

## NAZIS DRIVEN BACK SIX MILES IN SEDAN AREA

### Wait Information From Attorney General Before Clearing Reds Out Here

Glad to See Some Definite Stand Taken by Authorities Says Mayor. His Hands and Those of Police Were Tied but Now Can Take Action Against Communists and Their Propaganda. Harry Binder and Two Others Sent Down.

"We are waiting for more information from the Attorney General's department, when we get it we will take steps to clean the Reds out of Timmins," said Mayor Emil Brunette today, referring to the decision yesterday of Ontario Supreme Court Justice Chevrier in declaring the Communist Party to be "an illegal organization."

"I for one was glad to see that some definite stand was taken on the matter of Communists and their propaganda," said the Mayor. "I have tried since I took office as have members of the council which was elected at the same time, to stamp out Communism in whatever way we could. However, our hands have been tied as have those of the police."

"Now, however, we are in a position to move and move we will. At the present time the Chief of Police is in Toronto. While there he will confer with the Attorney General. He arrives back this week and we will have a conference on the matter," the Mayor said.

Mr. Justice Chevrier declared the party "illegal" on the occasion of passing sentence on three men convicted of publishing and circulating anti-war pamphlets in contravention to the Defence of Canada Regulations.

Harry Binder, 26, avowed Communist who spoke in Timmins last May Day, was sentenced to serve three years in jail. He was ordered to pay a fine of \$2,000 with the alternative of another year. His brother, Louis Binder, 22, who was a private in the Royal Canadian Engineers, and Roy Saunders, 27, a Dominion Government civil servant, were each sentenced to two and a half years and fined \$1,000 each with the alternative of another six months in jail. Counsel for the men suggest any appeal may be taken.

### Finnish Ladies Aid to Hold Tea, Sale, Concert, May 30

At the Ladies' Aid meeting of the Timmins Finnish United Church held Wednesday, May 15th, final plans in regard to the annual sale of work and exhibition of rural women's handicraft and concert to be held May 30th, were discussed. Mrs. Rachel Leivo was the hostess and also presided in the kitchen. There was a good attendance at this meeting.

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### Open New Roller Rink

More Than 300 Attend Opening of Roller Rink at McIntyre Arena.

At least three hundred skaters and would-be skaters attended the opening of the McIntyre roller skating arena last evening. There were more people than there were skates, as a matter of fact, and some parties took turns handling the fibre rollers around.

The opening was well heralded in Timmins at seven o'clock in the evening when the McIntyre Concert Band paraded down Third Avenue and around some of the principal streets in the town. The band then left Timmins and paraded in Schumacher.

Spectators and all, there were well over 500 in the arena last night.

### Unemployment Insurance Seen in Throne Speech

Refers to the Death of Lord Tweedsmuir and Loss to Canada.

The House of Commons and the Senate this afternoon heard the Right Honourable Lyman P. Duff, V.C., Chief Justice of Canada and Administrator of the Dominion of Canada, open parliament with the speech from the Throne.

In his address Mr. Duff said that in order to look forward to the days of reconstruction following hostilities the House would be asked to amend the British North America Act and empower the establishment of unemployment insurance on a national scale.

"Unless the evil powers which now threaten us, are conquered, the world itself will be reduced to a state of anarchy," said Mr. Duff, referring to the war.

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### LADIES' AUXILIARY OF LEGION OBSERVES ITS 13TH, BIRTHDAY



On Monday evening the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Timmins Branch Canadian Legion observed its 13th anniversary with only a few members absent, several being unable to attend on account of illness. There were over fifty members present for the occasion. Two scenes at the banquet in the Legion hall are shown above. Standing, in the top picture, are seen most of the officers of the Ladies' Auxiliary.

### Impressive Funeral This Morning of Fireman A. Cooper

Special Honours Paid by Timmins Fire Department

Funeral services were held at the Church of Nativity this (Thursday) morning for the late Mr. Albert Henry Cooper, well-known and popular member of the Timmins Fire Department, who passed away at St. Mary's Hospital on Monday afternoon after an illness that lasted for about one month.

Special honours were paid to the deceased by the members of the Timmins Fire Department, who also acted as pallbearers at the funeral, and the remains were drawn in a small fire truck to their last resting place at the Timmins Roman Catholic Cemetery.

All the Volunteer Firemen and all the paid staff, with the exception of one shift that had to remain in duty at the hall gathered at Chenier's funeral parlours. The big fire truck suitably draped was used as a hearse, the coffin resting where Fireman Cooper had so often taken his place in the line of duty. Fire Chief Jucksch and three of the Schumacher firemen were present at the funeral to pay honour to the dead fireman for the neighbouring brigade.

The Timmins police force also marched in a body in the funeral cortege. Lieutenant M. Daher was the driver of the fire truck. As the cortege came to the corner of Cedar street, the bell in the tower at the fire hall tolled, and continued to toll until the procession reached the church. The pallbearers were six men from their dead comrade's shift at the fire hall—F. Culhane, W. Boyd, P. Eckert, W. Martin, W. Liborion and W. Audet.

The late Albert Cooper was one of the local inspectors under the Ontario Fire Marshal's office.

The late Mr. Cooper was born in Stanleyville, Ontario, fifty-two years ago, and first came to the camp with the early settlers of the district. He left some years later for the West. From where he returned in 1924, and became a member of the Timmins Fire Department, where he was employed for the past sixteen years. The late Mr. Cooper was popular with all who knew him, his kindly and friendly manner winning him many friends throughout the camp. As a fireman he was competent and fearless.

Left to mourn his loss are his wife, three daughters, Doris, Gladys and Erna; three brothers, John and Michael of Stanleyville, and Philip of Saskatchewan; and his mother, Mrs. Henry Cooper, of Stanleyville; as well as a large number of friends here and in the West.

### Allies Reported to Have Taken Initiative in Air

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### Allege Zig-Zagging Down Avenue Under Influence

Valois Paquette, 114, Commercial Avenue, was charged with dangerous driving following his arrest last night. Paquette, police will allege, was zig-zagging down Commercial Avenue, a danger to himself and to anyone else on the road. Police further state that the man was well under the influence of liquor although of enough so to be charged with driving while drunk.

### Roller Skating at Riverside Opened Last Night

Over Hundred Enthusiasts Enjoy Sport.

Roller skating has definitely returned to the Porcupine, with over one hundred enthusiastic fans of the sport enjoying skating at the Riverside Pavilion on Wednesday evening, the opening night. The first period of skating was from seven o'clock to nine o'clock, and the second period from 9 o'clock to 11 o'clock, with one hour's dancing after the skating.

Spills and tumbles were characteristic of the fact roller skating has not been enjoyed in this district for some years, but no matter how many tumbles they took, the skaters were eager to continue and to make of roller skating the popular pastime that ice skating has proved to be here.

The skating at the Riverside Pavilion will be conducted every evening except Saturday, when the regular weekly dance will take place, and on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons skaters are invited to enjoy skating from the hours of 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

It is expected that before long, many of those who are beginners now, will be quite expert at the sport, as Northern people have made an outstanding record at "Sticking to things once they start."

### Funeral This Afternoon of the Late John Kovasky

Funeral services will be held at 4 o'clock this afternoon from Chenier's Undertaking Parlour to the Church of Nativity, for the late Mr. John Kovasky, who passed away at St. Mary's Hospital on Tuesday evening after an illness of about three years.

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The Allies have taken the initiative in the air. While the British Expeditionary Force held against German attacks in Belgium, the Royal Air Force is reported to have launched an attack against German railroads and roads and other lines of communication east of the Rhine, in the biggest offensive since the war.

In the pocket formed by the Meuse and the Maginot Line, ten German planes were reported brought down yesterday. Aeroplanes have played a large part in the intense fighting which is taking place in this sector. They have been invaluable both for purposes of strafing and bombing.

Nazi lines converging on Sedan were halted by an assault launched by 150 Allied bombing planes which dropped their loads of death. Their attack was said to have paved the way for a French drive.

### Sixty-five Enjoy the Annual Banquet of Young People Here

Rev. F. J. Baine, the Guest Speaker Last Night at Event.

The Timmins United Church Young People's Society enjoyed a very successful and entertaining evening on Wednesday, when sixty-five of the members attended the annual banquet in the church hall.

Edwin Caswell said Grace, and the delicious supper was served by the members of the C.G.I.T.

Miss Dorothy Taylor, president, proposed the "Toast to the King," and Don Tansley led the members in a sing-song, for which Mr. Treener presided at the organ.

On behalf of the members, the president welcomed the guests and thanked the members of the C.G.I.T. for their service in making the banquet a success, and Gerald Doughty proposed the "Toast to the Church" to which Mr. F. Anglin responded.

Mr. Ritchie gave the "Toast to the Young People's Union", with response by Bert Guild.

Misses Ann Semchison and Peggy Shaw gave an interesting sketch entitled "Her Souvenirs," and the president introduced the guest speaker, the Rev. F. J. Baine, of the Trinity United Church, Schumacher. Mr. Baine spoke on "Stewardship," and the president extended a vote of thanks for the fine address.

### Estimated Two Million Men Fighting on Fifty Mile Front Along Meuse

Germans Outnumber Allies in Proportion of Ten to Six. German Drive Sixteen Miles From Brussels. Both Capital and Antwerp Under Siege. Germans Have Crossed Meuse at "Several Points" Allies Admit.

### Change To Fair And Warm

Had Soft, Warm Spring Rain This Morning From 2.30 o'clock.

Today's cloudy, showery weather will clear and the next twenty-four hours will see a change to fair and warm, says Sydney Wheeler, Hollinger weather expert, this morning.

More than one half inch of rain fell since Monday. On Monday 21 inches fell. Early on Tuesday morning there was a shower of hailstones to a depth of not more than .02 inches. Today from 2.30 a.m. to 8 a.m. a soft, warm spring rain fell to a depth of .38 inches.

Maximum and minimum temperatures since Monday have been as follows: Monday, maximum 58, minimum 28; Tuesday, 43 and 34; Wednesday, 60 and 35. Today at eight o'clock the temperature was 44 degrees.

### U.S. President Asks \$896,000,000 for Army, Navy, Airforce

Wants Nation to be Prepared to Step up Plane Production to 50,000

In an address this afternoon the Congress at Washington President F. D. Roosevelt made impressive reference to the vital necessity for all democratic nations to be able to defend themselves. He asked for \$896,000,000 for national defence, over and above the \$286,000,000 already appropriated, the full amount to be used for army, navy, aircraft, and anti-aircraft equipment. He wants the nation to be able to step up plane production to 50,000 planes a year.

Brussels—Government stays on in darkened capital. Liege forts still fighting; men, 16 to 35, called up.

### Highlights and Sidelights OF THE WAR NEWS

#### Germans Foresee Grave Days

From Berne, Switzerland, comes word of an important German newspaper, The Berlin Boersenzitung, being received there and warning the people that grave days may be ahead in "the struggle against the two western democracies armed to the teeth."

#### Attitude of Italians

There is a change in the Italian attitude for the moment. Word yesterday from Rome was to the effect that the authorities were breaking up the demonstrations against the Allies and forbidding parades and other mass exhibitions against the British and French.

#### Didn't Get a Chance



Admiral of the Fleet Sir Roger Keyes charged recently in parliament that he had offered to smash his way with naval units into the fjord at Trondheim but that his offer had been refused by the admiralty. Such action, he said, might have meant victory.

Hundreds of thousands of Allied troops, mechanized units and infantry are battling over a fifty-mile front as the Germans, thrusting west of the Meuse River, seek to break through to the western plains above Paris. It is estimated that between 1,500,000 and 2,000,000 men are engaged in battle. Germans outnumber Allied troops by the proportion of ten to six.

France has shifted from a "war of position" to a "war of movement" and is pouring troops ahead of fortifications to counter attack.

Meanwhile, the German drive on Louvain is sixteen miles from the Belgian capital, Brussels. Brussels and Antwerp both are under heavy siege with the Germans attacking violently behind tanks against British, French and Belgian lines from Antwerp south towards Namur and the Meuse.

South of Namur towards Charleville Metziers, 15 miles east of Sedan, the Germans have stormed across to the west bank of the Meuse "at several points."

The French are fighting a rearguard action on all sectors until main fortifications are reached.

The Nazi-held Sedan, the pocket where the Germans are trying to blast their way through the sunken fortifications of the Maginot Line, the Nazis have been driven back for six miles in fierce fighting in which tanks, fighting planes and armoured cars were used.

The Allies have denied that a break has been made in the Maginot Line, as claimed by the Germans.

#### Outing Night, May 17th, at Y.P.S. of Finnish Church

Friday, May 17th, will be "Outing Night" at the Y.P.S. of the Timmins Finnish United Church. All arrangements for this evening are taken care of by Group No. 2, Helge Hongisto is the convener, and he will be assisted by Miss Hellen Lehto, Irene Rantamaki, Miss Leah Heino, Olavi Nenonen, Riiben Peterson, Ellis Jokela, Allan Leivo and Kaiko Vastila, members of the group. The Y.P.S. will gather at the church for a short meeting at 7.30 p.m. A "treasure hunt" will then follow, led by the Group. After the "treasure hunt" the members will again return to the church for lunch.

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#### To Bomb Brussels

Yesterday the Germans announced that they considered Brussels as a fortified city. This suggests that they intend to bomb the city. The Belgium Government, while ready to transfer the seat of government elsewhere, is still using the city as headquarters.

#### Switzerland the Next?

Switzerland is taking all possible precautions, expecting attack hourly. Foreign legations are said to be burning documents and taking the other measures when invasion is expected.

#### British Destroyer Beached

London, May 15—The destroyer Valentine has been beached after being damaged by German air attack off the coast of Holland, the admiralty announced tonight. Casualties are believed to have been slight.

#### Reform Part of Dutch Army

Paris, May 15—Dutch troops driven into Belgium from Southern Holland will serve as the kernel of a reconstituted Netherlands army to be organized by the government-in-exile, the Dutch legation announced here today.

#### Drive On Narvik

Bardu, Norway, May 15—Allied fighting forces Monday night began a land sea and air attack on the North Norwegian port of Narvik, seeking to drive the Germans from Rombak Heights overlooking the town.

#### Rifle Corps Ready for Raiders

London, May 15—A new defense force, known as the local defense volunteers, will be created to act as sharpshooters against enemy parachutists, it was announced officially.

The force, membership in which will be voluntary, will enroll men from 17 to 65. They will be armed by the Government and will be recruited for the most part in small towns and sparsely settled areas.

It is estimated that there are more (Continued on Page Eight)