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SYRIAN CAPITAL QUIET BUT TENSE

SIGNS OF GROWING JAP-SOVIET TENSION

Superforts Rain Fire On Osaka

By ROBBIN COONS

GUAM, June 1 — (Friday) — (AP) — At least 450 Superfortresses, escorted by about 150 fighters based on Iwo Jima, poured 3,200 tons of fire bombs on Osaka, Japan's second largest city, in a daylight raid today.

It was the second daylight incendiary strike by fighter - escorted B-29s in three days. It came 72 hours after an equally strong force dropped an equivalent load of fire bombs on Yokohama, the enemy's fifth greatest city.

Osaka was hit once before by B-29 incendiaries, on March 14, when 300 planes struck in the early morning darkness. More than 2,000 tons of bombs on that raid destroyed or damaged 8.1 square miles of the city.

Osaka, located centrally on Japan's main island of Honshu, has a population of 3,252,340 and ranks among the three most densely populated cities in Japan, with an average of 45,000 persons per square mile.

Today's target area was a section bordering Osaka and south of the Shin Yodo River—probably the city's most highly industrialized district.

Syrian Dispute Spurs Conference At San Francisco

By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL

SAN FRANCISCO, May 31 — (AP) — A blood-spilling dispute among three of its member nations gave new urgency tonight to efforts of a United Nations conference to set up a world league equipped to settle just such arguments.

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Sufficient Navy Men For Pacific

OTTAWA, May 31 — (CP) — The Royal Canadian Navy, noting that sufficient personnel had volunteered to meet Canada's naval requirements in the Pacific, tonight issued a statement appealing to personnel who haven't signified their intentions to fill out immediately a Pacific service questionnaire distributed to all ranks.

The statement recalled the service was sending a fleet of 60 ships and 13,500 men with reserves to the Far East and added:—"Tabulation of results received to date indicate that more than sufficient have volunteered to meet requirements of the Pacific campaign."

Will Hang For Ski-Trail Murder

MONTREAL, May 31—Mr. Justice Wilfrid Lazure tonight sentenced Roland Chasse, 43, to hang Sept. 7 for the ski-trail murder last February of nine-year-old John Benson. A Court of King's Bench jury deliberated 30 minutes before returning their verdict of guilt.

Chasse was arrested several weeks after the body of young Benson had been found near a ski trail on Mount Royal, in the centre of Montreal.

City detectives questioned more than 150 persons before they arrested Chasse who confessed he had stabbed the child to death after he had criminally assaulted him.

Coming Events

"Show — Murray Harbor Saturday. 5-31-2i.

"In stock, seed oats $2.50 per cwt. McGuigan and Boyle. 5-26-10i.

"Variety Concert, Clyde River Hall, Friday, June 1st. Sale of Lunches. 5-26-3i.

"For quicker returns and top prices ship your hogs to Davis & Fraser Ltd. 5-20-4i.

"Opening Hospital Dance, Bergmann's Warehouse, Montague, Saturday, June 2nd. 5-30-3i.

"Unloading Thursday and Friday, car asphalt shingles. P. J. Noy and Co. 5-31-2i.

"St. Charles Auxiliary are holding a cake sale at Holmans Saturday, June 30th. 6-1-1i.

"Livestock Marketing Board loading hogs at Murray Harbour Monday afternoon, June 4th. Ray Brooks, representative. 6-1-2i

"Livestock Marketing Board loading hogs at Elmira Monday afternoon, June 4th, with John Pierce in charge. 6-1-2i

"Emerald Hall tonight, Friday, June 1st at 9 o'clock. See the three act comedy "Peg" by Tracadie Players. Dance. 6-1-1i.

"Stanley Bridge Players present "Aunt Susie Shoots The Works" at Bradalbane, Friday, June 1st. 5-30-1-2i.

"Wanted — Extra large number of young pigs shortly. Paying extra for same. Watch this column for future notice. Knud Jorgensen. 5-31-2i.

"Hog prices are at a new high this week. Take advantage now and contact your regular loader for pick up service. Signed Davis & Fraser, Ltd. 5-30-4i.

"Loading hogs at Charlottetown Thursday and Friday of this week. If shipping, bring in your hogs. Livestock Marketing Board. 5-30-2i.

"John Gillespie, Clyde River, will truck hogs for busy farmers his vicinity each Tuesday and Friday morning until further notice. Careful and efficient service assured. Please arrange day or so in advance. 6-1-2i

"Hogs about ready for market might be held over until first of next week with advantage. We do not know, but there's no danger of a DROP in prices. Week-end hogs coming to us at Charlottetown will qualify for any price increase next week. Livestock Marketing Board. 5-30-2i.

"Livestock Marketing Board loading hogs at all regular loading stations east and south of Charlottetown and all points west of Summerside, Prince County, on Monday, June 4th. Stations between and including Charlottetown and Summerside will load Tuesday, June 5th, usual hours. Contact our representatives at all points for information and trucking service. 6-1-2i

Nips Moving Troops Into Border Region

By JOHN KIMCHE
Reuters Military Correspondent

LONDON, May 31 — Signs of growing military tension on the Soviet - Manchurian frontier are increasing.

The Japanese are moving large bodies of troops from Southern and Western China into the Manchurian border region. This accounts, in part, for the rapid Chinese advances through the important centre of Yungning (Nanning) and southwest. The Japanese army would not have abandoned this town without determined resistance if they had not more important matters on hand.

This movement has been proceeding for some weeks and the Japanese garrison in Manchuria has been substantially increased above its normal 26 divisions.

The announcement from Moscow that "the Soviet Siberian armies will move into camps for summer maneuvers early in June," has a somewhat demonstrative ring seen against the background of these Japanese troop movements. The summer is the traditional campaigning season on this border; almost all the frontier incidents in the prewar years took place between June and August.

This Japanese regrouping is evidently aimed to reinforce the active courting of the Soviet Union which has been the main pillar of Japanese warfare since the collapse of Germany. They are trying hard to convince the Russians that it would not pay the Soviet Union to enter the lists against Japan.

Britain's Zone Of Occupation

By ALLAN NICKLESON

1ST CANADIAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS, May 31—(CP Cable)—Britain's zone of occupation in Germany will comprise the four provinces in the northwest section —Schleswig - Holstein, Hanover, Westphalia and the Rhine Province—it was reported today.

Four corps under Field Marshal Montgomery will comprise the force and the Canadian Army of Occupation—the so-called 3rd Division under Maj.-Gen. Chris Vokes of Kingston, Ont.—will form part of the Hanover District corps under British command.

AWARDED O.B.E.

LONDON, My 31 — (CP Cable) — Lt.-Col. Baron Tweedsmuir, 33, the former John Norman Stuart Buchan, a son of the late Governor-General of Canada, was gazetted tonight as awarded the Order of the British Empire in recognition of gallant and distinguished services with Canadian infantry in Italy. He was slightly wounded in 1943 in North Africa.

Pay Increase For Coal Miners Recommended

Boost For Maritime Miners Will Mean Either Increase In Coal Prices Or Federal Subsidy To Mines.

(By The Canadian Press)

OTTAWA, May 31—Pay increases, overtime pay and a detailed plan for two weeks holidays with pay for some 13,000 Maritime coal miners was recommended today in the report of an Industrial Disputes Commission appointed to investigate operator-miner differences which had threatened a strike in vital Maritime coal fields.

In releasing the report the Labor Department said that because of the recommendations, the executive board of the United Mine Workers of America (C.I.O.) had decided to extend their contract with the operators until June 15 to permit a referendum among the miners.

The Commission, under the chairmanship of Mr. Justice W. F. Carroll, said it was clear that none of the companies involved had the ability to pay the increases recommended. These could be met either by increasing the price of coal or by Federal grant but it added that the first course would "make it more difficult for those companies to compete with other fuel and power producers and the latter expedient must end somewhere to appease an already over-taxed people.

"Nevertheless, your commissioners see a real present necessity for the recommendations made for increases. We think with the understanding of both parties as to the national interest and the absolute necessity for a continuous and sustained supply of coal. . . . that these recommendations will, we feel sure, almost guarantee a continuous production and a sustained production."

No other suggestions as to how the recommended increases might be met were contained in the report submitted to Labor Minister Mitchell. It is expected the Minister will decide on a course of action after a study of the report, also subject to approval by the National Wartime Labor Relations Board. The Board already has turned down the original demands of the miners, which included the pay increases, overtime pay and holidays with pay be recommended in the report.

Canadian Heavies Say Goodbye To England

First Wave Of Big Battle-Tried Lancasters Takes Off For Canada.

MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE, Yorkshire Eng., May 31 — (CP Cable) — In a typically terse unemotional ceremony the R.C.A.F.'s famed heavy bomber group said goodbye to England today as the first wave of battle-tried Lancasters left this airfield for home.

The big four-engined planes were flown by the same veterans who wrote the name "Canada" along every bomber trail over Europe.

With them the Canadians took a tribute from the R.A.F. Bomber Command's head, Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur (Bomber) Harris. Standing on a runway from which 1,000 and more Canadian raids on Germany began, he told the departing fliers they had won a reputation "equal to any and surpassed by none."

At 10 a.m. (4 a.m. E.D.T.—5 a.m. A.D.T.) today, the assembled fliers were bade farewell by the station commander, Group Capt. J.K. MacDonald of Antigonish, N.S., who said merely: "okay chaps. Get in your aircraft and be ready to take off."

Ten minutes later the first of these Canadian-built Lancasters flashed down the runway, its engines drowning the strains of "Auld Lang Syne" played by the Group's band. "Fearless Fox", a veteran of 30 missions, was followed by "Fightin' Pappy" and "Georgie's Blues" until 16 aircraft, each painted with an insignia denoting the number of missions — one had 65 — was airborne.

As each huge bomber roared smoothly away, hundreds of airmen and airwomen edging the runway waved wildly and the aircrews responded with the "thumbs up" signal, while airgunners dipped their guns in salute.

The Last Take-Off

It was the last take-off. The big adventure was over and this time the bomb-bays were empty and the bombers were heading for Canada and home.

Today's flight will be followed at intervals by others until in a few weeks 160 bombers representing eight squadrons of the group are home. Some squadrons are remaining in England for reassignment.

The fliers are returning by easy stages—Cornwall, Eng., the Azores, Newfoundland and finally setting down in Nova Scotia.

Today's squadron, the Goose, is expected to arrive at Dartmouth, N.S., Saturday or Sunday. The flight leader is Wing Cmdr. Wilson Gall of Lachute, Que., officer commanding the Goose Squadron. In addition to a crew of seven, each aircrew carried two ground crew men who will set up servicing stations at four fields in Nova Scotia for aircraft which will follow.

Air Chief Marshal Harris, who flew from headquarters for the take-off, told the assembled fliers: "You leave here after all you've done with a reputation which is equal to any and surpassed by none. We in Bomber Command always regarded the Canadian group and Canadian crews as among the very best of the personnel and our appreciation of your achievements is surpassed only by what the Germans think of you."

WHITE ENSIGN REPLACED

HALIFAX, May 31 — (CP) — The white ensign which has fluttered above H.M.C.S. Kings for the past four years has been replaced by the standard of the University of King's College. The ceremony took place today as the University reverted to its normal status after serving as a naval officers training school. The H. M. C. S. King's pennant will remain at King's in a place of honor in the chapel.

Plan Welcome

HALIFAX, May 31 — (CP) — The first 15 Lancaster bombers from the R.C.A.F. 6th Overseas Bomber Group now on their way across the Atlantic, are expected to arrive at the nearby Dartmouth Airport about noon Saturday if weather conditions are favorable.

Plans are under way for a reception for these planes and their crews of the Goose Squadron.

INTERNATIONAL AT A GLANCE

BRITAIN — Britain orders 9th Army to halt French-Syrian fighting; Churchill calls on De Gaulle to issue cease-fire order; no French reply received; first Canadian bomber squadron heads for Dominion.

LEVANT — Damascus reportid quiet; Lebanon prepares for resistance.

PACIFIC — American on Okinawa virtually pinch off Shuri; counter-attacks against Americans and Filipinos in Philippines and Australians in New Guinea termed "almost uniformly unsuccessful."

CHINA—Capture of Ishan, South China rail town, by Chinese reported.

BURMA — Japanese forced to make further withdrawals on escape road to Shan Hills.

Disclose Details Of Jap Balloon-Bombs

By KATHLEEN REX

VANCOUVER, May 31 — (CP)—Lifting of censorship rules revealed today hitherto undisclosed details of the composition of the Japanese balloon-bombs which for the last few months have been landing in Western Canada.

The balloons, of a five-ply tissue, contain 16,000 feet of gas and are 33½ feet in diameter. From their markings it has been established they are of Japanese origin and it is believed they are being manufactured in great numbers and at a low cost. Indeed it has been estimated that 500 of them would cost no more than the price of a cheap, light airplane.

Released from different spots in Japan the balloons travel east with the revolution of the earth, 30,000 feet above its surface, and at approximately 80 miles an hour.

Fast aircraft have been stationed at strategic points along the balloons' line of flight. Their rate-of-climb enables them to reach the balloons within a few seconds of spotting.

Many conjectures have been made as to the plans of the Japanese for these balloons. Some said they believed the Japanese could send over in this manner, anti-personnel bombs or even sheets of phosphorus to set fire to crops and forests.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE CONVENTION

VICTORIA, May 31—(CP)—The Federated Women's Institutes of Canada will hold their 14th biennial meeting here June 4-8, Mrs. Cameron E. Dow of Port Daniels, Que., president, arrived today.

For Lighter Bread Cakes and Pies use BLOSSOM OF CANADA Flour

French May Have Agreed To Truce

By FRANK O'BRIEN

DAMASCUS, May 31 (AP) — This Syrian Capital was lying tense but at least momentarily quiet tonight under a column of smoke rising from the shattered centre of the town where all during the night Wednesday and through to 4 p.m. today the French had poured a barrage of mortar fire.

The latest estimates of the dead and wounded were given by the director general of public health, Dr. Ahmet Kadry, who said that during the brief truces his ambulances had picked up 400 dead and 500 wounded.

It was believed hundreds or possibly thousands more were lying dead or wounded in the narrow streets of the old section of town.

It had been impossible to get to that area because of constant French fire there.

British and American nationals were removed from the capital during a truce today. They were taken to a British military camp on the Baghdad Road.

The announcement by Prime Minister Churchill that British troops had been ordered to intervene in the strife was not heard by Damascus because the French cut off electric current in the centre of the town just as the radio started to broadcast the statement.

(By The Canadian Press)

LONDON, June 1—(Friday) —London morning newspapers quoted the French - controlled Levant radio at Beyrouth today as saying that the French Government had instructed Gen. Humboldt, French commander-in-chief in Syria and Lebanon, to cease firing.

There was no confirmation of this report from official sources.

BRITISH ULTIMATUM

LONDON, May 31 — (AP) — Britain today ordered her powerful mid-eastern army to halt the explosive French-Syrian fighting in the Levant and, in effect, served an ultimatum on France to silence her guns or face the consequences.

In a firmly-worded note Prime Minister Churchill notified Gen. De Gaulle that Gen. Sir Bernard Paget, British commander-in-chief in the Middle East, had been ordered to "intervene" to prevent further bloodshed and to protect Allied communication lines for the Japanese war.

He called upon the French leader "immediately" to order French troops in Syria to cease fire and withdraw to their barracks "in order to avoid a collision between British and French forces."

"Once the firing has ceased and order has been restored, we shall be prepared to begin tripartite discussions here in London," Mr. Churchill said, leaving the obvious implication that Britain's intervention would be extended beyond the shooting period.

A dispatch from Paris said the sharp note came as a stunning surprise to Gen. de Gaulle, who quickly called an emergency meeting of key ministers to discuss the situation.

The note reached Paris at the time a French Foreign Office spokesman was reiterating at a press conference that his country did not wish Anglo-American mediation in the Levant dispute. He said French reinforcements might be sent to Syria "if the situation becomes critical."

(The United States, it was dis-

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Move Welcomed

CAIRO, May 31 — (Reuters) — Announcement that Britain had decided to intervene in the Levant crisis was welcomed in Cairo tonight and it was thought that Prime Minister Churchill's decision will calm tempers.

There is a feeling in some quarters that British intervention came just in time as there was danger of a general strike being called all over the Middle East.

French Have Not Decided Next Move

By RELMAN MORIN

PARIS, May 31—(AP)—Surprised at the stern tone of Prime Minister Churchill's note, Gen. de Gaulle and his ministerial advisors were reported tonight not yet to have reached a decision whether to comply with Britain's demands that French troops cease fighting in Syria.

Gen. de Gaulle left his office at 9:30 p.m. and went home without having issued a statement and none was expected tonight.

An official French source said that, so far as is known, the government had not ordered the troops withdrawn to their barracks, and it was admitted that a clash between British and French forces was possible unless action was taken quickly.

News of the British demand was released to the French press after a delay of several hours.

One report was that Gen. de Gaulle might leave tomorrow for Washington to discuss the crisis personally with President Truman. The trip previously had been planned following an invitation from Mr. Truman.

It was considered improbable that France would order its troops to resist the strong British force in Syria, though the greatest bitterness was being manifested tonight.

Observers said the only immediate response would be a statement condemning Mr. Churchill's order as arbitrary and a show of strength. After that, they said, France could place her case before the world and cite evidence—which the French claim they have—that the crisis was "artificially inspired."

Germans Complain

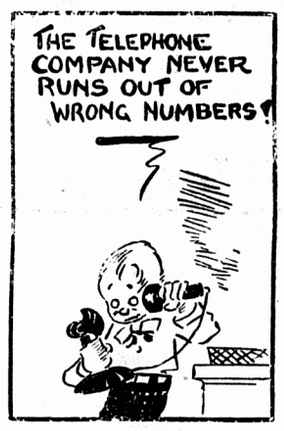
(By The Associated Press)

PARIS, May 31—A delegation of 70 German officers was allowed recently to complain to their Ludwigshafen prison camp commander that they were obliged to sleep in tents, dig their own latrines and do kitchen detail.

The commander, Lt.-Col. S. E. Iverson of Grand Forks, N.D., who had been wounded while leading a battalion in the Saar, listened patiently to the spokesmen for 3,500 German officers as they asserted that food was not up to German standards, that there was no mess hall, that no orderlies were provided and that only pup tents were provided for shelter.

When the last colonel had recited his grievances, Col. Iverson turned over 36 army photographs which had been lying face down on his table. They pictured American soldiers in German camps and scenes of the Buchenwald and Dachau concentration camps.

The Germans filed out without another word.



METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE, Toronto, May 31 — Minimum and maximum temperatures: Vancouver 52, 64; Edmonton 43, 60; Regina 41, 71; Winnipeg 42, 62; Toronto 42, 54; Ottawa 33, 49; Montreal 38, 55; Quebec 43; Saint John 44; Moncton 44, 50; Halifax 44, 53; Charlottetown 46, 50.

FORECASTS

Lower St. Lawrence: Strong northwest winds; partly cloudy and quite cool; showers in extreme west portion.

Lake St. John: Strong northwest winds; mostly cloudy and quite cool with a few light scattered showers or snowflurries.

Gulf and Bay Chaleur: Strong northwest winds or moderate gales; cloudy and cool with occasional showers.

North Shore: Strong winds; cool with showers.

Maritimes: Fresh to strong winds; cloudy and cool with light scattered showers.

Ottawa and Upper St. Lawrence: Fresh northwest to north winds; partly cloudy and cool.

High tide this afternoon at 2.40 and tonight at 4.26.

Sun sets this evening at 8.36 and rises tomorrow morning at 5.17.

Last quarter moon June 3rd, 8.15 A. M.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

SUNDAY SERVICE

Leave Charlottetown 12.15, 5.45 P.M.
Arrive Charlottetown 3.20, 8.10 P.M.
CHARLOTTETOWN—NEW GLASGOW
(Daily Except Sunday)

Leave Charlottetown 1.10, 4.00 P.M.
Arrive Charlottetown 2.35, 5.20 P.M.

N. S.—P. E. I. FERRY SERVICE
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SCHEDULE MAY 1—SEPT. 30

Leave Wood Islands 7 a. m., 12 a. m., 3 p. m.

Leave Caribou, 9 a. m., 1 p. m., 5 p. m.

(On authority of the Oil Controller, on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays during May and June the 11 a. m. and 1 p. m. sailings will be cancelled unless there is evidence that the other crossings will not carry the traffic offering.)

FREE DISPENSARY YEAR REVIEWED

Tuberculosis has killed more Canadians and Americans during the last five years of war than have the German armies, Miss Irma Tait, public health nurse, T.B. division, told the members of the Charlottetown Free Dispensary last night at its annual meeting in the City Hall.

Major T. E. MacNutt presided at the meeting and after the minutes of the previous meeting and the financial report had both been read by Mrs. D. J. Riley and unanimously passed, the chairman called upon Miss Dorothy Goldie, visiting nurse, to read her report. This was followed by the reading of a report by Miss Irma Tait, Public Health Nurse, T.B. division.

Miss Tait stressed the importance of prevention as a more effective way of stamping out the disease than that of curing the victims who have contracted it. In the work of prevention, case finding was the most important phase of the policy, she said. One of the greatest menaces to the lives of people free from the disease was that of positive reactors to the tuberculin test who roamed from place to place. Miss Tait cited the case of one girl who persisted in working in restaurants and who had been the medium through which many people had contracted the disease. Miss Tait expressed the belief that the new mobile X-ray unit would be the means of saving the lives of hundreds of people in this Province and of eventually stamping out the plague.

Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan said the credit must go to the Free Dispen-

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BRACKEN WILL PAY THE FAMILY ALLOWANCES

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