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Going All Out—

SELECTIVE SERVICE IN DOMINION

Federal Government's New Plan For Use Of Manpower Is Announced

MONTREAL, Dec. 15:—A system of national selective service is to be adopted by the government of Canada, Hon. C. G. Power, minister of national defence for air, announced in addressing a dinner of the Commercial Travellers' Association Saturday night. By authority which the government already has, every man and woman in the Dominion will be placed in the most valuable and useful place in this war. Men will be placed on service in defence of the country's shores. Women will work in arsenals, shops and factories. In the face of imminent danger, there was nothing to do but mobilize all man and woman power to the best advantage.

The danger lying in the assurance of easy victory was now passed, Major Power declared. The future must be faced with grim determination and resolve. Latest developments in the international situation gave no ground for exultation—no ground for despair.

The national selective service plan is expected to be set in motion about the time Parliament reconvenes late next month.

The Pacific coast was now on the front line. The people there faced a new and ruthless enemy.

Great Britain was today a thousand times stronger than it was a year ago.

With the entry of the United States into the war, 130,000,000 people with all their resources were now full partners in the war.

There was a united hemisphere from Alaska to the Straits of Magellan, from the North Pole to the South Pole.

The war would be long, the minister said, and would take "all we can give in valor, fortitude and perseverence."

A year from today there would be three times as many graduates as there were today from the Empire Training School in Canada.

TWO TYPES BLACKOUT

One "Precautionary" And Other "Imminent Danger"—Changing Auto Light Rules

VICTORIA, Dec. 16:—The government of British Columbia has taken steps to end the controversy in regard to automobile headlights in the blackouts.

There will be two types of blackouts henceforth, Premier John Hart announces. In one, the "precautionary" blackout, cars will not be stopped. In the "imminent danger" blackout, all cars must stop with all lights out.

Vancouver cars are to be registered for use in case of evacuation.

Fire pumps and hose lent by the provincial government of Ontario have arrived for use in emergency fire fighting.

SAN DIEGO AIR ALARM

Blackout in California Naval Base Port Lasted Only Few Minutes.

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Dec. 15:—There was a brief air raid alarm here last night. Blackout was ordered but was lifted a few minutes later.

War News

BATTLE OF MALAYA

SINGAPORE—The Japanese are today trying to move armored forces down both coasts of Malaya but are meeting with stubborn resistance from the British and a major battle appears to be near. The heaviest fighting is taking place on the west coast. The Japanese have also landed on the east coast about 150 miles north of Singapore. The British have withdrawn slightly. The enemy have also landed on Burma with a view to cutting Burma off from Singapore which would affect air communications.

HONG KONG HARD PRESSED

HONG KONG—The British garrison is being hard pressed at Hong Kong and withdrawal from Kowloon is admitted. A heavy artillery duel is expected. Meanwhile the Chinese are continuing an effective attack on the Japanes from the rear and this may bring relief to the Hong Kong garrison. British nd American planes are flying civilians out of Hong Kong. There is no doubt that Kowloon has fallen into enemy hands, it was officially stated today.

SITUATION IN PHILIPPINES

MANILA—United States military headquarters stated today today that the situation on Luzon Island is well in hand both on land and in the air. Japanese raiding planes again dropped bombs near Nicholls air field today. The Japanese are endevouring to arouse the Filipinos to revolt against the United States under the old rebel leader Aguinaldo who, however, has spurned the suggestion.

GREAT RUSSIAN VICTORY

MOSCOW—Moscow has been saved, the attack on Leningrad has been foiled and the Nazi drive toward the Caucasus oil fields has been hurled back, it was stated today as the Soviet continued to celebrate its great victory over the Germans who are still making a Napoleonic retreat with enormous losses in men and equipment. The Russian campaign has cost the Germans six million men, 15,00 tanks, 13,000 planes and 19,000 guns, Russia claims. Moscow is now resolved to "annilihate every Nazi on Russian soil."

LIBYAN CAMPAIGN

CAIRO—The British are fighting forward to the west in Libya to reach the Axis forces before the enemy are able to re-establish themselves following the recent retreat.

NAZI SHIP BLOWN UP

LONDON—British planes blew up an enemy merchant ship off the coast of Norway today. Mines were dropped in enemy-controlled waters. There were no air raids in Britain.

MOSCOW LITTLE DAMAGED

MOSCOW—British and American correspondents, returning to Moscow now that the Nazi siege is over, report little damage in evidence as a result of bombing. The correspondents have been away since October when the government left.

PUPPETS DECLARE WAR

WASHINGTON—Hungary, Bulgaria and Rumania declared war on the United States Saturday.

JAP BOAT CAPTURED

SAN DIEGO—The United States navy yesterday captured off Costa Rica a big Japanese fishing vessel laden with 10,000 gallons of diesel oil. The boat surrendered when a plane dropped bombs. Seven men were aboard. There is a possibility that the oil may have been for a submarine operating off the Panama Canal.

NAVY LOSS ANNOUNCED

Battleship, Three Destroyers, Mine Layer and 2,729 Men Toll at Hawaii—Japs Lose 3 Subs, 41 Aircraft.

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 15: (P)—Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox disclosed today that a United States battleship and five other warships were lost in the Japanese air raid on Pearl Harbor December 7. He said that ninety-one officers and 2,638 enlisted men were known dead.

The known Japanese losses, Knox said, included three submarines and forty-one aircraft.

Besides the battleship Arizona, three destroyers and a minelayer were lost.

Knox said that the Japs had failed in trying to knock United States out of the war at the start.

Frank Boyle, territorial auditor for Alaska, was a passenger aboard the Princess Norah yesterday returning to Juneau after a trip to Seattle.

TRYING TO FORCE AXIS

Imperial Forces Endeavouring to Make Enemy Fight in Libya Before Reaching More Favorable Positions.

CAIRO, Dec. 15: (P) — Further gains southwest of Gazala were announced by British headquarters today as the Libyan campaign apparently turned into a race by Imperial forces to compel Axis armies to fight a decisive battle before they can fall back on new and more favorable positions.

SHOCKING CONDITION

Vancouver Night Clubs Are Like "Sodom and Gomorrah."

VANCOUVER, Dec. 15: — The Vancouver Ministerial Association likens conditions in Vancouver night clubs to "Sodom and Gomorrah." There are shocking conditions of disorder and vice, particularly among young people.

BIG DRIVE BY SOVIET CONTINUES

From Leningrad To Caucasus Russians Sweeping Against Routed Nazis

MOSCOW, Dec. 15:—From Leningrad to the Caucasus the great Russian counter-offensive continues to sweep on against the demoralized Nazis who are now in a Napoleonic retreat with the Soviet now resolved to drive every Nazi out of the country. In the Moscow sector alone four hundred villages have been retaken by the Russians. In the south Tagenrod, the Germans occupying force is surrounded.

In New York the new Russian ambassador to United States, Maxim Litvinoff, said the Russians will not stop until the Nazi machine is smashed.

Russia may grant the use of Siberian bases to the United States to protect supply lines to the eastern Pacific war zone.

ROLF BRUHN IS STRICKEN

Minister Of Public Works Seized With Heart Attack On Train

LYTTON, Dec. 15:— Stricken with a heart attack while on his way to his home at Sicamous, Hon R. W. Bruhn, minister of public works and railways in the new coalition government of British Columbia, was removed from the train here and is a patient in the local hospital where his condition was reported last night to be fair.

Mr. Bruhn, who was taken from the train Saturday night while headed home to attend to private business, was travelling with Premier John Hart and Attorney General R. L. Maitland, who left Vancouver Saturday for Ottawa for an income tax conference.

The minister was reported today to be "holding his own," his condition being said to be fair.

Axis Shipping Is Picked Off

LONDON, Dec. 15: (P)—British submarines were credited today with sinking a 12,000-ton ship believed to be an Italian transport and damaging or destroying half a dozen smaller vessels two of which were picked off in the harbor of Candia in Axis-occupied Crete.

WAR IN PACIFIC

Hong Kong has refused to surrender and the Japanese have started an all out assault.

British forces are cutting down the Japanese invaders in Malay with a fierce battle raging near the Thailand frontier on the east coast.

Rangoon, capital of Burma, had its first air raid. Twenty-seven Japanese bombers fled when they were met by British interceptors.

Nipponese invaders of the Phillipines are being held to the beaches where they landed. Nicholls airport at Manila was bombed again today.

GOOD-BYE FROGGIE

At the approach of winter frogs burrow into the mud at the bottom of ponds where they stay until approach of spring.

John Moser, manager of Edward Lipsett Ltd. here, returned to the city on the Catala last night from a brief business trip to Vancouver.

Greatest Pressure of Japanese East Asia Offensive Is Being Concentrated On British Port

Line of Strategy Is to Bring Enemy Into More Vulnerable Position—Heavy Fighting on Malaya—Nipponese Having Hard Going on Luzon.

Hong Kong appeared today to be the point of greatest pressure of Japan's East Asia offensive with British forces withdrawing from Kowloon on the Chinese mainland in order to defend Hong Kong proper which is an island. It was not specified if the Canadian contingent had units on the mainland or whether they were manning the defence line. The withdrawal from Kowloon was seen as a plan to permit the Japanese to plunge to the extremity of Kowloon Peninsula where they might be vulnerable to Chinese armies operating at the rear. Chunkging said its men had forced the enemy from some positions outside of Canton to the northwest of Hong Kong and that a fierce Chinese assault was in full swing in Hanshui area north of the British colony.

Meanwhile, Empire forces protecting Malaya and Singapore from Japanese drives based in Thailand made slight withdrawal amid very heavy fighting.

New and severe blows to Japan's attempts to smash their way to dominance of Luzon Island in the Philippines were reported with United States bombers damaging two Japanese transports yesterday in the area around Legaspi. American planes and Dutch submarines have sunk ten enemy ships and badly damaged five others during the first week of the war.

GENERATION DESTROYED

Soviet Moving From Defensive to Offensive With Aim of Annihilating Nazi Armies.

MOSCOW, Dec. 15: (P) — The victory-flushed Red Army is turning from the successful defence of Moscow, Leningrad and the Caucasus to an offensive campaign for the extermination of all German armies on Russian soil, the Russians reported today.

Pravda, Communist party organ, said that Soviet troops, driving the Germans back from Moscow, have destroyed "an entire generation of Nazis."

UNITY OF COMMAND

Plans for Joint Defence of West Coast Are Complete.

OTTAWA, Dec. 15: — Plans for the joint Canadian-United States defense of North America's west coast are complete "in every particular" it was officially stated here today.

This information was authorized by a government source which said preparations have been made for every contingency which can be foreseen, and in the case of any one contingency developing the various forces of the two countries—naval, military and air—know exactly what their duties are.

The forces, it was said, are cooperating to such an extent that a single command for Canadian and American forces is not needed.

Unity of Command

If, however, some unforseen contingency arose in which unity of command were desirable, it could be established "in five minutes."

The same source said Japanese aggression in the Pacific has not changed the coastal defense position.

While hit-and-run raids may be attempted no serious attempt at invasion or occupation is considered likely.

Board Calls Meeting

Insofar as the Canadian section of the coast is concerned Canadian forces have been so disposed that no difficulty is anticipated in dealing with the type of attack which is considered possible, but the joint plan calls for use of the forces of the two countries as required all up and down the coast.

This joint Canadian-American Defense Board is to meet next week, but it has not yet been decided whether the board will go to the west coast for that or a subsequent meeting.

Bulletins

KING'S BIRTHDAY

LONDON — King George was forty-six years old yesterday. He spent the day quietly in the country with the Queen and the Princesses.

HOSTAGES EXECUTED

PARIS — The Nazis executed one hundred more hostages in Paris during the week-end.

DEANNA TO ENGLAND

HOLLYWOOD — Deanna Durbin left Hollywood today for England where she will entertain the troops. Enroute she will visit Halifax. Her husband, Vaughan Paul, is accompanying her.

DIES AT TRAIL

TRAIL—C. R. Billingsley died yesterday from injuries sustained in an explosion in the ammonia plant here at the week-end. The late Mr. Billingsley had formerly been shift boss in the antimony plant and was transferred to the ammonia plant a couple of years ago.

LIMIT CAR MANUFACTURE

OTTAWA — Further drastic limitations on passenger car and truck manufacture in Canada are being considered.

23,400 Japanese in Province; 10,300 Of Them Are Nationals

Nearly half the Nipponese population of British Columbia are Japanese nationals.

Statistics, compiled by the standing committee on Orientals following the Japanese registration last spring, and released to offset rumors as to the number of Japanese within the province, show that 10,333 Japanese nationals are included in the total of 23,428 persons of Japanese origin in B. C.

The committee was appointed by the Privy Council at Ottawa a year ago and its recommendations are made to the Department of External Affairs at Ottawa.

	Canadian Born	Naturalized Canadians	Japanese Nationals	U.S. Citizens of Jap. Orgin	TLS.
MALE					
Single	2790	223	645	5	3663
Married		1696	2395	4	4590
Widower	3	180	239	—	422
Divorced	2	12	17	—	31
Total male	3290	2111	3296	9	8706
FEMALE					
Single	1702	34	40	—	1776
Married	451	1347	1500	—	3298
Widow	5	193	155	—	353
Divorced	—	1	7	—	8
Canadian-born who have become Japanese Nationals through marriage	—	—	389	—	389
Total female	2158	1575	2091	—	5824
					8706
Total male-female	5448	3686	5387	9	14,530
Total children under 16	601	3348	4946	3	8898