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Ross Munro Scored Scoop

Beat Other War Writers by Seven Hours on Invasion Story

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LONDON, Eng., July 12.—Ross Munro's eye-witness story Sunday of the Canadian invasion of Sicily near Cape Passero was a 7½-hour "beat" or "scoop" over all other war correspondents covering all phases of the Allied invasion.

DESCRIBED LANDINGS

Munro was the first reporter to get out his story, describing the landing with slight opposition, offshore naval support, taking of the first axis prisoners in that sector and the complete lack of axis air power.

His story was written late Saturday afternoon in Sicily and reached the Canadian Press cable desk in New York at 3.17 a.m., E.D.T., Sunday.

Munro's dispatch was filed about four hours after the Canadians landed was the first word from any Allied source naming an Allied invasion force. It was 10 hours later before Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's North Africa headquarters announced troop activities in the Pachino and Gela areas.

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Good Backing On New Guinea

Supplies Were Excellent During Campaign, Says Returned Officer

PALM SPRINGS, Calif., July 12.—Col. Clinton J. Herrold, member of Gen. Douglas A. MacArthur's staff who has returned to this country for treatment of a wound, said today that the backing received from the home front in the New Guinea campaign.

"At no time during the New Guinea campaign did we suffer for lack of supplies—it was indicative of the wonderful backing we were getting from home," said Col. Herrold, who was in charge of co-ordination of all supplies and transportation.

"There was a time, of course, when motor transportation was unavailable and we were supplied from the air," added the officer, who wears the silver parachute. Our supplies were most especially from all save a few occasions and at those times the co-operation of the Australians and Americans showed itself most strongly—it was a case of share everything."

"Under Gen. MacArthur's orders, the Australian and United States forces pooled their supplies. We had the air force and small boats for water transportation—they had the most in motor transportation."

Col. Herrold has been awarded a citation of the Legion of Merit for his work in the campaign. The veteran officer, who has been in the army for 26 years, is being transferred to the Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C. His wife and three sons live in that vicinity.

Helps Control Of Food Prices

U.S. Expected to Increase Buying and Resale at Lower Rate

NEW YORK, July 12.—The New York Times that according to reports from Washington, that according to reports from Washington, government plans to purchase and resell an increasingly larger part of the nation's food supply as a means of aiding enforcement of price control and other food orders.

The Times says the administration is determined to use subsidies wherever possible to prevent further food price increases but that the government would buy back to food prices through the use of subsidies if the near future prove-ably is and of the question.

Under the purchase and resale program, the government would buy the food at one price and sell it at a lower price in order to prevent price increases, the story says, adding:

"Such a program is being employed with success already, canned goods and cheese that the officials and officials agree that the method will be extended wherever possible.

"Since the purchase and resale by the government is, in most instances, a bookkeeping transaction, the concerns handling the food become the government's agent and receive its subsidy from the government.

"This procedure gives controls that the lacking in the instances where the processor, or handler, takes a profit or loss, does not loss directly to the government, for a part of his revenue."

DOUBLE POWER SUPPLY

Rive estimates that twice the present available supply of electric power will be required to meet its needs after the war.

25 Killed In Accidents

19 Drowned; Five Die in Traffic; Shooting Fatality

By Canadian Press

There were 25 fatalities in Eastern Canada at the week-end, 19 drowningsn, five traffic deaths and another from shooting.

Twelve of the drownings were in the Montreal district, five elsewhere in Quebec, two in Ontario and three in the Maritime Provinces.

MONTREAL AREA DROWNINGS

The 12 Montreal district drownings were: Ivan N. Hibbig, 22, attached to the R.C.A.F. station at Rockcliffe, Ont., who drowned at St. Eustache; Albert Baril of Chambly Basin, near his home; Mrs. C. Wintanb, 32, of Detroit, at Ste. Agathe; Rev. Roland Voyer, attached to the Oblate Novitiate at Ville La Salle, died in hospital after being rescued from the Lachine Canal near where the Canadian landed was the first word from any Allied source naming an Allied invasion force. It was 10 hours later before Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's North Africa headquarters announced troop activities in the Pachino and Gela areas.

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Officials Keep In Close Touch

Remain Near Desks Over Week-End in Ottawa, Following Invasion

OTTAWA, July 12.—Government officials and high military officers spent a week-end close to their desks studying reports on the invasion of Sicily, and late Sunday they were apparently well satisfied with progress so far.

Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King has been kept constantly informed on the invasion from overseas. Sunday he was in close touch with Defence Minister Ralston and it was understood he would see him today.

Mr. King was met at his office in the afternoon but a spokesman said he was "very busy" at his desk at home.

Defence headquarters offices had much larger staffs on duty this week-end than normally.

"But don't forget, this is the Battle of Sicily, not the battle of Ottawa," said one defence department spokesman. "Ottawa isn't in it today."

Foe Fears Attack On Aegean Islands

ANKARA, July 12.—The Germans-Italian garrisons in the Aegean islands are maintaining a state of alert for the expectation of Allied attacks hourly, and enemy aerial and naval reconnaissance has been redoubled in the Dodecanese and the Aegean, Istanbul has received reports from Smyrna late last night.

Allied as well as enemy quarters in the Turkish capital and in Istanbul were electrified at the news of the invasion of Sicily, and strong rumors of the imminence of an attack in the Eastern Mediterranean, and the British and American embassies entered overnight watches tonight in order to be fully prepared in the event of a week-end assault on the Dodecanese Islands or the Aegean.

HELP CANADA TO DO JUSTICE

There will shortly be presented to the Governor-General Council a petition signed by more than 66,246 individuals, and by the authorized officers of organizations representing more than 260,312 others, asking for the restoration of the property seized in 1940 from the Ukrainian Farmer Labor Temple Association. A few of the signatures, individual and corporate, are printed herewith.

The Ukrainian Labor Farmer Temple Association functioned for twenty-two years under a Dominion Charter. It owned 108 Temples across Canada, in which were functioning 210 orchestras, 190 dramatic circles, 150 dance classes, six brass bands, various sewing circles, gymnastic groups, classes in the English language, junior classes in the principles of Ukrainian Culture. Each temple had an established library collected from members and sympathetic citizens in the respective communities, and the total number of volumes amounted to over 60,000, and there were also many hundreds of musical works, manuscripts, plays, musical instruments, valuable paintings, stage equipment, costumes, etc.

This organization was outlawed in June, 1940, and its officers could have no recourse to the courts. Fourteen of its chief Temples, valued at $300,000, were sold for $73,882; others were rented or padlocked. Books by Tolstoi, Pushkin, Jack London, Upton Sinclair, Shevchenko, Robert Burns, Marx, Churchill, Stalin and others were destroyed or disposed of to waste paper companies for pulping.

Thousands of former Ukrainian Labor Farmer Temple Association members volunteered for active service in the Canadian armed forces at the beginning of the war and have been joining up since.

The Union of Socialist Soviet Republics, of which the Ukraine is a member was one of the first to aid Canada when the seizures were effected, and is now associated with Canada and the rest of the United Nations in the war against Germany and Italy. So that the 50,000,000 Ukrainian people in Europe are our allies in the cause of freedom.

The Special Committee of the House of Commons on the Defence of Canada Regulations reported in 1942 recommending that the Ukrainian Labor Farmer Temple Association be restored to its legal status but the recommendation has not been implemented.

Those who have not yet signed the petition but desire to support its representations may do so by clipping out and signing the accompanying form and forwarding it to the address indicated.

CIVIL LIBERTIES ASSOCIATION OF TORONTO
28 Wellington Street West, Toronto, Ont.

We the undersigned desire to support the petition of the Civil Liberties Association for the restoration of the properties of the Ukrainian Labor Farmer Temple Association, seized under the Defence of Canada Regulations in 1940.

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