

Churchill Condemns Speculation About Second Front

OFFENSIVE 'IS IN THE MAKING,' FRANCE IS TOLD

London—(P)—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 of the British army broadcast in France that "today more than ever before the possibilities of a British and allied landing on French soil 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 information."

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

Willkie, speaking in Moscow Sunday, urged a second front "at the earliest possible moment which our military leaders will approve."

Reports on Madagascar

Churchill reported on the British occupation of Madagascar, announcing that he had been informed of the fall of Tulear, the island's last port remaining in French hands.

Churchill, who rarely has been at a loss for words, told commons "I am afraid I have rather exhausted the possibilities of the English language" in denouncing Pierre Laval. He declined to make any further statement on the government's attitude toward Vichy.

Answers Discrimination Charge

Churchill told one member that his charge of "discrimination against Negro troops" of the United States army in Britain was unfortunate. The prime minister assured another member that harmony in allied war planning was "our constant 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 alleged discrimination against Negro troops 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—(P)—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 Sigmund 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 service.

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 gardener's six largest specimens weighed a total of nine and three-quarters pounds.



MARINE AT MAKIN—This is Pvt. Charles Fitzgerald, 23, a marine who participated in the action at Makin island. He called it "quite a war while it lasted." He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Fitzgerald, of Route 2, city.



OUR MEN IN SERVICE

now. I'll probably get a crack at one of them before the war is over."

From an Australian mother to an American mother, word about the American son fighting the common battle in the far-off continent. . . . That was the pleasure of Mrs. Clara Mason, Wisconsin Rapids, whose son Howard, 23, is in Australia with the artillery unit of which he has been a member since National Guard days here. Mrs. W. R. Ward was the Australian woman who met Howard at a railway refreshment room in Ballarat, Victoria.

"Your son Howard passed through this city and in course of conversation while we were giving them their midday meal, I asked him for his mother's address, and that I would write and tell you that we had met him and how well he was looking. . . . There is no doubt about 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. . . . must close hoping you are well and that your son is returned to you safe and sound. God bless you all. . . ."

Father Louis John Paquette, who formerly served St. James Catholic church at Vesper, has been advanced to the rank of captain in the army. Captain Paquette is serving in



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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 Greece.

It is known that some, perhaps all, of the relief ships have gotten through safely to Piraeus. Cooperate With Red Cross

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

Navy Ensign Fatally Injured in Accident

Washington—(P)—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 toppled on him, the navy yard announced.

Higley, who lived at Fredericksburg, Va., was a son of Harvey V. 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 Milwaukee, March 25 at Milwaukee. He and his bride were graduates of the University of Wisconsin.

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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.

CIO Convention Asks for Second Front Now

Milwaukee —(P)—The Wisconsin State CIO convention was on record today favoring immediate establishment of a second front in Europe.

Delegates approved a resolution declaring that labor would "bear the sacrifices" to make possible such a move and attacking "those who would keep the nation only ankle deep in the war."

Resolutions supporting Philip Murray, national CIO president, and commending plants and workers awarded army-navy E and maritime commission M. recognition, also were approved.

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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.

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