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Nov. 24 (P)-General tank columns of the Army from Army, 19 miles ed today. a thrust through writhed in the Allied

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British Second Army orward two miles yesrough the worst weath-Illies have faced since move within two miles etherlands border city

NGHAM, Eng., (P) the church.

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New Brigadiers

OTTAWA, Nov. 24 (P)— There are three new acting brigadiers Olica in the Canadian overseas Army today. Defence headquarters announces that two Montreal men, Lieut. Cols. W. G. Leggatt and Keactions Lieut. Cols. W. G. Leggatt and C. M. Drury, are included in the promotions. The third officer to be promoted is Lieut. Col. F. D. Lace of Toronto. All are artillery officers.

Are Appointed

EIGHTH ARMY IS MOVING ON

Clears Germans Out of Cosina River Loop-Poles Also Advancing

ROME, Nov. 24 (P) - British Eighth Army troops, battling strong enemy resistance, have urg yesterday. There cleared the Germans out of the ubilation in Paris Cosina River loop, less than four ported recapture of miles southeast of Faenza, and important border captured a few more villages in e Rhine which had substantial gains in the area n 1940. The French south of the Bologna-Rimini lanked by the Ameri- Highway, headquarters announc-

Polish troops have continued Possibly 70,000 Ger- to advance farther west beyond Montefortino and have captured group pincers driv- the villages of Oriolo, San Biagio Strasbourg from two and San Mamante.

PLANE IS ON

VANCOUVER, Nov. 24 (P) Air Chief Marshal Sir Frederick after attending the Chicago Conference.

Travelling in Prime Minister American Ninth Army | Winston Churchill's Liberator Commando, Sir Frederick and Coast air base earlier.

They expect to leave for the East today.

Brigadier At Winnipeg Quits

WINNIPEG. Nov. 24 ()- The Winnipeg Free Press reported British units in Ger- yesterday that the officer comzed Hoven north of manding Military District No. 1 at Winnipeg, Brigadier R. A MacFarlane, has resigned his post in protest against the volarmentier of St. Augus- untary recruiting plans of Deoman Catholic Church fence Minister McNaughton. The parents not to name newspaper said MacFarlane's dren after statesmen or resignation was filed November the war but after the 21 and was accepted yesterday.

evecuated from Belfast on a bombed site worried local nderry because of air residents until a doctor reported er are being brought it was a medical students speci-

Conscription—

Progressive - Conservatives Continue Attacks-Quebec Liberals Bolt-Power Resigns

WHAT WILL FRENCH DO? OTTAWA, Nov. 24 — Prime Minister Mackenzie King announced in the House of Commons today that Air Minister C. G. Power had tendered his resignation which he had not yet accepted. Liberal French-Canadian members held caucus today but there was no official statement. One rewas said there would be no mass breakaway. Major Gen-Minister Michaud announce they will support the government policy.

reversal of government policy on the Home Defence soldiers conscription became known yes- would be the happiest man in terday, Progressive - Conserva- the world." Draftees would be and his government. tive members intensified their used only so far as needed to attacks on the government and make up the deficiency when province began to desert the General McNaughton estimated

days, is led so far, by Air Minis- in January and 6,000 in Februter C. G. Power, who represents ary. Quebec South in the Commons. Major Power's Quebec City office announced his resignation from Army while beyond Bowhill, commander-in-chief of the cabinet yesterday. There are the Royal Air Force transport also reports that Works Minisled out the line for 14 command, and Lady Bowhill ar- ter Fournier, member for Hull, rived here by plane enroute may leave the cabinet. Last night American First Army back to England via Montreal the Liberal member for Quebec West, Charles E. Parent, walked acoss the House. He was followed by former Transport Minister P. J. A. Cardin, member for Richelieu-Vercheres. Cardin re-Lady Bowhill visited a West signed from the cabinet in 1942 as a protest against the passing of an order-in-council author-izing overseas conscription. And MOVE AGAIN late last night, the member for Temiscouata, J. F. Pouliot, said he could no longer support Mr.

> Even as the insurrection began, 700 youths staged an anti-conscription parade in Quebec City and the head of the Bloc Populaire party in the Commons, Maxime Raymond, said that the Prime Minister has violated what he called one of the most solemn promises ever made by a public man never to impose conscription for overseas service.

The open revolt in the Liberal ST. (P) — Adults and LONDON, (P)—A human skull party closely follows a cabinet inet ministers—said to include Finance Minister Ilsley, Munitions Minister Howe, Resources Minister Crerar and several others—demanded that Mr. King abandon the voluntary system of supplying reinforcements, it it had broken down, and enforce overseas conscription. with revolt from both wings of his party, Mr. King chose the conscription view.

> While the new policy presumably satisfies the pro-conscription group of Liberals, opposition members felt it did not go far enough. All day long, Independent and Progressive-Conservative members maintained thei: steady fire on the government with house leader Gordon Graydon and Howard Green, member for Vancouver South, leading the Progressive-Conservative attack.

Last night, Independent member A. W. Neil, of Comox, Alberni, joined in the attack by asking Gen. McNaughton if he did not feel duty bound to resign because he had been asked to raise overseas reinforcements through compulsion, a system which he admittedly opposed.

ess of Kent made her first trip to outsiders brought in to help on using hoses for watering Britain's largest coal workings. las paid the local operators.

Ottawa Debate-

McNAUGHTON IS STILL UNDER HEAVY FIRE

Prime Minister Told He Or His Government Could Be Dispensed With

OTTAWA, Nov. 24 (P)-"I have A. G. L. McNaughton, minister of national defence, in telling day that an order-in-council the two types of armies in Canunder the provisions of the National Mobilization Act had been passed to the effect that 16,000 theatre of operations. He explained that this was the num- changed policy. ber required to meet foreseen reinforcement needs for overseas infantry formations over and above those likely to be availmen who have come forward eral LaFleche and Transport voluntarily," said General Mc-Naughton. "We will continue in consideration. our efforts to get men to volunteer for overseas service. OTTAWA, Nov. 24 (P)-As the sufficient without conscripting

we should be able to obtain that 5,000 draftees would be The new revolt, second in two sent overseas in December, 5,000

> The minister of national de- Maximum fence was faced with a barrage Minimun.

of questions yesterday after- Duplessisnoon and again last night. Col. J. L. Ralston, former minister wanted to know why the policy said that it is our purpose to of conscription was needed now if it was not needed when he maintain the voluntary system if it was not needed when he to the limit," stated General had asked for it a month ago. Howard Green, Progresive -Conservative, Vancouver, asked the House of Commons yester- if it was intended to continue

A. W. Neill, Independent, Comox-Alberni, asked General Mcdraftee Home Defence soldiers Naughton if he did not think will be sent to the European he should resign in view of the government having

Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King took exception to this question, suggesting that, if there were any questions as to minport was that 4 Quebec gov- able under the voluntary sys- ister's resignations, they should tem. "I have said that except be addressed to him. The Prime cross the floor but later it for some 16,000 men we are able Minister declared that General to meet all requirements from McNaughton had done a magnificent job. He did not think members were showing him due

R. B. Hanson, Progressive-Conservative, Nova Scotia, rose to his feet to say there was a feeling that the country would be glad to dispense with the services of the Prime Minister Mr. King wondered who would

succeed him if he should decide Liberal members from Quebec volunteers could not be found. to resign within the next couple The House will start debate

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H.D.'s Are Going Overseas

Premier of Quebec Urges His Dominion

QUEBEC, Nov. 24 (P)—Premier Maurice Duplessis told a group of provincial civil servants today that "you must prove again that the province of Quebec is a fortress and bastion of respect fo rthe laws of the coun-

"Other provinces are surely allowed to express their opinion service units. on whatever matter they wish just as the province of Quebec has the right to its own opinion, he asserted.

Duplessis made no direct mention of the order-in-council authorizing the sending of draftees overseas.

PEARL HARBOR, Nov. 24 (P) -Allied naval forces have shelled the Kurile Island of Matsuwa, within six hundred miles of the Japanese home-43 land. This attack was carried 34 out Tuesday.

Needed Reinforcements

"Are In High State of Training and Discipline and Ready to Go," It Is Stated by Spokesman

VANCOUVER, Nov. 24 (CP)—Men from the Sixth Division of Home Defence draftees stationed in this province will probably be the first to go overseas under the government's new partial conscription policy, a military spokesman in Pacific Province to Respect Laws of. Command said today. "They are in a high state

of training and discipline and would be almost immediately Under Controlready to go," he declared.

The spokesman said that the Sixth Division had a unit of three infantry brigades available under Major General H. N. Ganong with three battalions in each. Each brigade had its own field artillery, light anti-aircraft engineers, ordnance and other

Men of the Sixth Division are stationed at Vernon, Nanaimo, Terrace and Prince George headquarters.

PORT OF ORMOC

Allied forces fighting on the ing closer to the west coast boa port of Ormoc. Enemy forces Engish language newspaper on the northern end of the line Chronicle-Telegraph and tried sistance for the key village of Premier Maurice Duplessis. Limon. But despite this the

Military Commander There Advises that Anti-Conscription Demonstrations Not Serious

QUEBEC, Nov. 24 (P)-Brigadier Edmund Blais, officer commanding military district No. 5, said today that there is no danger of any serious disorder resulting from such anti-conscription demonstrations as the one staged last night by 7,000 young PEARL HARBOR, Nov. 24 (P)_ French Canadians who paraded with banners reading "Down Island of Leyte in the central With Conscription," broke win-Philippines are steadily push- down bulletin

he pro-conscription still are putting up strong re- vainly to interview Conservative

Blais, who assumed responsi-Allies have pushed through bility to see that calm is main-Limon in their drive to the south. tained in Quebec, notified Army officials in Ottawa that the deing, shouting and a display of signs protesting against overseas conscription. The brigadier's damage such as broken windows occurred but by no means so far has any incident occurred be-

The group of demonstrators is

BELFAST, (P) — The military hospital in Musgrave Park has

WAR NEWS

Estonia Is Liberated

MOSCOW-Premier Joseph Stalin announced today that Russian forces had broken the German blockade of Riga and had completed the liberation of Estonia. An island commanding the entrance of the Gulf of Riga has been occupied.

Today's assault is officially Tokyo Still Burning.

WASHINGTON-The War Department announced today that reconnaissance planes flying over Tokyo after the big air raid there by superfortresses had found the central industrial area of the city still in flames. General H. H. Arnold, chief of air staff, declared the raid to be "the first blow of relentless attack upon leading Japanese cities." It will mean "systematic demolition of Japanese production."

Bitter Battle On Rhine

PARIS—The Battle for the Rhine is bitter. So strongly has the enemy counter-attacked Allied lines, they have driven the British Second Army out of the German town of Hoven. This is northeast of the captured city of Geilenkirchen. However, the Nazi force in the Hoven sector is not believed to be large, and the British are holding firmly to their gains north of Hoven. News of a British gain comes in a late bulletin. This dispatch says the Tommies have entered Blerick, two miles from the Dutch border city of Venlo. Other British forces have pushed to within 2500 yards of Venlo. The Germans are employing new monster tanks against American Ninth Army forces northeast of Geilenkirchen and the Nazis have slowed down the Allied push on Cologne. In the south, French forces have worked their way into the very heart of the city of Strasbourg, and one unofficial dispatch says the French city has already been liberated. This development seals off the Rhineland Valley escape route for an estimated 70,000 troops of the German Nineteenth

ROME-The British drive toward the Italian city of Faenza, near the Adriatic, continues. The Germans have put up strong resistance but the British are pushing ahead, sweeping up several more villages southeast of Faenza. A late dispatch discloses that the Eighth Army has thrown a bridgehead over the Cosina River and Polish troops of the Eighth have seized Monte Ricci.

Tokyo Latest Target Of Big Air

Fresh Drive Started Into CzechoSlovakia—Entering Budapest

LONDON, Nov. 24 (CP) -The Russians were on the move again today in eastern CzechoSlovakia after a lull of four weeks. Moscow announced that a fresh drive has scored gains of up to fifteen miles on a 25-mile front west of Ungvar and overrun thirty populated places. The Russian communique reported the capture of more than 3000 German and Hungarian prisoners in the Csap

Meanwhile the Russians in Hungary have landed on an island in the Danube River which extends half way into the capital of Budapest. This is not confirmed by Moscow.

Prospects of Federal Action Brings End to Women's Tie-Up in States

WASHINGTON, D.C., Nov. 24 (P)-After having assumed national signifiance on hitting Washington yesterday, the prospects of White House action and the government taking over, the growing strike of women telephone operators came to an end late yesterday.

The strike started a week ago at Dayton, Ohio, and spread to Washington, great production centres and other cities in its path. Long distance calls were primarily affected.

The strike was in the nature is called a typhoon. of a protest by the Dayton operators against granting of \$18.26 living expense accounts weekly

Bulletins

CZECHOSLOVAK ELECTIONS LONDON — Foreign Affairs Ministry of the CzechoSlovak government announces elections for National Committees have started in all liberated districts of Carpathian Ukraine and Slovakia. In some instances, seats of the National Committee were reversed

BRITAIN HELPS U.S.

LONDON-The British government announces this morning that lend-lease from Britain to other United Nations has amounted to nearly \$5,000-000,000 since the war began. The chief beneficiary has been the United States.

ALGONQUIN'S FINE WORK OTTAWA — H. M. C. S. Alon the same day that the battleship Tirpitz was sunk, hit seven enemy vessels with its first salvos. Nine of eleven ships in the convoy were sunk by the force of British cruisers and destroyers.

CHURCHILL SPEAKS appearance at an American Thanksgiving Day concert in Minister Winston Churchill

air power in the world.

WOULD END LEND-LEASE WASHINGTON — President Roosevelt said today that lendlease should end after the war but emphasized that continued partnership between the United Nations was essential if peace was to be maintained.

FAR EAST TYPHOONS In the Western Pacific and China seas, the tropical cyclone

LONDON — The wartime ban been withdrawn.

Hundreds Of Tons Of Explosives Are Dropped on Japanese Capital yond control of municipal authorities."

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24 (CP)—Today, for the said to have been made up in first time in history, the Japanese capital of Tokyo the majority of Laval Univerwas bombed by Allied land-based aircraft. Flying out from newly-completed bases on the Island of Saipan in the Marianas, the big B-29's flew in over been taken over as a tuberculosis the enemy capital, dropping hundreds of tons of ex- sanatorium. plosives. The raid occurred at for Partisans still at the front.

Saipan is about 1500 miles from Tokyo, thus making the round trip flight for the giant craft three thousand miles. A Japanese report this morning says about seventy superfortresses took part in the raid. And the enemy radio adds that three of the planes were shot down. There has been no confirmation of such losses from Allied headquarters.

gonquin, participating in an described as the opening phase attack on a German convoy off of an attack which will be carthe southwest tip of Norway ried on relentlessly until Japan is invaded.

It was the first time that Tokyo had been the target of an air raid sinve the visit of Gen James Doolittle and his carrier-based bombers on April 18, 1942.

Tokyo, in acknowledging the assault, said that seventy super-LONDON-Making a surprise fortresses hit at the southern and northern outskirts of Tokyo but claimed that the big bombers Albert Hall last night, Prime failed to attain any tangible results, admitting that "residenhailed United States as the tial sections, including one hos greatest military, naval and pital, were slightly damaged

ROCKET BOMB IMPROVEMENT

LONDON, Nov. 24 (P)—A Berlin broadcast asserted yesterday that continuous improvement has been made in robot and rocket bombs and the range of vengeance weapons "is no longer a problem in spite of withdrawal of the German front line." The broadcast said that down a mine when she visited the switchboards, this being in gardens, washing automobiles flying bombs are becoming more the Norden Colliery in Durham, addition to the regular scale and cleaning pavements has and more the flying artillery of the German army.

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