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Russians Crack German Defenses Only 28 Miles From Hungarian Capital

CANADIAN WAR MINISTER QUILTS IN ARMY DISPUTE

Ottawa—(P)—Canada's Defense Minister Col. J. L. Ralston resigned today, protesting against the government's refusal to compel military conscripts to serve overseas. Lt. Gen. A. G. L. McNaughton succeeded him.

Use of the home defense army, numbering about 70,000 men, has been an issue in Canada several years and brought on the crisis in Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King's cabinet. Under the government program, men called to compulsory military service may not be sent overseas unless they volunteer.

McNaughton, until last September, commander of Canadian forces abroad, is expected to support the government's program.

The resignation of Angus L. Macdonald, navy minister, also was believed possible.

Made Front Line Tour
Ralston, a Montreal lawyer, has been in the cabinet since September, 1939 taking office three days before Canada declared war on Germany.

He recently made a tour of European battlefields, and was reported to have returned with the conviction that Canada must use all available manpower as needed, whether overseas or at home.

The Canadian press said today that call-ups for compulsory military service were lagging behind quotas set by Ralston's defense department. Last February he said the army would require 60,000 men this year, with 48,000 of these available for duty anywhere.

In prolonged sessions in recent weeks, the cabinet has discussed suggestions for changes in the home defense setup. One section has favored release of about half the home army for work in civilian jobs connected with the war, and the retention of the remaining 35,000 for coastal defense and similar duties.

Under an order-in-council passed a month ago the government was empowered to place personnel of the home defense army in civilian jobs regarded as essential to the war.

A 1942 plebiscite released the government from all its previous commitments against use of conscripts overseas. King, however, announced then that the government would not use its authority without first taking a vote in parliament.

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(By the Associated Press)
The red army's lightning Hungarian offensive has cracked German defenses at Kunszentmiklos, 28 miles south of Budapest's outskirts, the German radio said today.

Col. Ernest von Hammer, Nazi commentator, described the Kunszentmiklos action as a "breach" in the German defenses.

The broadcast German high command communique told of further retreats in Hungary. Nazis were reported "detached" to the north bank of the middle Tisza river, last water barrier before the old capital.

Moscow reported Russian armored spearheads within 30 miles of Budapest today and advancing steadily against stiff but gradually weakening resistance on the rolling plain southeast of the city.

Advance Units 33 Miles Away
Soviet field dispatches said advance elements of the red army had penetrated beyond Lajosmizse, 33 miles from the Hungarian capital, following an advance in which more than 100 occupied places were captured.

Among the latter was the important railway center of Kecskemet. The Germans and their Hungarian allies were reported falling back upon defenses which the people of Budapest have been forced to dig outside the city.

The Russians were encountering hard going. Great numbers of anti-tank weapons have been concentrated by the enemy on the broad treeless plain over which the red army is advancing on a 50-mile front between the Danube and Tisza rivers.

The pace was surprisingly swift at some points, however, as evidenced by the fact that 48 planes were reported abandoned by the enemy Tuesday in their hasty flight from the Izsak airfield 17 miles southwest of Kecskemet.

Kecskemet, a city of 80,000 population, fell after 24 hours of street fighting. Russian forces in this See—RUSSIA—Page 9

Chairman of FCC, James Fly, Resigns



Washington—(P)—Chairman James Lawrence Fly of the federal communications commission today announced his resignation from the commission, effective Nov. 15.

In a verbal statement, issued through aides, Fly said he would enter private law practice in New York City. It was understood here that he planned also to join the business enterprises of William Benton, founder of the Benton and Bowles advertising agency.

Reports that Fly would retire from FCC shortly after the general election have long been in circulation. Benton recently said he had offered the communications director a place in his organization.

Begin Christian Science Broadcasts

As a progressive step in the radiobroadcasting of Christian Science programs, beginning Saturday, November 4, weekly programs prepared in the mother church, the First Church of Christ, Scientist in Boston, Mass., under the direction of the Christian Science board of directors, will be put on the air by approximately 64 radio stations throughout the United States.

The musical selections will be by the soloist and the organist of the mother church, and the church organ will be used. The programs may be heard in this vicinity every Saturday afternoon at 1 p. m. over station WJJD, Chicago.

Pvt. Carl Franson Is Wounded in Germany

Pittsville—Mrs. Carl Franson of this community has received a telegram from the war department notifying her that her son, Pvt. Carl D. Franson, was wounded in action in Germany on October 12. He is now in a hospital in England.

NIPS PREPARING FOR U.S. INVASION OF JAPAN PROPER

(By the Associated Press)
Japanese tanks are training to meet an expected American landing on the northern shores of Japan, Tokyo radio reported today in the wake of another bombing raid on the Kurile islands, stepping stones from the Aleutians to Nippon.

The broadcast followed an official Nipponese statement that the reported flight of Superforts over Tokyo yesterday "was confined to reconnoitering."

In the Philippines, which Pres. Sergio Osmena predicted would be completely freed within a few months, American ground forces neared a junction at Carigara on the Nipponese escape route and possible potential site of a Japanese stand.

Invite Chiang to Quit
Tokyo radio, capitalizing on the recall of Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, invited Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek to desert his allies and join Japan. Later broadcasts said fierce resistance was expected from Chinese who have entrenched themselves in "hastily constructed pillboxes made by smashing down the city walls" of Kweilin, virtually surrounded major southeastern Chinese stronghold.

Stilwell sent his farewell congratulations to Maj. Gen. Claire L. Chennault whose 14th U. S. Air Force, operating "under discouraging conditions," has "cut down the Japanese air arm in China to the vanishing point."

Stilwell also sent his best wishes for success to Adm. Lord Louis Mountbatten, under whose southeast Asia command he also operated.

Expect Northern Landing
Tokyo radio's latest talk of an expected American invasion of Nippon came in reporting the delivery of new tanks "at a front line base in the northern tip of Japan."

It quoted the tank commander as saying "training before the enemy landing is more important than sacrifice after the enemy landing."

At the same time the maritime commission disclosed in Washington that production of high priority assault ships was "very materially" increased last month.

The 20th bomber command, which normally promptly reports all Superforts raids, offered no confirmation of yesterday's confused Tokyo broadcasts that one or more B29s from Marianas island bases appeared over the capital.

A spokesman denied previous reports that the industrial section was raided but warned that the possibility of "U. S. air raids against Japan is ever increasing."

Fighting in Philippines
Dismounted cavalrymen were reported fighting in Cavigara town on the northern shores of Leyte island in the Philippines. Infantrymen and See—WAR IN PACIFIC—Page 9

BARN, COWS, FEED ALL DESTROYED

Pittsville, Wis.—Loss of several thousands of dollars, as yet not computed in detail, occurred early today when the barn of the Charles Stringham farm, three miles north of Pittsville, burned after being struck by lightning.

With the barn went 15 cows, two herd sires, two horses, the poultry flock, the granary with 300 bushels of grain and two tons of oil meal, all of the hay totalling more than 50 tons, as well as small tools, harness, much barn equipment and small items.

The family was awakened at 2:30 this morning by the dog, which was sleeping outside the kitchen door. At the time the dog awoke the family the barn was a mass of flames and it is believed the dog was temporarily knocked out by the lightning and that he was unable to give the alarm and awaken the family earlier than he did.

Two cows which broke out of their stanchions escaped death, but one of them was burned so badly that her ultimate recovery and value is doubtful.

The oil meal, protein concentrate used in mixing with home-raised grains to make a dairy ration, has been extremely scarce during the past year or more, and just Wednesday afternoon Mr. Stringham had brought home the two tons which were destroyed by fire before the next day arrived.

Dittmanns Get Son's Purple Heart Award

Certificate of the Purple Heart and the Purple Heart medal, granted posthumously to Pvt. Philip Dittmann were received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Dittmann of this city, "for wounds receiving resulting in his death."

Pvt. Dittmann, who left Wisconsin Rapids with the National Guard unit in 1940, was killed in action on New Guinea on August 2 of this year.

A brother, William, was stationed in the same area at the time of Pvt. Dittmann's death.

77 Sets November Heat Record; Cold Wave Is Coming

Warmest November day in the history of weather recording here was chalked up Wednesday afternoon when the mercury climbed to 77 degrees. Today's maximum of 68 degrees at 2 p. m. compares to a maximum of approximately 50 degrees a year ago.

The maximum of 77 degrees here was highest in the entire state, matched only by the 77 degree recording in Milwaukee. Forecasts today were for "good duck weather"—icy winds, driving rains and possibly snow through much of the midwest.

The change of weather was accompanied by an electrical storm and a spattering of a third of an inch of rain early this morning.

Milwaukee—(P)—The highest temperature ever registered in November was reported in at least two Wisconsin cities—Milwaukee and Park Falls—yesterday, but the state's residents were warned by weather forecasters not to pack away their winter clothes.

In Milwaukee the temperature was 77 and in Park Falls it was 76. The former Milwaukee high for November was 76.6 on Nov. 2, 1938. Other high marks in the state were Wausau 73, Green Bay 71, LaCrosse 73, and Madison 74.

Suggestion of Argentina's Is Considered

Washington—(P)—Acting Secretary of State Stettinius said today exchanges of information already have begun with the other American republics on Argentina's request for an inter-American meeting to determine that country's position.

He added at his news conference, however, that such exchanges are being handled through normal diplomatic channels and that next week's meeting here of Latin American ambassadors will be confined to matters of post-war security.

Stettinius' comment came as Argentina's struggle to fight her way out of diplomatic quarantine began formally in the 20 other American capitals.

Delegates of the other members of the Pan-American union were sending to their governments the Buenos Aires request for an inter-American foreign minister's meeting to consider the tough Argentine situation.

The United States, Acting Secretary of State Stettinius said Wednesday, will not make up its mind on a meeting until it has heard the other republics' opinions.

Three—Columbia, Ecuador and Brazil—have endorsed a conference. Mexico's foreign minister Ezequiel Padilla reacted favorably to the idea in a press statement.

It is no secret that Washington hopes Argentina will be unable to convince enough other republics to See—ARGENTINA—Page 9

Donald Nelson Is Ordered to Return to China Soon

Washington—(P)—President Roosevelt today directed Donald Nelson to return to China at "the earliest possible date" to organize a Chinese war production board.

Following a long conference between Nelson and the president, the White House issued a statement which said:

"As the president's personal representative, Mr. Nelson will continue his work with the Generalissimo (Chiang Kai-Shek) on measures aimed at strengthening the Chinese war effort, and notably in organizing a war production board to increase the output of China's war industries."

The announcement said Nelson's return to China had been urged by the generalissimo.

Today's White House visit was Nelson's first since Mr. Roosevelt announced the recall of General Joseph W. Stilwell because of what he later described as a clash in personalities with Chiang, and the resignation of Ambassador Clarence E. Gauss. Stilwell was chief of the Burma-China-India command.

Auburdale Man Reported Wounded

Auburdale, Wis.—S/Sgt. Elmer H. Schroeder, 22, foster son of Mr. and Mrs. William Draxler, Route 1, Auburdale, was seriously wounded in action in France on October 10 according to a telegram from the war department.

Sgt. Schroeder had previously been reported slightly wounded early in August and after recovery had gone back to duty.

POLITICAL TALKS JAM AIRWAVES UNTIL ELECTION

(By the Associated Press)
Eyes a bit blurry and ears hard pounded by presidential campaign arguments, America's voters can choose between dozens of more speakers in the few days left before they choose between President Roosevelt and Governor Dewey.

At least ten network programs are on tonight's political broadcast schedule. The speakers include top flight politicians, labor leaders and still more of the Hollywood movie actors who have been swarming to microphones in great numbers this campaign.

Mr. Roosevelt himself is down for a 15-minute talk from the White House (over NBC) in a Democratic program running from 8 to 8:30 o'clock CWT. After an 11:30 a. m. CWT, extemporaneous speech at Baltimore, Dewey carries his anti-fourth term drive to Pennsylvania with speeches in Wilkes Barre at 7 p. m. and Scranton at 8:15 p. m.

None of his talks today will be broadcast. He speaks again at New York's Madison Square Garden Saturday night.

FDR Speaks Saturday
It is Mr. Roosevelt's next to the last major call to the voters; his last is to come Saturday night at Boston where howling Republican enthusiasts last night heard Dewey declare:

"Mr. Roosevelt, in his overwhelming desire to perpetuate himself in office for 16 years, has put his party on the auction block—for sale to the highest bidder."

And the ones bidding it in, Dewey continued "are the political action committee of Sidney Hillman and the Communists of Earl Browder."

Boisterous Reception
It was a boisterous, tremendous reception New England gave Dewey, and just as their separate trips to Chicago were compared by vote-hungry politicians, it will be compared to the turn-out Mr. Roosevelt attracts Saturday.

Both Dewey and Rep. Joseph W. Martin Jr., minority leader of the house of representatives, put a new note in the campaign. Martin asked the cowbell ringing, whistling through in the Boston garden: "Do we want next January a coronation?" See—POLITICS—Page 9

Congregational Youth Gather Here For District Rally

One hundred young people and their leaders representing congregations in the Southern Winnebago district of the Congregational church are in attendance at the two day district Pilgrim Fellowship rally, which opened at 2 o'clock this afternoon in the local Congregational church.

The conference is under the direction of the Rev. Jesse P. Peirce of the First Congregational church of Oshkosh, who is district young people's advisor. Host group is the Sunday Evening club of which Richard Corey is president. Chairman of the local young people's committee on hospitality is Robert Kingdon.

A banquet is scheduled for 6 o'clock this evening at which the Rev. Harry S. Martin, missionary to China, is expected to address the group. Luncheon will be served at 12:15 p. m. Friday and the conference will conclude with a communion service at 2 o'clock tomorrow. The meals are being served by the young people by the Pilgrim and Plymouth Circles.

Yanks Advance in New Attack Through Forest Southeast of Aachen

Gen. Alexander Sees No Hope of Nazis Leaving Italy; Allies at Standstill

London—(P)—American infantry, fighting through the dense Hürtgen forest southeast of Aachen, advanced from one to nearly two miles in a new attack today, overran two villages and reached a third.

Her 51 commandos and Canadian infantry assailed dike-graded Walcheren island were in the last phase of the battle to uncover Antwerp.

They fanned out rapidly along the two to three mile wide dune zone and flushed the Germans out of all but the northern outskirts of the port of Flushing (Vlissingen).

Meeting stiffened resistance in the drive toward Rotterdam, however, Americans and Poles were forced to up their narrow hard-wood bridgeheads over the Mars river, last barrier before the Maas (Meuse) and Holland's Diep bridges.

Villages Overrun
With heavy preparation by artillery, steadily placed the last two weeks, infantrymen of the U. S. First Army hopped off to the attack through Hürtgen forest this morning. They overran the village of Gemeter and reached the town of Hürtgen, seven miles southwest of Duren on the road to Cologne for a gain of a mile. The village of Vassenaek was overrun in another advance of nearly two miles.

British commandos and amphibious forces which struck the island's west coast yesterday near Westkapelle have expanded their beachhead to the northeast, bypassing the village of Domburg and seizing an enemy coastal battery emplaced in the dunes beyond. Associated Press Correspondent William F. Bond reported from Canadian First Army headquarters.

South of the Schelde estuary a stubborn knot of enemy defiance was all but erased. A Reuters field dispatch said the German general commanding in that pocket and 2,500 of his men had been captured. Allied troops there were well inside the coastal village of Knocke.

REIMER MISSING FOR SECOND TIME

T-Sgt. Russell Reimer, aerial gunner and radio man, is missing in action from his base in the Italian theater of war, according to word received by relatives here Wednesday.

Sgt. Reimer was previously reported missing on June 16 of this year and sometime later he wrote a letter telling of the crash of his plane and how he had escaped.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reimer, live at Route 1, city, and his wife, Florence, lives with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Zimmerman on Route 2.

Car, Guns and Shells Destroyed By Fire

Especially acute in these days of scarce tires, scarce cars, scarce guns and shells is the fire loss of Roy Marcoux, 240 Ninth street south, who went hunting near Pittsville Tuesday.

Ray and his brother Lawrence, hunting together, left their car in the yard of the old Chief Alex Lore, now homesteaded, three miles southeast of Pittsville, returning later to find that a grass fire had spread to the car and destroyed it.

In the war were a 410 gauge shotgun, an over-and-under 22 caliber and 410 gauge combination gun, six or eight boxes of shotgun shells and two boxes of 22 caliber shells, as well as four gun cases, items of clothing and other belongings, all not covered by the insurance which did cover loss of the car.

BY LYNN HEINZERLING

Rome—(P)—The campaign which has ground 500 miles up through Italy and cost at least 9,000 casualties in American forces alone was slowed in the mud of the Po valley and peaks of the Apennines today, Gen. Sir Harold Alexander, allied commander, said he saw no signs of the Germans pulling out of Italy.

He made no effort to conceal the fact that the powerful offensive launched against the Gothic line last August has now halted almost completely.

"I can't tell how long it will take to drive them out, but it will be done," Alexander told correspondents. He declined to hazard any dates on the Italian or any other campaign but remarked that he could not imagine the war in Europe continuing beyond 1945.

Alexander said the original plan for attacking the Gothic line had been altered because of the withdrawal of all French divisions and some American divisions for the invasion of southern France.

He said he could not explain why the Germans left so many troops in Italy as the allied ring around Germany tightened from the west and east, or why the Nazis continued to pump reinforcements into the enemy line in northern Italy.

Alexander traced the course of the campaign from the time of its planning in Tunisia in April 1943. In the 14 months since the first landing, the general said, 31,000 square miles of Italian territory have been liberated. He said the equivalent of 15 of the 30 German divisions engaged since May 11 has been totally destroyed. He added there were 194,600 enemy casualties, including 84,000 dead and 104,000 wounded.

Alexander told of great feats of allied engineers in building 15,000 feet of bridging and lifting 2,200 miles in a period of 42 hours at a juncture and 16,800 mines at Livorno.

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Posthumous Award To Sgt. Matthews

Sgt. Jack E. Matthews, 20, killed in action on New Guinea on August 2, 1944, has posthumously received the award of the Purple Heart for "military merit and for wounds received in action."

His father, Russ Matthews of this city, received the certificate of the Purple Heart and also a written tribute and memorial signed by the president of the United States.

Sgt. Matthews left Wisconsin Rapids in August 1940.



FASHION TRENDS—In the bobby socks set at Lincoln high school there are two trends equally prevalent. One is the short skirt and long sweater garnished perhaps with fluffy angora socks; the other, the rolled up slacks and draping shirt model. . . . Both are very comfortable, we were informed by the feminine students. The shirt and denim had begun about three years ago, apparently inspired by a cold winter day, and since then its popularity has waned and flared with the seasons. Although the girls admit that they are crazy about Frank Sinatra, "but the boys go for Crosby." Lincoln high school students have shown a seriousness of purpose in the purchase of bonds and stamps each week and by achieving the 100 per cent mark this week in the student sale carried on at the school. Two advocates of each currently popular costume were photographed in the downtown district. They are left to right: Jennie Durkee, senior; Cynthia Peterson, senior; Yvonne Heger, junior; and Marge McGraw, sophomore.

Chief Exner Tells Kiwanis Members About FBI School

Assurance that the FBI is training law enforcement officers of the country to cope with any situation which might arise in the post-war period was given members of the Kiwanis club at the youth lodge on Lake Wazewich last evening by Chief of Police R. J. Exner who was recently graduated from the course given by the federal bureau of investigation at Washington.

Chief Exner said he was not prepared to give a complete summary of the 14 weeks course at last night's meeting. He indicated that those who completed the course examined considerable training in a short period of time. He said the community was to be commended for having sent him to the federal school for training.

Following Chief Exner's talk a brief discussion about future meetings of the club was heard and Pres. C. Henry Burkett appointed C. F. Jackson, G. H. Hein, H. F. Kramer and J. E. Menzel as a planning committee for winter meetings.

SCHEDULE GATES

Pittsville, Wis.—William Gates, Schuette county Republican leader from W. Berneburg, Wis., will address a campaign workshop meeting in the community hall here Saturday night.

THE WEATHER

For Wisconsin: Much colder with occasional rain tonight and Friday, with some snow north portion late tonight, and Friday. Freezing temperatures north-west and north-central portions by Friday morning. Fresh to strong winds.

TODAY'S WEATHER FACTS

Maximum temperature for 24-hour period ending at 7 a. m., 77; minimum temperature for 24-hour period ending at 7 a. m., 51; temperature at 7 a. m., 53. Precipitation, .35.