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Keen Tension In Far East Now

Crisis Between Japan And Indo-China Near Point Of Breakdown

Naval and Air Bases Said To Be Demanded by Nippon—United States Ready to Take Hand?

HANOI, French Indo-China, Sept. 20: (CP)—With all Japanese civilian nationals moved from this French colonial capital and Japan placing a time limit for the settlement of military demands, negotiations with Japan reached a crisis if not an actual breakdown today.

Major General Nishihara, head of the Japanese mission trying to work out details of the Vichy-authorized grant of "limited facilities" for Japanese troops, has terminated negotiations and is preparing to leave. "When I leave you may say a crisis has been reached," he stated.

The deadline set for acceptance of Japanese demands is Sunday.

Negotiations, it is said, reached a deadlock after Japan demanded naval and air base sites in Indo-China as well as permission to let troops go through to fight against China.

In Washington it is suggested that United States may move if Japan violates the status quo of Indo-China. Such a move might take the form of transferring the United States Pacific fleet from Honolulu to Singapore.

BRITISH CONTROL

Navy And Air Force Go Into Action In North Africa, Demonstrating Their Mastery

ALEXANDRIA, Sept. 20:—The Royal Air Force and the air arm of the British Navy are now engaged with marked success in the first major effort to stem the Italian advance along the Mediterranean coast in Egypt towards Mersa Matruh, 150 miles inside the frontier and the enemy is being held at Sidi Barrani. Indeed, the British have now assumed a counter-offensive and there have been heavy and damaging attacks both by naval bombardment and aerial bombing upon Sidi Barrani, Duonah and Solum as well as on Torbruk in Libya and also upon the Dodecanese Islands.

A British naval spokesman said yesterday that Great Britain was demonstrating in the campaign in Egypt, her complete mastery of sea and air in the Mediterranean area. The Italian fleet was still evading meeting the British Navy which was moving freely all about the Mediterranean without encountering any resistance.

Rome admits widespread and heavy attacks by the British.

NEW YORK COPPER

NEW YORK, Sept. 20:—Copper prices were .13c to .28c higher on the New York metal market today with December at 10.50c per pound.

Japs Attack British Ship

SHANGHAI, Sept. 20:—The British coasting vessel Marie Mohler, 493 tons, was struck by a shell from a Japanese war ship in the Yangtze River. The vessel got away but was later detained by Japanese naval authorities.

NAZIS ARE GETTING IT

Germans Tell How Many Civilians Have Suffered But Do Not Disclose the Military Loss

BERLIN, Sept. 20: (CP)—Six hundred German civilians have been killed and 1400 have been injured in British air raids on Germany since the start of the war, informed sources claim. There is no estimate of the number of military killed and injured which is probably extensive since the British, in their air attacks, have concentrated on military rather than civilian objectives.

TRANSPORT WAS SUNK

London Gives Confirmation To Swedish Report Of British Submarine's Feat

LONDON, Sept. 20: (CP)—The British Admiralty officially announces that the submarine Sturgeon sank a 10,000-ton German transport ship off the north point of Denmark on September 2. A communiqué said that a "heavily laden" transport suffered torpedo hits and immediately showed "brilliant flashes of flame and a dense column of black smoke."

The date coincides with Swedish press reports published at the time relating the loss of the German steamship Marion in the Kattegat with loss of nearly all the four thousand men on board.

WAR WILL CARRY ON

Germany Has Definitely Abandoned Idea Now Of Speedy Victory Over England

BERLIN, Sept. 20:—Apparently Germany's idea of a speedy victory over England and the end of the war this year has been definitely abandoned. The Nazi press said yesterday that the war would go on through the winter. "There will not be the slightest consideration for civilians in England," it is declared by one newspaper.

Nazi newspapers also complain that Royal Air Force planes have bombed hospitals in Prussia. Retaliation, they say, will be one thousand fold and retribution will be terrible.

NEW YORK WHEAT

NEW YORK, Sept. 20:—Wheat futures were $\frac{3}{4}$ c to $\frac{3}{8}$ c higher today with December at 77 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

ANOTHER NAZI ASSAULT, AIMED AT LONDON, HAS BEEN BADLY BROKEN UP

Enemy Planes Hurtle to Ground While Others of Huge Attacking Force Flee in Disorder—London Is Still Target

LONDON, Sept. 20.—A gigantic armada of between 300 and 400 enemy planes, in squadrons of about sixty each, passed over Dover today, evidently on their way for another attack upon London, but they met with furious resistance from British anti-aircraft fire and Royal Air Force fighters in a new type of ambush strategy and few were successful in reaching their objective. Instead, several were brought crashing to the ground and, eventually, the remainder went racing back homewards in wild confusion and disorder with the British planes on their tails.

Over Kent and southeast England there was heavy aerial combat high in the skies as the invaders were beaten back. London had its 105th air raid alarm of the war but, as planes failed to appear, it was of brief duration. The major combat was near the English Channel where large numbers of British fighters intercepted the enemy and turned them back. The bombers kept high in the skies to protect their vulnerable bellies. Indeed, they were so high that they were hardly visible from the ground. Below them were swarms of Messerschmidt fighters. There was bright sunshine during the day with occasional showers. The sea was moderate and visibility was good.

Last night's usual attack upon London was less intense and a smaller number of planes came over. However, plenty of incendiary bombs were dropped and there was damage and casualties. The raiders met with a veritable wall of anti-aircraft fire. The battle reached its peak about midnight when the moon came out and the attack continued until dawn. Just before daybreak Nazi dive bombers, in a concerted attack, rocked northwest London while a second wave struck at the east London area.

During last night's raid the Germans used a new type of "comet" bomb which shattered into fragments in mid-air like fireworks. The falling fragments set fire but were not excessively damaging. The British were reported to have used a new type of defensive weapon but details of this were not revealed. Early today there was a huge explosion which shook the whole east end of London. It was believed to have been a time bomb detonating.

One of the Nazi planes brought down during last night fell near a hospital.

An anti-aircraft gun in southeast England, with a direct hit, was responsible for the disposing of another raiding ship.

There were also raids during the night on southeast and northwest England intervening parts of the country.

Thirteenth Consecutive Night

Anti-aircraft fire opened on three London fronts last night and indicated that German bombers were attacking the city for the thirteenth consecutive night. Many Londoners were already in shelters when the firing began. There had been no new alarms since morning when several casualties were caused by a lone raider dropping three or four bombs on East London. Few German planes were brought down during Thursday as the Nazis calmly tried to get through the London defences.

In an official communiqué the government estimated that ninety persons had been killed and 350 severely injured in Wednesday

OVERNIGHT IN LONDON

Strong forces of German raiders swept over the French coast this morning but Britain's vigilant defences repulsed most of them before they reached London.

The Royal Air Force turned back more than two hundred enemy planes in battle over the southeast coast and the raiders were seen racing in disorder towards the French coast.

The daylight thrust followed a night of attack on London less intensive and on smaller scale than previous nights.

Besides London, five Midland counties and the southwest were raided.

Major damage in London was to private homes.

Some fatalities were caused when a bomb hit the escape hatch of a public shelter in a north London park.

The east end of London also suffered some casualties.

Buildings damaged in recent raids, it is now announced, have included the London County Hall, Inner Temple of the Law Courts, library and public record office. The courtyard of the British Museum was also damaged. The sixth floor of a building containing the American "Help England Now" movement office was completely destroyed. Gordon Selfridge's great store has been damaged but will reopen for business Saturday, it is announced.

The number of planes brought down on Wednesday is now officially placed at forty-eight.

Germans Lose Heavily In Troops Due to Britons Getting Advance Notice

NEW YORK, Sept. 20: (CP)—Stories of heavy German troop losses resulting from exercises and manoeuvres in the English Channel preparatory to an invasion attempt were told by passengers on the American Export liner Exeter today.

They expressed the opinion that the Dutch and French were supplying Britain with advance information on German exercises and that the British bombers then took heavy toll.

SLASHING AT NAZIS ON COAST

Royal Air Force Strikes Hard At Channel Bases Including LeHavre

LAST NIGHT'S ATTACK LONDON, Sept. 20: (CP) — Dortmund, the Ems Canal and other vital communication routes in Germany and ports and air-dromes in German occupied territory were successfully attacked last night by the Royal Air Force, the Air Ministry announced.

LONDON, Sept. 20: (CP)—The Royal Air Force is continuing its slashing attacks on shipping concentrations along the German-held Channel coast "to disconcert the enemy's invasion plans," the Air Ministry said today. Royal Air Force offensive was maintained last night in spite of a fierce gale and heavy rainstorm on the English Channel. Many invasion bases on the Channel coast were hit, also railway centres and troop concentration points in Germany.

The Royal Air Force struck at nine French and Belgian ports and shipping and military stores and starting many fires," the Air Ministry announced. The raids also covered military distribution centres in Belgium and Germany.

A particularly "big attack" on LeHavre in German-occupied France Wednesday night was announced by the Air Ministry. This in addition to the attacks on other German-held ports. Shipping and barges were bombed and marshalling yards in Germany and enemy occupied territory were also attacked. The main target of the Royal Air Force was, however, Le Havre, 100 miles from Southampton, which it was indicated had become an important spring board base for invasion of England. There was one terrific explosion after bombing of Le Havre and great fires could be seen. The British planes attacked in relay after relay and Le Havre was subjected to five hours of bombing despite vigorous anti-aircraft fire and bad weather. Great fires were started and one large ship was ablaze.

Seven British planes failed to return from the attack which also took in Cherbourg, Dieppe, Antwerp, Calais, Dunkerque and Boulogne—in fact the entire coast from Flushing to Cherbourg.

PRISON FOR POSER

GREENWICH, Sept. 20: (CP)—Charged with obtaining money by fraud from a widow, a man who posed as an officer of the Investigation Department was sentenced to prison for 13 months.

Warships Supplied By Uncle Sam Will Join This Dominion's Navy

Acquisition of Six Vessels Will Almost Double Present Strength of This Class—Will Go "Where Needed"

OTTAWA, Sept. 20: (CP)—Six former United States destroyers, recently arrived in Canadian waters, will be commissioned as ships of the Royal Canadian Navy, Hon. Angus L. Macdonald, minister of defence for naval affairs, announced today. With the hoisting of the white ensign, the destroyers will take new names of Annapolis, Columbia, Niagara, St. Clair, St. Croix and St. Francis after rivers common to both Canada and the United States. The acquisition will raise the Canadian destroyer strength to thirteen. The vessels will be taken over in a few days and will be manned with crews of 125 or 130 each. They will go "where needed."

Bulletins

IN FULL AGREEMENT ROME—As a result of conferences between Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop and Premier Benito Mussolini it is announced that formal agreement has been reached binding Germany, Italy and Spain to the "dismemberment of the British Empire." Full freedom of action is permitted Italy against Greece. There will be a non-aggression pact between Spain and Portugal.

STORM TAKES HEAVY TOLL CHATHAM, New Brunswick — Four fishing vessels with seventeen men aboard were still missing from north shore New Brunswick ports today four days after a disastrous gale whipped through the Maritime Provinces.

OFFICIAL ARRESTED TORONTO—Dr. S. Levine, fellow in the Geophysics Branch of the Physics Department of the University of Toronto, was arrested today on a charge under Defence of Canada regulations.

RENT CONTROLLER NAMED OTTAWA—Mr. Justice W. M. Martin of the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal has been chosen as Canada's rent controller, according to unconfirmed information.

RUSSIA AND RUMANIA BUCHAREST—New incidents on the Russo-Rumanian frontier are reported. There are heavy concentrations of Russian forces at Odessa and elsewhere on the North Sea. A bridge near the frontier has been blown up.

LOAN REACHES \$294,000 OTTAWA—Subscriptions to the Second War Loan up to last night had reached \$294,000,000. There was good response yesterday from individual subscribers particularly in rural areas.

NEWSPAPER MEN COMING OTTAWA—United States newspaper men will come to Canada shortly to examine the war effort. They will be guests of Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King and the government and will be received at Quebec by the Governor General and Princess Alice.

HALIBUTTER TAKEN SEATTLE—The Seattle halibut Aloha and her crew are in custody on poaching charges.

VANCOUVER — Tom Moore, president of the Canadian Trades and Labor Congress, arrived here yesterday for the annual convention to open next week. He said the government and labor

French Food Is Cut Down

VICHY, France, Sept. 20: (CP) — All main food items will be rationed in both occupied and unoccupied French towns beginning September 23. Causes listed for the severe shortage include destruction and deterioration of harvest and livestock in the war zone. Milk production has dropped enormously because of disease of cattle.

Made Trip Over Trail, Terrace To Naas Valley

TERRACE, Sept. 20:—Provincial Constable B. E. Monkley has returned from a patrol trip over the trail from Kitsumkaum to Alyanah in the Naas Valley. He found the trail badly grown over at points and the travelling rough. One of his experiences was to encounter a big grizzly bear.

were in complete agreement on the war effort although complete co-operation had not yet been attained.

MET IN VAULT

LONDON — Directors of the Bank of England met in a vault yesterday and declared a six percent dividend, Montagu Norman, the Governor, said that, owing to air raids, the routine of the bank was "somewhat unsettled."

PLANES PRODUCTION GOOD

LONDON—Lord Beaverbrook, minister of aircraft production, said that production and repair of planes still exceeded the losses from war. Airplane workers are doing magnificent work night and day, he said.