

Teachers' Federation Asks Gov't for 'Ad

Injustices Charged in Salaries

By Sam Staff Reporter
 VICTORIA, Feb. 9.—The demand that all teachers in British Columbia be assured of "a decent adequate living" and that "the present gross discrimination between teachers in different school districts must cease" was laid before the provincial executive council today by a delegation from the B.C. Teachers' Federation.

Headed by A. T. Alsbury, Vancouver, president, and Harry Charlesworth, Vancouver, general secretary, the delegation put the case for the province assuming a greater share of the costs of education. Public opinion, it stated in a prepared brief, demands two definite things:

1. "That this province shall provide sufficient money to insure that every child in British Columbia shall receive such educational opportunities as will enable him to develop his capabilities and abilities to the utmost limit in order that as a future Canadian citizen he may make his maximum contribution to Canadian progress and society."
2. "That this province shall establish such a system of educational finance as will provide for an equitable distribution of educational costs on a just and uniform basis for all school districts."

The delegation made several suggestions on behalf of the federation for ameliorating educational problems, including extension of larger administrative units, school consolidations, grouping of adjacent school districts for financial and administrative purposes, dormitories in connection with central high schools and a uniform school mill rate as a basis of provincial finance.

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Russia

near its mouth, 25 miles to the west, it is not frozen hard.

There is one bridge across the river at Rostov but the Germans probably destroyed it.

The German line is on the north side of the river in the city. North of it, the enemy line swings in an arc below Novocherkassk, 20 miles to the north-east, crosses the Rostov-Voronezh Railroad, and turns southward to the north bank of the Don at a point about 12 miles east of the city.

'SILENT FRONT

An important factor was that nothing had been heard in two weeks of two powerful Red Army forces north and east of Rostov. One had taken Kamensk, 90 miles north of Rostov. The other had crossed the Donets about 75 miles east-northeast of Rostov near the Don.

Great emphasis was put here on the importance of the capture of Kursk, which the Germans had held since September, 1941. The victory ranks with the capture of Voronezh and the smashing of the German Donets River defense line in that it was the keystone of the Kharkov-Belgorod-Kursk-Orel defense line.

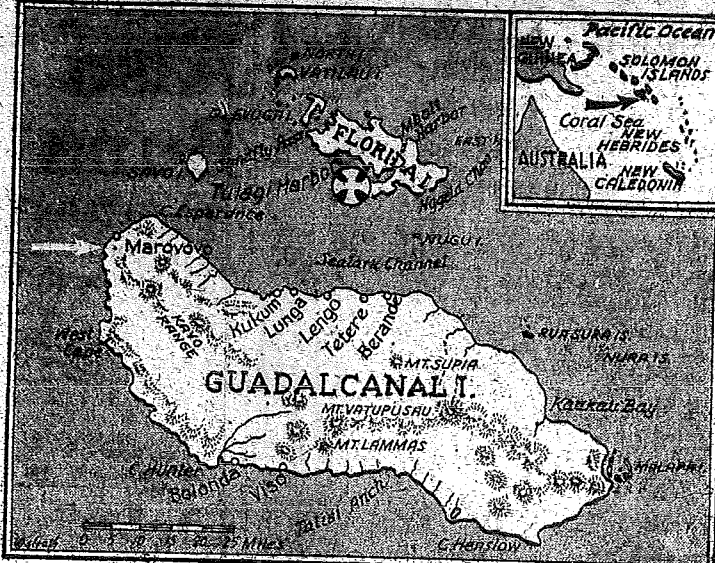
Kursk fell to Col. Gen. Philipp Golikov's army.

Hulk Retreat to Dnieper Forecast

LONDON, Feb. 9.—(BUP)—Disaster threatens the Germans at both ends of the Russian offensive line today and military quarters are discussing the possibility that they may have to fall back to the Dnieper River 250 miles west of Kharkov before the spring thaws came.

At the south end of the line, where the Russians are attacking

YANKS NOW CONTROL WHOLE PACIFIC ISLAND



After 6 months less one day of almost unrelenting air attacks, bombardment and general hard fighting, American troops now occupy all Guadalcanal. Tokyo having officially admitted today that the island had been evacuated.

White arrow on the map shows where last week American troops detoured around the Japanese positions concentrated in the Cape Esperance region, and established a beach-head at Titi, half mile west of Marovo.

It was this manoeuvre which sealed the fate of the Japs as they were in a position to be crushed in a vise just as their confederates at Buna and Gona were crushed last month on New Guinea. They got out instead.

Ruml Expects Ottawa Action On Tax Recess

By Canadian Press
 MONTREAL, Feb. 9.—Beardsley Ruml of New York, sponsor of a "pay as you go" income tax plan for the United States, told a Montreal audience last night "it is a plan which will relieve thousands of citizens from hardship and distress arising from income tax debt, and that will bring peace of mind to millions who are in income tax debt danger."

In an interview earlier in the day, Mr. Ruml said he foresaw that the principle of his plan might be adopted in this country before it was implemented in the United States.

Discussing before the People's Forum various aspects of the plan which has come to bear his name, he said it was "the best kind of financial planning for the post-war period."

"If we can all be free of income tax debt, we can start on a pay-as-you-go basis and stay there," Mr. Ruml said.

The first problem was how to get personal income taxes on a current basis without paying two years' taxes in one year.

"The answer is as simple as daylight-saving," said Mr. Ruml. "Let us turn our tax clocks ahead one year."

"The taxes we have paid last year out of our 1942 incomes are taxes on our incomes received in 1941."

"We can best solve the problems now by recognizing these 1942 payments to be taxes on 1941 as they really are; and by beginning 1943 by paying on 1945, thereby dropping out the year 1942 as a year of assessment from the tax calendar forever."

New Officers Elected By Sechelt Legion

Grant Horne has been elected president of the Sechelt Branch, No. 140, Canadian Legion, for 1943. William Hogg is vice-president; E. S. Hackett, secretary; Francis French, treasurer; William Leahy, sergeant-at-arms; E. S. Clayton, past president; Francis French and Neil Nelson

Salvage Drive Slated for Point Grey Area Wednesday

Poor weather has held up opening of the new salvage drives planned by Vancouver Co-ordinating Council, but despite adverse conditions, a start will be made in a section of Point Grey Wednesday.

"We're asking people to cooperate in spite of the weather," says F. A. Benwell, director, "it is the first district drive since we took over from the Red Cross, and we want to make a good showing."

Beginning at 1 p.m. Wednesday 30 students from Lord Byng High School will gather at Bayview School, where ten trucks will be waiting to begin.

The area from Alma to Crown and from Jericho Beach to Sixteenth will be combed by the salvage crews, and residents

are asked to have salvage piles ready.

Papers or rags should not be left out in rain or snow, and crews will pick them up if they are visible on porches and other shelters. People outside the area are asked not to put out salvage.

At a Lions' Club luncheon today, Mr. Benwell reminded the members that there are thousands of unused articles in Vancouver basements and attics that should be put to use. Aside from articles that can go directly into munitions there are many other things that can and should be salvaged, ranging from old furniture to old clothes.

"If articles cannot go directly into munitions," he said, "they can fill some of Canada's other urgent needs and so save manpower and materials."

Vancouver Judge Heads Japanese Property Board

Mr. Justice Sidney Smith has been named chairman of the advisory committee set up to dispose of urban Japanese property in British Columbia, it was announced today.

Mr. Justice Smith, a member of the commission set up to cell Japanese fishboats, was nominated by the Chief Justice of British Columbia, who was asked by Hon. Ian MacKenzie to appoint a chairman.

One more member remains to be named to the committee. Aid. Charles Jones was Monday appointed City of Vancouver representative.

A second advisory committee is being organized, at the request of Hon. Norman McLarty, custodian of alien enemy property and secretary of state.

The second committee will assist in disposal of rural property owned by Japanese.

Four members have to be named to it, and it is held possible that Japanese may be given representation on both committees.

Joseph Shellshear Dead at 94

Joseph Shellshear, 645 West

Farmers Ask Gov't Aid On Manpower

By Canadian Press
 OTTAWA, Feb. 9.—A delegation from the Canadian Federation of Agriculture said today at an interview with Prime Minister Mackenzie King that Canada is "dangerously close" to the point at which it may have either an expanding food supply or additional manpower for other war purposes, but not both.

Making the federation's annual presentation to the government, the delegation asked that manpower be allocated without discrimination between agriculture and other essential war industries and that for peak labor periods, like seeding and harvest time, men be released from military service to work on farms.

Other requests in the submission were:

1. Fixing the initial price of wheat at \$1 a bushel, basis No. 1 Northern at Lakehead or Vancouver, with a minimum price of \$1.35 a bushel for all wheat sold for domestic consumption.
2. No reduction below 200,000 bushels in the quality of wheat deliverable during the coming year.
3. Increase in the guaranteed price of flax from \$2.25 to \$2.50 a bushel.
4. Inauguration of a comprehensive soil conservation survey as a national responsibility.
5. Payment of a bonus of \$4 an acre on land taken out of cultivation and seeded to grass, the payment to be continued at \$2 an acre for two years provided the land remains in grass.
6. Removal of the price ceiling on oats and barley as one of a number of steps which should be taken to expand exports to the United States.
7. Guarantee of livestock prices for the duration of the war and two years after, in order to ensure continued expanding production.
8. Establishment of a board of livestock commissioners.
9. Resumption of operations of the Wartime Food Corp. on the same lines as during last July and August, to ensure that beef cattle in Canada bring prices reasonably related to prices in the United States.
10. Higher prices for butterfat and concentrated milk.
11. Averaging agricultural income over a period of years for ministry of food.
12. Averaging agricultural income over a period of years for taxation purposes.
13. Exclusion of co-operative enterprises from the Prices Board order freezing business establishments.
14. Crop-yield insurance.

Soldier Free of Divorce Costs

A Canadian soldier of Finnish birth, named as co-respondent in a successful divorce suit, was relieved today by Mr. Justice Coady of paying the petitioner's costs.

He was Pte. Michael Poulten, fisherman from Sointula, who admitted he has been living with Mrs. Johanna Laura Hinton at Alert Bay for nearly two years and intends to marry her.

Mr. Justice Coady dissolved the marriage in 1928 of Charles Albert Hinton, Alert Bay ferryman, and his wife at the husband's request but refused to order Poulten to pay the costs.

"Had it not been for the evidence of the respondent and co-respondent, who came into court, I think I would have refused this divorce," His Lordship told J. G. A. Hutcheson as counsel for Hinton.

Epic of Sea Vancouver Australia

P.O. Edwin Mullins and P.O. Hartrick, who figured in the rescue of seas between Britain and Australia Force headquarters at Ottawa.

P.O. Mullins and P.O. Hartrick are attached to the air-sea rescue squadrons of the RCAF who perform the monotonous but vital work of scanning the seas for forced-down fliers.

When a dinghy is sighted, or fliers floating in their "Ma Wests," two aircraft stay in the area, and when the location has been established a signal is sent to base and a high speed rescue launch is sent out to pick up the survivors.

SPOTTED A DINGHY

Recently a squadron received report of two men floating in their "Ma Wests." Two aircraft were dispatched to the area and spotted a dinghy just before reaching the search area. One plane remained while the other hunted the fliers.

The two Vancouver men were sent out as relief planes.

When the launch did not arrive Mullins went in search, found it some distance away and waggled the wings of his aircraft to attract the attention of the crew. He then led them to the dinghy where they found two fliers from a Wellington bomber squadron.

ROTH WELL KNOWN HERE

P.O. Mullins, whose wife resides at 2465 East Pender, enlisted in the RCAF in August, 1940, and received his wings and commission in July, 1941.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Mullins, 1581 Franklin, and is a native of this city where he attended Templeton Junior High School, and Britannia High.

P.O. Hartrick, 20, son of Mrs. V. Hartrick, was a student at King George High School and later at King Edward High. He enlisted in February, 1941, and won his wings in November, going overseas almost immediately.

British Food Situation 'OK' Says Churchill

LONDON, Feb. 9.—Prime Minister Churchill told the House of Commons today that he would soon make a statement on the war situation, including a reference to the creation of a United Nations War Council. He spoke in answer to a question.

The Prime Minister, who returned Sunday from his trip to North Africa and the Middle East, stopped the show in Commons.

He entered unobtrusively during the question period and started toward his seat on the Treasury bench. One of the Ministers was replying to an interpellation when Mr. Churchill appeared.

Cheering and applause burst on all sides and continued until the Prime Minister was seated. He was smiling broadly.

Responding to further questions, Mr. Churchill said he would also discuss the import and shipping situation in his forthcoming statement.

War Delays Work On Hospital Unit

Unavoidable wartime delays in obtaining material are holding up work on the \$550,000 active hospital unit and administrative building at the Vancouver General Hospital which was originally expected to be completed