumania.

Roosevelt leaves On vacation trip

EN ROUTE WITH PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, March 19.—(AP)—President Roosevelt travelled southward by train tonight for a short vacation cruise in southern waters, after making a final check on foreign affairs, defence, and labor problems in a series of White House conferences. He left Washington in mid-afternoon for an overnight trip to Florida and is expected to board the presidential yacht Potomac sometime tomorrow at Port Everglades. A destroyer or two will accompany the Potomac. The President will be gone about 10 days. Diplomatic reports from Sofia, Bulgaria, said Nazi forces speeding from Germany via Rumania were rapidly augmenting the 16 divisions (about 240,000 men) who are along the Bulgarian-Greek frontier. The controlled Bulgarian press, explaining to its public for the first time why Germans are there, said: "With the aid of Nazi troops we will regain what is most precious to us—an outlet to the Aegean Sea." News of the arrival of American-built planes in Greece from Cairo was contained in diplomatic dispatches which did not specify their numbers or types. There was no immediate British confirmation of this report. Yugoslavia's position remained uncertain, although German circles in Belgrade circulated reports that this country would sign up with the Axis March 26, one week from today. These German claims followed upon a 90-minute conference between Foreign Minister Aleksander

Dies claims Communist to Sabotage defence

WASHINGTON, March 19.—(AP)—Representative Martin Dies (Dem., Texas) told the United States House of Representatives today that the Communist party had sent a man to California "for the express purpose of sabotage of our national defence." The chairman of the special committee investigating un-American activities charged that the U. S. "faces a peril created by the agents of Stalin who have been so tenderly coddled recently." He said he believed a strike at the Harvill Aircraft Die Casting Corporation, Ingwood, Calif., was a case to prove his contention. Asserting that the office of production management had announced that its schedule of aircraft production would have to be scaled down as a result of work stoppage, Dies contended that the Communist party "released" Kenneth Egert from duties in Toledo and sent him to California to sabotage the defence program. Egert, Dies said, is a leader of the Harvill strike.

Hepburn may Make statement

TORONTO, March 19.—(CP)—Premier Hepburn said today he possibly may make a statement in the Ontario legislature tomorrow regarding the province's part in the St. Lawrence seaway agreement. Mr. Hepburn presided at a cabinet council meeting which lasted more than an hour today. The meeting is believed to have been for the purpose of cleaning up details concerning Ontario's share in the project, expected to provide the province with 1,100,000 additional horsepower.

FIRE IN COLLIERY

GLACE BAY, N.S., March 19.—(CP)—Fire broke out today in Dominion Coal Company's No. 20 colliery here, forcing more than 800 workers in that pit and the adjacent No. 2 to stop work until it was extinguished. A crew of Draegermen put out the fire, believed to have started through spontaneous combustion.

CAR FERRY SAILINGS

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FORECAST

Maritime Provinces: Fresh winds partly cloudy and cold with light snow in some districts. High tide this afternoon at 3:57 and tomorrow morning at 5:36. Sun sets this evening at 6:12 and rises tomorrow morning at 6:02. New moon March 27, 4:14 p.m. Summerside tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown. CAR FERRY SAILINGS Leaves Borden 9:35 A.M. 1:00 P.M. Leaves Tormentine 11:00 A.M. 3:15 P.M., daily except Sunday.