

# CANADIAN TROOPS TAKE SPITSBERGEN

Potential German Coal Supply Shut Off, 700 Islanders Brought Back to England; Present Garrison Is Intentional Mystery.

LONDON, Sept. 9 (U.P.)—British occupation forces are remaining in the Arctic islands of Spitsbergen, it was indicated officially today in comment on a swift raid that eliminated the possibility of Germany receiving coal from the strategic islands.

Indications that some of the occupation forces, including Canadians and Norwegians, were remaining were given in Prime Minister Churchill's statement which said the Allied front now stretches in an immense crescent from Spitsbergen to the North African coastal base of Tobruk.

There were strong implications that only a part of the forces led to the islands by Maj. Gen. Potts of Saskatchewan had been withdrawn.

When authoritative military and other quarters were asked to clear up the confusion, they said that great pains had been taken to leave open the question whether troops remained or had all returned.

"The Germans would like to know," a spokesman commented.

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In sending an expeditionary force to the Spitsbergen group, comprising four main islands and several small ones, the British were assumed to have concentrated on West Spitsbergen, the largest island of the group, which is a valuable source of coal for Norway, which owns the islands, and for Germany, which occupies Norway.

For a time or for the duration of the war, the British had shown interest in an island group which, while frozen for months in the year, occupies a strategically important position about equidistant from Greenland, the Arctic coast of Norway, and the Russian island groups of Franz Josef Land and Novaya Zemlya on which Russia has maintained Arctic airship bases and important meteorological stations.

The expedition involved a 1500-mile voyage through dangerous waters by troops who could not know how well the Germans might have defended the islands.

### Bring Back 700 Miners

The troops, especially trained in invasion tactics, did not know their destination until they crossed the Arctic Circle. They struck at the islands secretly and swiftly but saw only one German plane during their stay.

The returning ships brought back 700 Norwegian miners, including 70 women and 70 children. The 2300 Russians who had lived on the islands apparently had left for the long distance to Britain made these supplies of little use to the Allies.

**Valueless, Says German Spokesman**

BERLIN, Sept. 9 (U.P.)—A Nazi spokesman said sarcastically today that the British landing on Spitsbergen brought them "one step nearer the North Pole."

"We wish them to go up there this winter," he said. "One may be certain that if Spitsbergen were of any military importance we would already have occupied it."

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## JOHN T. SUMMERS FUNERAL IS TODAY

John T. Summers, who died Saturday in his home, 2802 Paris ave., was buried in Crown Hill today after services at 2 p.m. in the temporary Kirby Mortuary, 2238 N. Meridian St.

Mr. Summers, who was 56, was a combustion engineer for the Sears Roebuck Co. He was a pioneer in the selling and installation of oil burning furnaces for homes and had lived in Indianapolis for 42 years.

Survivors are his wife, Grace; three daughters, Mrs. Clarence Abbott and Mrs. Paul Longest, all of Indianapolis; a son, John B. Summers, Indianapolis; a sister, Mrs. Walter E. Cummings, Tower Hill, Ill.; a brother, Robert Summers, and his mother, Mrs. Joseph Davis, both of Indianapolis.

**DRAFT AIDS MEET AT SPRING MILL PARK**

SPRING MILL STATE PARK, Ind., Sept. 9 (U.P.)—Selective service officials from the southern third of Indiana convened today at the first of three meetings to discuss recent changes in the draft law, the work of appeal agents and the rights of registrants.

Approximately 100 local board and appeal board members and appeal agents attended the meeting, called by Lieut.-Col. Robinson Hitchcock, state selective service director, who will be one of the principal speakers.

Similar meetings for other sections of the state will be held in Indianapolis Thursday and at Notre Dame University Friday.

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## Scene of British Raid



## 100 RAF PLANES ATTACK CASSEL

Locomotive Workshops Are Target of Raid; Not One Craft Lost.

LONDON, Sept. 9 (U.P.)—British long range bombing planes spread destruction and death through Western Germany during the night after their great Sunday night raid on Berlin.

Nearly 100 planes bombed Cassel, in west central Germany, alone, it was said authoritatively. It was added that the great majority of planes reached their objectives and that not a single plane was lost.

At Cassel, the British planes centered on the great Henschel locomotive workshops which, an informant said, "are of particular importance now in view of the Russian campaign" and the necessity for long-haul supply routes.

### Munster Also Attacked

The air ministry said that Cassel bore the main weight of the British attack and that many bombs were seen to burst on targets.

Munster and other cities of industrial Western Germany also were bombed, the ministry said, and docks at Cherbourg were attacked.

British bombing operations within the last 24 hours, in addition to the Berlin raid and last night's raid on western industrial Germany, had extended from Norway to Sicily, and Russian planes had made a heavy raid on Bucharest, capital of Rumania.

## Churchill Asks Greater U.S. Sacrifices to Beat Hitler

LONDON, Sept. 9 (U.P.)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill today warned that Adolf Hitler might have naval warfare on the United States and called upon Americans for greater sacrifices to assure victory over Nazism.

The British Prime Minister, in a speech covering every phase of the war, told the House of Commons that the American patrol system was aiding in turning the tide of the still undecided battle of the Atlantic and that possibly 15,000,000 Red Army men made certain that Hitler would fight this winter on the long Eastern Front.

Mr. Churchill made what he called the "astonishing" statement that three times as much Axis tonnage had been sunk at sea in August and as the Allies lost, and said that German casualties in the Battle of the Atlantic were turning the tide in the Battle of the Atlantic, but Hitler now is using more submarines and long-range bombers in the Battle of the Atlantic than ever before.

3. The Churchill-Roosevelt meeting at sea concerned not only the eight-point Atlantic charter but also measures to aid Russia in resisting the "hideous onslaught" of Hitler and "a policy to be pursued toward Japan in order, if possible, to put a stop to further encroachments in the Far East." In addition the conference concerned "technical matters" (presumably military or naval operations).

### A. E. F. Mentioned

The question of an American expeditionary force to aid in the war against Nazism also was raised in commons after Churchill's speech when Robert Cary, Conservative, pointed out that Gen. Sir Archibald Wavell and others had stressed the necessity of such a force.

"It is a mistake to say we do not need a large army," Cary said. "We have of produce a larger army than we possessed in 1918."

Hitler desired to "finish off" Russia and then Britain before tackling the United States, Churchill said, but the "broad stream" of American supplies already flowing to both countries may force the Nazi Fuehrer to carry the war into the United States naval patrol zone and thus come into conflict with the American Navy. Hitler, he said, now faces the need of cutting off the American supply channel, and Americans must make the "utmost exertions and sacrifices" to supply arms to the Allies.

### Asks U. S. Produce More

Greater production, new war installations and decreased consumption on the part of America are essential to supply the British and Russian fighting forces, the Prime Minister said in regard to the battle of production.

4. The Atlantic charter statement of peace aims sets up a milestones or monument which needs only the stroke of victory to become a permanent part of the history of human progress."

5. Vastly increased aid to Russia is urgently necessary and the United States must greatly increase production of war supplies to carry on the battle against Nazism, which means that United States Civilian consumption must be curtailed. "Very large new installations will have to be set up or converted" if the United States is to fulfill its task, he said.

6. Britain already is making important sacrifices of war materials from America to speed to the Red Army in order to support the Eastern Front where Hitler already is faced with the certainty of having to maintain his armies on the whole front from the Arctic to the Black Sea through all the severities of the Russian winters and in face of the vigorous counter-stroke which can be expected by the Russian armies.

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## RED CROSS BUILDING NEARLY COMPLETED

The American Red Cross building at Ft. Harrison which is to serve as the recreational center for the new Billings General Hospital, will be completed by Oct. 1, constructing quartermasters announced today.

The building, which is being constructed in the form of a cross, will be two stories, containing a large auditorium for motion pictures, stage shows and religious services, rooms for overnight guest, patients and visitors, in addition to offices for the Red Cross field director and chaplain. The Red Cross building will be the largest building in the Billings General Hospital group.

## NAVY RETURNING TO NEW SHIP, CACHETS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9 (U.P.)—The Navy today authorized the issuance of the coveted special stamp cachets commemorating the commissioning of new ships.

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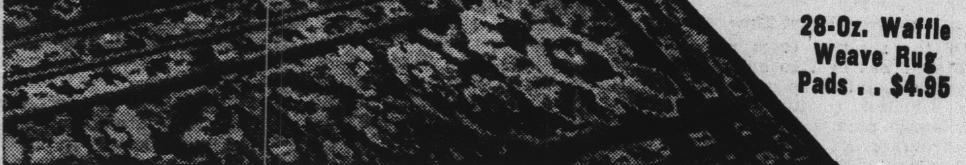
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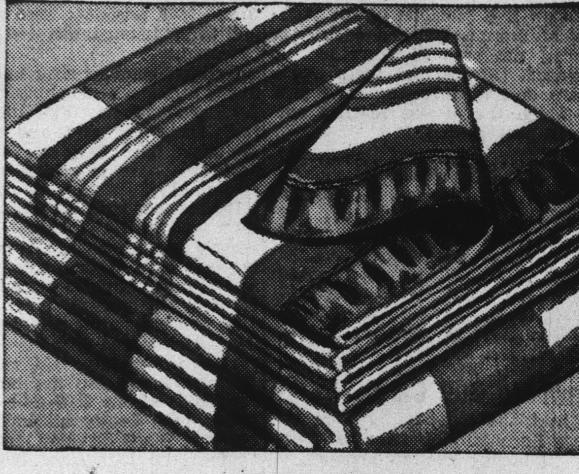
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