## Churchill Condemns Speculation About Second Front

## OFFENSIVE 'IS IN THE MAKING,' FRANCE IS TOLD

London-(A) - Prime Minister Churchill voiced emphatic disapproval of speculation on the time or place of a second front, as the subject cropped up in the house of commons today and as the BBC broadcast to France that an allied offensive "is in the making."

Churchill's remarks were provoked by a question from Capt. Peter MacDonald which was prefaced by the assumption that "the period of offensive operations by the united nations is now approaching."

Tell French to Be Ready As parliament met for the first time since Sept. 11, a high officer MARINE AT MAKIN-This is Pvt.

must be foreseen." The message followed the pattern of previous BBC broadcasts to France. It told the French that there would be no advance warning of the day or point of attack but that "the offensive of the allied nations is in the making."

"Based on Inference"

MacDonald was anxious lest someone with inside information indiscreetly tip off the enemy with too free talk. In response to the member's request for a word of caution, Churchill said:

"I welcome this opportunity of again emphasizing the undesirability of public statements or speculation as to the time and place of future allied offensive operations even though such statements are based on inference and not, as the suggestion seems to imply, on inside infor-

The house's applause was punctuated by the remark—which Churchill did not answer-"will that be conveyed to Mr. Wendell Will-

Willkie, speaking in Moscow Sunday, urged a second front "at the military leaders will approve."

Reports on Madagascar Churchill reported on the British occupation of Madagascar, announc- rocks as straight." ing that he had been informed of the remaining in French hands.

Churchill, who rarely has been at the possibilities of the English "quite a war." It said: Laval. He declined to make any came separated from the rest and ment's attitude toward Vichy. Answers Discrimination Charge

stant aim and there certainly is no lack of machinery to achieve it."

The question was raised by T. O. M. Driberg who implied that the altroops was introduced by the Americans themselves.

Replying, Churchill said "the question certainly is unfortunate and I am hopeful that without any action on my part the points of view of all concerned will be mutually understood and respected."

### Report New Purge Among Nazi Generals

London-(A)-A new purge by Hitler of Nazi generals along the lines of last winter's wholesale dismissals following the failure to take Moscow was reported today with Field Marshal Fedor Von Bock ousted from command of his stalled army at Stalingrad and Field Marshal Wilhelm Ritter Von Leeb replaced on the Leningrad front.

The German-inspired Vichy radio reported that Field Marshal Siegmund List, who directed the Balkan campaign, replaced Von Bock with Colonel-General Hermann Von Hoth second in command.

In London meanwhile a military commentator confirmed reports that Field Marshal Georg Von Kuschler had replaced Von Leeb on the Leningrad front where the Germans have been driven back slowly in a series of red army counter-attacks.

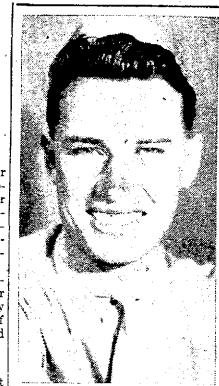
List is regarded as a leading exponent of lightning war tactics and if, as reported, he is in command a new savage assault on Stalingrad is expected with a total disregard . for losses.

While in the Berlin war office. from 1926 to 1930 he was a "terror" of his subordinates, informed sources here said. He was removed from his Balkan command over a month ago following reports that he had severely criticized Von Bock's tactics and the Stalingrad drive in general. It was believed here that Hitler, in casting about for someone to break the costly Stalingrad stalemate, recalled him to active

### Giant Carrots

Roy Fritz, 241 Thirteenth street north, was surprised recently when he pulled carrots from his garden to find that they were of giant proportions, the largest weighing two

pounds, 12½ ounces. The gardner's six largest specithree-quarters pounds.



of the British army broadcast in Charles Fitzgerald, 23, a marine must close hoping you are well and French that "today more than ever who participated in the action at that your son is returned to you before the possibilities of a British Makin island. He called it "quite safe and sound. God bless you all and allied landing on French soil a war while it lasted." He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Fitzgerald,

of Route 2, city.



From "somewhere with the marines," Pvt. Charles Fitzgerald, 23, marine son of Mr. and Mrs. John Fitzgerald, Route 2, writes to his parents the adventures of his outfit in the brush with the Japs at Makin island, during the push of the marines in the Solomons group last month. He writes as casually as though he had been at a football game:

"I was in that fight over at Makin island. It was quite a war while it earliest possible moment which our lasted. The Japs have plenty of nerve and they know how to keep out of sight but they can't shoot worth a darn. I think I could throw

Happily, the young leatherneck fall of Tulear, the island's last port sent along a newspaper clipping, with a notation on it that "I was in this bunch." The clipping is cona loss for words, told commons "I siderably more illuminating and am afraid I have rather exhausted sheds light on what Charles calls

"One of the landing boats. . . befurther statement on the govern- finally landed behind the Japanese lines. Being lost meant little to these marines. They shot eight Churchill told one member that Japanese marching up a road, dehis charge of "discrimination stroyed communications lines, stopagainst Negro troops, of the United ped several Jap runners coming States army in Britain was unfor- back from the front, destroyed one tunate. The prime minister assur- of three radio stations, burned a ed another member that harmony in supply truck and then returned to allied war planning was "our con- their ship with only three of their group missing, wondering where

everybody was.' Charles writes that the outfit obtained some liberty after Makin, leged discrimination against Negro and he was able to see his brother Arthur, 27, who is in the marine air arm. Arthur took him for a ride in a dive bomber during practice, and Charles vividly described his impressions of the event. It was his

first time in the air. "I guess Art thought he could scare me," Charles wrote, "but I didn't bat an eye, though just between you and me they had me worried a couple of times. Well, I've ridden in everything except a tank

From an Australian mother to an til October, 1941, when he was American mother, word about the transferred briefly to Alma. American son fighting the common battle in the far-off continent. . . . That was the pleasure of Mrs. Clara Mason, Wisconsin Rapids, whose son of Mr. and Mrs. James Webb, town Howard, 23, is in Australia with of Grand Rapids, has received his the artillery unit of which he has pilot wings in the army air force. been a member since National He is stationed at Lamesa, Tex. Guard days here. Mrs. W. R. Ward was the Australian woman who met

room in Ballarat, Victoria. their midday meal, I asked him for air forces technical command. his mother's address, and that I would write and tell you that we had met him and how well he was Navy Ensign Fatally looking. .. There is no doubt about Injured in Accident it, you have some fine looking men. I am afraid there will be quite a lot of Australian girls going back to America after this war is over. .

Father Louis John Paquette, who formerly served St. James Catholic church at Vesper, has been advanced Captain Paquette is serving in



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## priest at Vesper for four years un-

Staff Sgt. Downing E. Webb, son

William J. Hanneman, son of Mr. Howard at a railway refreshment and Mrs. A. J. Hanneman of Wisconsin Rapids, has arrived at Jeffer-"Your son Howard passed through son Barracks, Mo., where he will this city and in course of conversa- take basic training at the replacetion while we were giving them ment training center for the army through safely to Piraeus.

Washington-(A)-Ensign Kenneth S. Higley, 22, a native of Marinette, Wis., was injured fatally yesterday when a piece of heavy armor plate he was inspecting at the Dahlgren Va., naval proving grounds oppled on him, the navy yard an-

to the rank of captain in the army. Higley, of Marinette, past state commander of the Wisconsin department of the American Legion.

> The young ensign, a member of the naval reserve, was called to active duty January 5. He was married to Janet L. Froede, of Milwau- er nations in lifting part of its ex- time commission M. recognition, kee, March 25 at Milwaukee. He and port ban in order to rush additional also were approved. his bride were graduates of the supplies to Greece. University of Wisconsin.

# now. I'll probably get a crack at Puerto Rico, having been there one of them before the war is over." since last April. He was called to active service last January. He was

New York-(Wide World)-A thin line of neutral Swedish ships with their safety guaranteed by both the united nations and the axis powers is moving fairly steadily across the Atlantic with food and medicinal supplies to help relieve the dire conditions of war torn

It is known that some, perhaps all, of the relief ships have gotten

Cooperate With Red Cross The allied governments, with the participation of the Greek War Reief association in the United States and in co-operation with the International Red Cross, are continuing to send as large quantities of food and medicinial supplies as they can

Other friendly nations, too, are speeding aid. Last January a ship- sin State CIO convention was on recment of 8,000 tons of wheat moved ord today favoring immediate esfrom England to Greece just at a tablishment of a second front in time when authoritative sources in Europe. Switzerland announced that 1,000,-Higley, who lived at Fredericks- 000 children in Greece were facing declaring that labor would "bear burg, Va., was a son of Harvey V. starvation. The International Red the sacrifices" to make possible such Cross aided by moving 9,000 chil- a move and attacking "those who dren from Greece to Turkey and would keep the nation only ankle Switzerland where food supplies deep in the war."

were available.

The Swedish relief ships are be- sociation director of the WPB la-

ing used by most of the countries and in order to take every measure to escape attacks by submarines, they widely publicize where, when and how those relief ships are traveling.

Situation Very Serious

But, even with the help of bread and other foodstuffs that the united nations relief agencies have been able to get to the Greeks, the situation there continues to be extremely serious.

The Athens-Piraeus region, with its 1,000,000 inhabitants, is not a very fertile region and its population consists largely of merchants, sailors and laborers. The suffering from lack of food in this section has been reported as extreme and the situation getting worse under the axis domination.

### CIO Convention Asks for Second Front Now

Milwaukee — (AP) — The Wiscon-

Delegates approved a resolution

Resolutions supporting Philip In March of this year, Sweden Murray, national CIO president, and joined the United States, Turkey, commending plants and workers Great Britain, Switzerland and oth- awarded army-navy E and mari-

Philip Clowes, of Washington, as-

bor production division, told the con- world which American labor has vention that "the world we must been trying to fashion here in Amfashion for the future is simply the erica."



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