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## SOVIETS WITHDRAW FROM IMPORTANT NAVAL BASE SIX AXIS SHIPS AND ONE DESTROYER SUNK

### Daylight sweep Over Sicily is Week-end climax

### Great British aerial activity in Mediterranean area; 17,000 tons of Axis shipping sent to bottom.

CAIRO, Aug. 17—(CP)—Royal Air Force fighters carried out a vast daylight sweep over Sicily today without encountering a single enemy aircraft to climax a week-end in which six Axis ships and one destroyer were sunk and three damaged by British aircraft and submarines in the Mediterranean.

The sweep was similar to the one carried out over the French coast before Britain's bombers began their big attacks against Germany.

Just before, the airmen of the Middle East command subjected the Sicilian harbor at Catania to a new severe bombing, a communique announced.

Britain's nearest base for such a sweep is Malta, 60 miles away. Her nearest base in Africa is 800 miles away, an extraordinarily long range for fighter planes.

Torpedo planes which swooped upon an Italian convoy plying from the homeland to African headquarters at Tripoli hit three of the five merchant ships and one of the escorting destroyers, a Royal Air Force communique said Saturday.

Later reconnaissance showed only three of the merchant ships near Tripoli, it was said.

Inasmuch as the stricken destroyer was seen transferring her crew, it was presumed she had gone down along with a vessel of 5,000 tons which was last seen emitting

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### Here it is Men, the new Style suit

LONDON, Aug. 17—(CP)—Bond Street tailors regard themselves as arbiters of men's styles, and they are being received with admiration Saturday, a suggestion for a national suit, which conceivably would have struck them with horror in peace-time.

Here is the idea: a short single-breasted four-buttoned coat and the elimination of the cherished waistcoat or vest. Linings would be omitted and there would be only one button on each sleeve. Pockets would be without flaps.

The trousers would have no cuffs. There would be no buttons for suspenders or as they are called here braces, and there wouldn't be belt loops. S. Klein says there are certain self-supporting details which will save the day.

TURN UP PRISONER  
LONDON—(CP)—Reported missing a month ago after a Royal Air Force sweep over France, Acting Wing Commander J. R. Kayll, D. S.C., D.F.C., is known now to be a prisoner of war.

### Coming Events

Dance in Lot 65 Hall Monday, Aug. 19th. L-438-8-18-11.  
Wanted to buy Chicken, Fowl, and Cold Storage. L-219-7-9-11.  
Fort Augustus Tea Wednesday, Aug. 20th. L-428-8-16-31.  
Ice cream and dance Iona Hall Tuesday. L-426-8-16-21.  
Collecting hogs Tuesdays and Fridays. Borden Graham, Charlottetown. L-321-8-13-61.  
Dance Grandview, Aug. 19th, sponsored by Women's Institute for war purposes. L-148.  
Dance, St. Teresa's, Tuesday August 19th. Webster's Orchestra. L-325-8-16-18.  
Come to the Ice Cream Social in Clyde River Hall, Tuesday evening, August 19th. L-404-8-16-21.  
Wanted to buy—Bologna Cattle Sheep and Veal Calves, all grades. Phone, write for prices. Island Cold Storage Co., Ltd. L-138-8-6-M-W-11.  
Regular weekly dance Summerfield Hall, Wednesday, August 21st. Don Connelly's Orchestra. L-138-8-6-M-W-11.  
Meet your friends at St. John's Presbyterian Church tea, Belfast on Wednesday, August 20. L-369-8-15-11.

### Believe Japs Will hold Back in Pacific

### Show - down one way or other is expected within 10 days.

(By Lloyd Lehrbas)  
(Associated Press Staff Writer)  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 17—(AP)—Belief grew in informed diplomatic quarters here tonight that Japan would not force an extension of the war into the Pacific by military action against Thailand, or an attack on Siberia.

At the same time, events were regarded as pushing the Tokyo government to an early decision for war or peace and one authority on the Far East predicted a show-down within 10 days.

Peace could be maintained, it was said, if Japan would halt her southward expansion and maintain the status quo. But if Japan invades Thailand, gateway to Singapore and the rich Netherlands and British East Indies, rubber and tin territories beyond, or Siberia, it was predicted the Far East would burst into war from Vladivostok to Australia.

Among developments believed giving Japan reason to pause were the conferences of President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill, authoritatively reported to have included discussions

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### News Briefs

OTTAWA, Aug. 17—(CP)—Labor Minister McLarty expects to learn tomorrow whether or not Nova Scotia miners will abandon the slowdown policy they have been carrying out in some Cape Breton pits, it was learned reliably Saturday.

It was said the minister has made arrangements for a telephone call at 10 a. m. from William Sneed, representative of the International Mine Workers' executive now at Sydney, N. S.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17—(AP)—Harry L. Hopkins arrived back in Washington today wearing a Homburg with the initials W. S. C. in the hatband.

LONDON, Aug. 17—(CP Cable)—Angus L. Macdonald, Canadian navy minister, visited the 3rd Canadian Division today and attended church service with a Quebec regiment.

Later, he took the salute at a march past and then chatted informally with many officers including a fellow-member of the House of Commons, Lieut. Hugues LaPointe, a son of Justice Minister Ernest LaPointe.

LONDON, Aug. 17—(CP)—A Reuters news agency dispatch from Moscow said tonight that observers in the Soviet capital expressed belief the German thrust in the Ukraine is slowing down in the face of fierce Russian resistance.

### Interpreting The War News

By Kirke L. Simpson  
Associated Press Staff Writer

In the eight weeks since Hitler hurled his mighty war machine against Russia it has slipped its way through Soviet buffer defenses from the Baltic to the Black Sea and stormed into Russia itself an average of 100 miles on an average of 1,000-mile front; but it has signally failed as yet to achieve or closely to approach the quick and earth-shaking victory the Nazi war lord foretold.

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### Royal Air Force On Offensive Sweeps

### Destroy seven German planes and score torpedo hit on enemy tanker; British losses fairly heavy.

LONDON, Aug. 17—(CP)—Royal Air Force fighters on offensive sweeps across the English Channel and over northern France destroyed seven German fighters today while other aircraft scored a torpedo hit on the stern of an "enemy tanker" off Le Touquet, France, the Air Ministry announced tonight.

Two R. A. F. fighters and one bomber were lost in this latest series of attacks on Germany's military machine.

Today's raids followed closely upon night attacks by considerable forces of British bombers on Rhineland industrial cities Saturday night. Flying through dirty weather, the R. A. F. bombed Cologne, Duesseldorf and Duisberg and attacked docks at Rotterdam and Ostend.

Thirteen R. A. F. planes were missing after the attacks Saturday night, the Air Ministry said, while one British bomber destroyed a Nazi fighter.

The Air Ministry news service said large factories were left burning from powerful bombs dropped in the three Rhineland cities.

Air Minister Sir Archibald Sinclair, speaking to bomber crews, declared:—  
"It is the fighters who saved us from defeat last autumn and it is bombers who are going to smash the war industries of Germany and break the will to win of the German people."

### 3 crushed, 60 Injured in N. Y. stampede

NEW YORK, Aug. 17—(AP)—Three women were crushed to death and 60 other persons were injured today when 10,000 negroes waiting to attend a Hudson River excursion stampeded after learning many of the tickets sold them were bogus.

More than three times the expected number showed up at the pier at 132nd Street and Hudson River. In a gay mood, clad in their Sunday best for the day's outing and carrying picnic baskets, they lined up to board the steamship "State of Delaware."

Learning of the discovery, a wave of hysteria swept through the jammed excursionists. They pushed forward in a mass, waving their tickets, shouting and showing for a chance to board the vessel.

Patrolmen at the scene were powerless to stop the milling thousands, and before emergency police reserves arrived scores of the negroes had been thrown against the pier gates and injured by the pressure of the excited, shouting throng behind them.

Finally police checked the stampede by ordering the State of Delaware to pull away from the pier. The crowd was quickly roped back and ambulances began taking the injured to hospitals.

When the pier area was cleared the tramped bodies of three negro women were found. They were Marion Worrell, 48, Rose Grant, 50 and Martha Murraine, 54.

The pier was covered with hundreds of scattered picnic boxes, articles of clothing, pocket-knives and articles of clothing. Saddened by the sudden tragic turn the excursion had taken, most of the negroes returned to their homes. Some 300 others, however, boarded the State of Delaware after it returned to the pier and the vessel pulled off upstream.

Police held 15 excursionists for questioning in an attempt to learn the source of the bogus tickets.

### Germans claim Capture of Naval base

BERLIN, Aug. 17—(AP)—The German army was claimed today to have captured Nikolaev, Soviet naval base and industrial centre on the Bug River estuary, 60 miles northeast of Odessa, and to have established itself more firmly on the north shore of the Black Sea. The north shore command said the Ukrainian ship-building and manufacturing city of more than 140,000 population which dominates the mouth of the Bug fell under a protracted assault of German troops in co-operation with Hungarian units.

"Under pressure of the constant pursuit east of the Bug," the communique claimed, "the defeated enemy shows ever increasing signs of disintegration."

Totals of war material booty and other parts of the east front, German reports indicated the full force of the German attack now is being turned upon Odessa.

German military reports also claimed that mop-up of the Krivoi Rog mining area east of the Dniep. River upon which Russia is heavily dependent for her iron ore has been accomplished and that 7,000 prisoners have been captured. Quantities of tanks and planes were said to have been seized.

### K. of P. meet

MONCTON, N. B., Aug. 17—(CP)—Some two hundred representatives in the Maritime Provinces will commence to gather here tomorrow for the 55th annual Grand Lodge meeting of the Maritime Dominions Knights of Pythias and the 25th annual meeting of the Grand Temple, Pythian Sister of the Maritime Provinces.

The Knights will continue in session until Tuesday, while the Sisters conference will wind up Wednesday evening.

### COAL RESEARCH AWARD

SWANSEA, Wales—(CP)—The Melville Medal of the Institute of Fuel was awarded to Dr. Clarence A. Seyler in recognition of research work on coal.

### British and Soviets warn Iranian Gov't.

### Excessive numbers of German "tour- ists" in vital State.

LONDON, Aug. 17—(CP)—British and Russian envoys at Teheran were authoritatively reported today to have issued a second warning to the Iranian government that the "excessively large numbers of Germans" in that vital middle eastern land are a continuing cause of alarm to London and Moscow.

Sources here declined to amplify the report or to discuss whether a joint Russian-British move in Iran is imminent.

While there were intimations in some circles that a decisive stroke being considered by the two allies in the middle east, the nature of such an action was left to the vaguest inferences.

Reports published last week suggested that the Russians might adopt strong military measures if they deem it necessary to stamp out any German threat of infiltration at their southern side door.

Iran is strategically located between Iraq, which the British forces have occupied, and Afghanistan, and is important because of its oil resources which are rated even superior to those of Iraq. Moreover, Iran affords a land bridge between the Persian Gulf and Russian Caucasus.

Britain, and more recently Russia, have been exercised over the presence of large numbers of Germans in Iran ever since the signing of the Iraq uprising of Rashid Ali Al Gailani, many of the German agents in Iraq, as well as Italians and Gallani's followers, were reported to have fled to Iran.

### Roosevelt Returns; Plunges Into activity

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17—(AP)—President Roosevelt came back to Washington today from his long excursion conferences with Winston Churchill and immediately began mapping specific methods for a achieving close anti-axis collaboration among the United States, Britain and Russia.

Within half an hour after his forenoon arrival, the President met with State Secretary Cordell Hull at the White House for a discussion of the international situation. It was understood that he wanted to talk to Hull particularly about the strengthening of Vichy ties with Germany and the crisis in the far east.

Tomorrow, congressional leaders have an appointment with Mr. Roosevelt at which another lease-lend appropriation, perhaps up to \$10,000,000,000, is a probable topic of conversation. The President indicated Saturday that the lease-lend fund will have to be asked of Congress.

### New low press Cable rate

LONDON, Aug. 17—(CP Cable)—The Empire Press Union today announced that a new low Empire Press cable rate of one penny a word would go into effect shortly.

Cheaper cable rates for news interchanged between Empire points have long been a goal of the Empire Press Union, led by the Canadian section, the ultimate goal of a penny a word now having been achieved. At one time direct rates to Canada were as high as 15 cents a word from India and South Africa, compared to five cents from London. The last reduction on Feb. 1, 1939, lowered the rates to a flat rate and a half cent a word on newspaper copy between any two points in the Empire.

### War—25 Years Ago Today

AUG. 18, 1916—Allies attacked on an eight-mile front from the Ancre to the Somme; advanced near Guillemont and Ginchy and captured a large part of Maurepas village. Austrians shelled Italian positions on the Trentino front.

### Batman would Take leg to Famous flier

LONDON, Aug. 17—(CP Cable)—The Sunday Chronicle said today that Sgt. Ldr. Douglas Bader's batman, whom it did not identify, has offered to parachute to enemy territory with an artificial leg for the legless flier who was taken prisoner by the Nazis a week ago.

Bader was reported to have broken his artificial limbs when he bailed out from his plane over enemy territory.

The batman was said to have made the offer to Mrs. Bader. It was reported previously that the Nazis offered to allow a Royal Air Force plane to fly over the new metal legs and drop them for Bader.

### Good armament On Nazi plane; British better

LONDON, Aug. 17—(CP)—The Magazine "Aeroplane" says that a Mauser cannon having the "extremely high rate of fire" of 900 rounds a minute is the main armament of the new German Messerschmitt 109F.

The cannon is said to be the first of its kind produced by the Mauser company, well-known for its small arms.

Fired through the propeller hub, the gun is manufactured in two calibres—15 mm. (.591 inches) and 20 mm. (.78 inches). The fire rate is approximately 10 times that of earlier German cannon of the same size.

The magazine says that the ammunition feed, a belt moving through a long duct is a "likely source of trouble." Ammunition carried by the ME 109F allows only 13 seconds of fire. The plane also has two slow-firing machine-guns.

"Aeroplane" adds that Britain's new Hurricanes and Spitfires are armed "not with a single cannon but with a multitude of cannon. We believe that the muzzle velocity substantially exceeds that of the newest German type."

"The Spitfires and Hurricanes of today are even more decisively superior to the ME 109F than the Hurricane I and Spitfire I was to the earlier Messerschmitts a year ago," the magazine concluded.

### Red ack-ack Batteries do Vanishing trick

MONTREAL, Aug. 17—(AP)—Anti-aircraft guns that rise out of the ground at the approach of raiding planes to send up a shower of fire and then disappear after their work is completed are defending Moscow from German raiders.

Foreign correspondents were permitted today to inspect one of the batteries which form a ring around the Soviet capital.

It proved to be a modern unit with four medium calibre guns, complete with a range-finding detector, a newly developed predictor to translate the altitude, course and speed of a plane into the angle of the gun and the timing of the shell.

The location of the battery appeared to be an empty and peaceful wheatfield, broken in only two places by bomb craters.

### Mining Center Abandoned Also To Nazi Forces

### Soviet counter - attacks under- way at some points on long line — Germans reported driven back six miles at one point.

By Henry Cassidy  
Associated Press Staff Writer

MOSCOW, Aug. 18—(Monday)—(AP)—The Red army has withdrawn from Nikolaev, Black Sea naval base and industrial centre on the Bug River estuary, and Krivoi Rog, mining centre west of the Dnieper River, the Russians announced early today.

Nikolaev, 60 miles northeast of Odessa, is second only to Leningrad as a Soviet shipbuilding and refitting centre and is a shipping point for a huge volume of grain.

The communique said the vast dockyards there were blown up before the port was abandoned to the Germans.

Krivoi Rog is 100 miles northeast of Nikolaev and about the same distance southwest of the great Dnieper River hydro-electric centre of Dnepropetrovsk.

The announcement said the Russian withdrawals were made after stubborn battles.

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### Britain And Russia In Barter Pact

Described as further proof the two countries mean business against Germans.

(By Harold Fair)  
Canadian Press Staff Writer

LONDON, Aug. 17—(CP Cable)—A new era in Anglo-Soviet relations was opened today with the signing of a barter agreement supplemented by a British credit of at least £10,000,000 (about \$45,000,000)—a move described by informed sources as "another proof that Britain and Russia mean business."

Announcement of the agreement came after it had been predicted that prompt arrangements would be made for a Moscow conference on war materials resulting from Premier Joseph Stalin's acceptance of the Churchill-Roosevelt proposals for such a parity.

Latest unofficial reports say that Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and Lord Beaverbrook will lead the British delegation. One source pointed out, however, that it may be impossible to spare Mr. Eden from his post for a mission dealing principally with matters of supply.

But the possibility of the Foreign Secretary's going was not ruled out in view of his previous success at Moscow and good relations with the Soviet Ambassador in London, Ivan Maisky.

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### Paralysis claims Third N. B. victim

FREDERICTON, N. B., Aug. 17—(CP)—Infantile paralysis caused the third death in a week in New Brunswick when a 17-year-old boy succumbed in an iron lung at the Victoria public hospital here Saturday. He had been in the respirator for a number of days and was thought to be progressing favorably. One new case was reported from Shirley Settlement, Sunbury County, two from Burit's Corner, and one from Scott Settlement over the weekend, bringing the total of reported cases to 111 in the province. Five iron lungs are at the Victoria Hospital with two of them in use.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL  
FREDERICTON, N. B., Aug. 17—(CP)—Arthur Viau, 52, Montreal, charged with having a narcotic in his possession on February 20, 1941, contrary to the opium and narcotic drug act of Canada, was committed for trial when Magistrate Walter Limerick delivered his finding at the end of a preliminary hearing Saturday. The information was laid by Sgt. Emmet Lyons of the R.C.M.P. Viau was arrested recently in Montreal on a warrant issued here.

### Corvette launched At Collingwood

COLLINGWOOD, Ont., Aug. 17—(CP)—Another Corvette slipped down the ways here yesterday to add its strength to the Canadian navy when H. M. C. S. Lepas took to the water at this Georgian Bay port. The craft was christened by Mrs. McCuaig, wife of Duncan P. McCuaig, M. P. of Barrie, Ont.

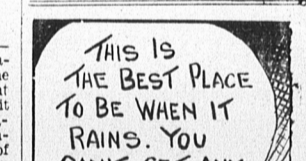
H. M. C. S. Drumheller, launched some time ago, was christened by Miss Doreen Dutton of Drumheller, Rev. P. G. Ongle of All Saints Anglican Church offered prayers for the safety of both ships and their crews in their hazardous work.

### FALLS OVER CLIFF, ESCAPES

NEW WATERFORD, N. S., Aug. 17—(CP)—Alex Poirier tumbled over a 40-foot cliff and escaped with a fractured wrist. Someone had tossed an old mattress over the cliff. Alex landed on it.

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### THIS IS THE BEST PLACE TO BE WHEN IT RAINS. YOU CAN'T GET ANY WETTER



TORONTO, Aug. 17—(CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Dawson	51	68
Victoria	54	76
Edmonton	47	74
Regina	46	68
Winnipeg	53	72
Toronto	52	71
Ottawa	49	68
Montreal	52	68
Boston	60	74

Synopsis: Showers have occurred in the western provinces, over the week end, while in Ontario it has been fair and cool.

BOSTON, Aug. 17—(AP)—Forecast for northern New England: Fair, continued moderately cool Monday; Tuesday increasing cloudiness and warmer.

High tide this morning at 5:46 and tonight at 7:55.  
Sun sets this evening at 7:03 and rises tomorrow morning at 5:06.

New moon Aug. 22, 2:34 p.m. Summer's tide 18 minutes later than Charlotte town.

### BORDEN — CAPE TORMENTINE SERVICE (Standard Time)

Leave Borden 6:45 A.M. 9:35 A.M. 1:00 P.M. 4:45 P.M. 7:30 P.M.  
Leave Cape Tormentine 8:00 A.M. 11:00 A.M. 3:15 P.M. 6:20 P.M. 8:40 P.M.

### SUNDAY SERVICE

Leave Borden 9:00 A.M. 12:00 noon 4:45 P.M. 7:00 P.M.  
Leave Cape Tormentine 10:05 A.M. 2:30 P.M. 5:50 P.M. 8:10 P.M.

### WOOD ISLANDS FERRY

Leaves Wood Islands 7:00 A.M. 11:00 A.M. 3:00 P.M.  
Leaves Caribou 9:00 A.M. 1:00 P.M. 5:00 P.M.