

WEATHER: Partly cloudy, moderate winds, and cool during the day, becoming partly cloudy and warmer in the evening and fair towards evening. High, 70; low, 52.

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By Canadian Press
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By Associated Press
STOCKHOLM, June 28.—German troops marched through the streets of Helsinki last night toward Finland's eastern front in the first token of solidarity and "perfect understanding" just announced as being achieved by Finland and Germany, a direct Associated Press dispatch from the Finnish capital announced.

Even before Helsinki's communique had announced the new degree of Finnish collaboration with Axis Germany, the troops had been moving through the capital, singing their Nazi army songs.

The communique announced that in answer to a request for military help by the Finns, German Foreign Minister Ribbentrop promised all the armed aid necessary for Finland to continue in the war against Russia.

The Germans appeared to be moving into the Finnish capital, Helsinki, and Associated Press correspondent Robert Stuart, telephoned from Helsinki, said that the Finnish ship that "I am moving" is an emphasis moving to the American legation tonight. Watch Berlin.

German divisions have been stationed in the northern part of Finland for some time.

A report here said Ribbentrop had promised the Finns five German divisions and 500 planes to continue the struggle against the Soviet army.

The army spokesman said that even though there had been heavy fighting since Canadian troops invaded France he doubted if any day's casualties would exceed the Dieppe figure of 3,546—710 dead, 178 missing, 1,899 wounded and 600 prisoners.

Another heavy casualty list for a short space—a two-week period—followed the loss of Hong Kong, when the total was 1,985, made up of 296 dead and 1,689 prisoners.

The four-week Sicilian campaign resulted in casualties totaling 2,438, made up of 475 dead, 114 wounded and 150 missing or prisoner.

Figures for the Mediterranean fighting showed casualties for the four-month period from Feb. 12 to the fall of Rome, totaled 2,325, compared with 5,908 in the five-month period from the start of the Italian invasion Sept. 3 to Feb. 12.

The latest total was made up of 1,009 killed, 4,542 wounded and 184 missing and prisoners of war and covered actions including the breaching of the Gustav and Hitler lines.

Mr. Diefenbaker's arguments, said Mr. King, reminded him how advanced when the Department of Labor was created by the Liberal government and he himself was asked to organize it as first deputy minister. The same questions of jurisdiction and the value of the department were raised. No one now would want the Labor Department be abolished.

Referring to earlier C.C.F. claims that Labor members were responsible for old age pensions, Mr. King said that there was no Liberal government in office, whose supporters looked it to a man, there would have been no old age pensions.

Had there been no Liberal government there would have been unemployment insurance.

The Family Allowances Bill on the House order paper was the most important measure ever put before any parliament in any country," he said.

Mr. King declared he personally was the one who fixed the date and he did so because he did not propose to do as a member of the House could make statements which have consequences going out to voters on the eve of an election.

In a sharp attack on Mr. Bracken, interspersed with interruptions from Gordon Graydon, Progressive Conservative House member, to effect Mr. King was playing politics with social security.

A "liberal leader said had Mr. Bracken been in the House would have been compelled to withdraw his statement.

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Vote Scheduled Prior To Start Of Family Funds

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Just before the House gave second reading to Mr. King's bill to set up a department of national health and welfare he declared an election would take place before family allowances bill comes into effect and that it happens in July, 1945.

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British Outflank Caen 'On-To-Paris' Drive

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SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, June 28.—British troops striking out on the eastern Normandy front after the fall of Cherbourg, which boosted Axis losses to at least 70,000 men since D-day, have outflanked the German stronghold of Caen, on the road to Paris.

Late front dispatches said the British forces had reached and threatened the Odon River at a point five miles southwest of Caen after cutting the trunk highway and railway linking Caen with Villers-Bocage and Avranches at the base of the Normandy peninsula.

The British troops in two days had advanced more than seven miles from positions around Tilly-sur-Seuille, captured 100 German villages and now were on the verge of breaking into open country ideal for a showdown with German tank formations.

Between 12 and 15 German tanks were destroyed during the night of the breakthrough. One tank which hit a school early in the afternoon killed a teacher.

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Consider Giving Wounded Priorities

OTTAWA, June 27.—(CP)—A munitions department spokesman said last night that some consideration was being given to the question of giving war casualties priority over civilian railroad passengers. He was commenting on a Washington dispatch saying that regulations empowering railroads to "bump" civilian passengers would have effect in the United States in line with plans to handle a possible 10-fold increase in the movement of war casualties.

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