

DUTCH EAST INDIES PREPARING



Japan is reported to have been taken by surprise by several strategic moves which it believes to have been motivated by joint consultations between England, the United States and Dutch East Indies, regarding the defence of the vital Malay peninsula and the rich Dutch islands nearby. Australian troops have landed at Singapore in surprising numbers with machinery, tanks and planes. To the Dutch East Indies goes the job of patrolling the waters against possible Japanese invasion. The crew of a Dutch submarine is limbering up anti-aircraft deck gun in anticipation of the Jap threat.

War News

R.A.F. HITS AT KIEL

LONDON—Royal Air Force bombers started an extensive attack in the industrial centre of Kiel last night in an attack on the big German naval base, the Air Ministry announced today. Six sticks of bombs were seen to burst on a shipbuilding yard and other docks and there was one violent explosion. Weather was clear the pilots could read maps by moonlight.

ITALIANS LOSSES ENORMOUS

CAIRO—British Middle East headquarters announced today that Italian losses in Italian Somaliland since Imperial forces crossed the Juba River are now estimated at more than 10,000 men. Today's bulletin said the Imperial forces had occupied Daghur, 400 miles north of Mogadiscio, on March 10 and in other sections are pursuing the retreating Italians.

GREEKS REPULSE FASCISTS

ATHENS—Italians, using the biggest forces thus far employed in the Albanian war, attacked at six different points yesterday after careful artillery preparation but all thrusts were repulsed, Greek military dispatches said today.

MORE BOMBS FOR BUCKINGHAM

LONDON—Three high explosive bombs fell recently in the grounds of Buckingham Palace, killing a policeman and knocking down part of a wall, it was disclosed today. It was indicated that the bombs might have fallen last Saturday night.

ITALIAN TRANSPORT SUNK

LONDON—A British submarine has sunk a heavily laden Italian transport in the Adriatic. Harbor buildings and shipping at Tripoli have been heavily bombed by the Royal Air Force.

FRANCO TURNS REICH DOWN

MADRID—General Francisco Franco has rejected a German demand for permission to fly Nazi fighting planes across Spain to Gibraltar and North Africa. The Spanish ambassador at Berlin who approved the idea is being replaced.

THIS IS ANNOYED FIFTY MORE DESTROYERS

Outcries in Berlin, Rome, and Tokyo Against Passage Of "Lease-Lend" Bill

NEW YORK, March 12:—There was an angry outcry yesterday in Berlin, Rome and Tokyo following enactment of the United States Aid to Britain bill. This was in contrast to rather scornful remarks which had been made in the final enactment that aid would be too late anyway. In Berlin it was stated that, in the passage of the bill, references to be held shortly in London and Rome with Japanese Foreign Minister Matsuoka would have a discussion of military matters.

"Thumbs Up," first issue of an eight-page weekly paper to be published by and for the enlisted men of Prince Rupert garrison area, made its appearance and is receiving favorable comment. Signalman W. G. Barrett is the managing editor. He is a former American newspaperman.

Weather Forecast

The pressure is high over the coast and it has been fair and warm over the southern coast and part cloudy on the north coast with showers over the Queen Charlotte Islands.

West Coast of Vancouver Island—Light to moderate northwest winds, fair and warm except in northwest portion where it will be part cloudy.

Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Islands—Light to moderate winds, cloudy and mild becoming fair towards night with occasional showers in the morning over northern Queen Charlotte Islands.

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Swinging Toward Axis

RAIDS ARE CONTINUED BY NAZIS

Northwest Towns, Birmingham And Liverpool Feel Weight Of Luftwaffe Bombing Attacks

LONDON, March 12:—The German Luftwaffe concentrated its attack last night on three northwest towns in the industrial midlands, Birmingham being one of them. The attacks were the heaviest in months on that section and caused considerable damage and casualties.

The night raiders carried out further attacks on London and the opposing air forces were gripped in dogfights as anti-aircraft fire lit up the skies and created din throughout the metropolis.

BUCKINGHAM AGAIN

It has been revealed that five bombs were dropped Saturday night on Buckingham Palace grounds but Their Majesties were not in residence. A policeman was killed.

Liverpool, the Thames Estuary, Scotland and other parts of the country had high explosive bombs dropped upon them during the night.

There were sporadic raids during the day, particularly along the Kent coast.

German bombers attacked the British naval base of Portsmouth and the surrounding area for six hours in Monday night raids which cost the Nazis two planes. The Press Association said that three other raiders were believed to have been destroyed.

MURDER IN NOBILITY

Sir Delves Broughton Charged With Killing of Duke of Errol

NAIROBI, Kenya, March 12: (CP)—Sir Delves Broughton was charged formally yesterday with the murder January 24 of the Duke of Errol, hereditary High Constable of Scotland. When Lord Errol was found dead it was at first believed that he had been killed in an automobile accident. The affair has caused a sensation. The killing followed a gay party.

Will Continue Pegged Price

OTTAWA, March 12:—The Dominion government will continue initial payment of 70 cents a bushel on wheat in 1941-42," Trade Minister MacKinnon announced in the House of Commons today. Agriculture Minister Gardiner announced, in order to induce farmers to reduce wheat acreage, that the government will pay them for wheat lands turned into summer fallow, sown to coarse grains and rye or seeded to grass or clover.

AIR FORCE SETS FIRES

Kiel Hit by British — Activity in Bombing Western Germany

LONDON, March 12: (CP)—A successful raid was made last night by the Royal Air Force on Kiel naval base.

Large fires were started Monday night in the German Rhineland city of Cologne in an overnight British air raid, the Air Ministry announced yesterday. The Royal Air Force also attacked the invasion coast and enemy airdromes in occupied France.

BATTLEDRESS FOR WOMEN



Style gives way to comfort, women of the mechanized transport corps find the battledress style of uniform much more comfortable for their work than their previous uniform. In this case a member of the corps is actually cranking a car, an operation that many of us thought went by the bye with the birth of the self-starter.

Churchill Is Thankful

LONDON, March 12: (CP)—Premier Winston Churchill formally thanked the United States today for the "Lease-Lend" bill which he termed "a new Magna Charta, an inspiring act of faith."

BRITISH AID SPEEDED UP

No Time Being Lost to Put "Lease-Lend" Measure Into Immediate Action

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 12: (CP)—President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the British Aid bill yesterday afternoon at 3:50 amid rapid fire preparations to translate it into a seven billion dollar program of action. Immediately after signing the bill the President issued an order releasing large amounts of army and navy war materials for Great Britain and Greece.

The United States Congress completed its action on the historic bill just after President Roosevelt had set the seven billion dollars as its starting appropriation. The President will seek authorization of the \$7,000,000,000 appropriation tomorrow. House of Representatives acceptance of an even dozen Senate amendments was the final legislative act on the precedent-shattering measure. These amendments were adopted by a vote of 317 to 71 amid protestations of national unity among both Democratic and Republican members.

The bill was sped to the White House almost two months to the day after its introduction January 10. Its signature by the President followed without delay.

The President's seven billion dollar appropriation for aid to Britain is broken into various categories of which the largest is two billion dollars for aircraft and aeronautical materials including engines, spare parts and accessories.

Inspiring Policy

The President said that the fixed policy of this government is to make for the democracies every gun, plane and munition of war we possibly can.

HIS HOTEL IS BLASTED

Serious Incident Follows Soon Upon Arrival of British Envoy in Istanbul

Six Are Killed

Some Members of Embassy Staff Suffered Injury from Blast

ISTANBUL, Turkey, March 12: (CP)—A heavy explosion rocked the Pera Palace Hotel last night a few minutes after George W. Rendel, former British minister to Bulgaria, took up headquarters there with the legation staff following departure from Sofia.

Mr. Rendel was not injured. His daughter, Ann, was knocked down but was not hurt. She is suffering from shock. Six British attaches were hurt including the British consul-general at Sofia and Istanbul, the first secretary to the Sofia legation and two girl secretaries.

Six Turks were killed including a policeman, hotel porter and others. In all twenty persons were killed or wounded.

The bomb exploded in the lobby of the hotel which Mr. Rendel had just left for his room upstairs. A crater fifteen feet deep was dug and the hotel was badly damaged.

It is believed the bomb may have been planted in some embassy baggage which had been mysteriously opened on the train which carried sixty-seven of the embassy personnel including women and children.

An attempt had been made to blow up the special train on the way from Sofia to Istanbul.

The hotel staff in its entirety was put under temporary arrest but most of them were later released. Four arrests were reported today to have been made.

Milestone Of Freedom

OTTAWA, March 12:—Passage of the "Lease-Lend" bill by United States Congress "will stand as one of the milestones of freedom and points the way to ultimate and certain victory," Premier Mackenzie King told the House of Commons today.

Looks Like YugoSlavia Will Yield To Intense Pressure From Germans

Some Sort of Compromise Formula, However, Suggested Including "Period of Transition" to Soothe ProBritishers

BELGRADE, March 12: (CP)—YugoSlavia was reported in usually reliable circles tonight to have agreed in principle to sign the three-power military pact of Berlin, Rome and Tokyo. These quarters said that Premier Cvetkovic and Foreign Minister Cincar-Markovic would go to Berlin shortly to discuss a formula they devised at a session of the crown council today.

It is said they would ask for a "transition period" to prepare pro-British public opinion in YugoSlavia for signing lest there be internal trouble.

With Greece still resolved to fight to the death, despite German claims that she will yield to a German dictated peace with Italy, the position of Russia and Turkey is still uncertain. Both are massing troops.

Meanwhile the Nazis are now said to have 500,000 mechanized troops poised on the Bulgarian frontiers of Greece and Turkey.

The British are reported to have landed thousands of Australian, New Zealand and Imperial troops at Athens and Salonika to be in readiness to support the Greeks in fighting off the Germans should the expected invasion from the north occur.

Bulletins

HERRING OUTPUT HIGH

VICTORIA—The British Columbia canned herring pack is fifty percent ahead of last year, having made a new all time high. Great Britain is taking most of the output.

CAN GO AHEAD

VICTORIA—There is nothing to prevent the federal government and the provinces going full speed ahead in co-operation in the war effort, declares Premier Pattullo. The provinces should be consulted individually before a new conference is called at Ottawa.

CANADIAN CASUALTIES

OTTAWA—The thirty-ninth Canadian casualty list has been issued showing six killed. The total Canadian dead and missing so far in the war is 188.

TODAY'S STOCKS

(Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co.)

Vancouver	
Big Missouri, .04.	
Bralorne, 9.75.	
Cariboo Quartz, 2.60.	
Dentonia, .00 1/4.	
Fairview, .01.	
Gold Belt, .26.	
Hedley Mascot, .50.	
Minto, .02.	
Noble Five, .00 1/2 (ask).	
Pacific Nickel, .04.	
Pend Orielle, 1.50.	
Pioneer, 2.10.	
Premier, .90.	
Privateer, .48.	
Reeves McDonald, .10.	
Reno, .12.	
Relief Arlington, .02 1/4.	
Salmon Gold, .01.	
Sheep Creek, .85.	
Oils	
A. P. Con., .07 1/2.	
Calmont, 18.	
C. & E., 1.15.	
Home, 1.99.	
Pacalta, .04 1/2 (ask).	
Royal Canadian, .09.	
Okalta, .52.	
Mercury, .04 1/4.	
Prairie Royalties, .07.	
Toronto	
Aldermac, .11.	
Beattie, 1.05.	
Central Pat., 1.76.	
Cons. Smelters, 34 1/2 (bid).	
East Malartic, 2.60.	
Fernland, .03 3/4 (ask).	
Francoeur, .38.	
Gods Lake, .25.	
Hardrock, .75.	
Int. Nickel, 32 3/4.	
Kerr Addison, 3.75.	
Little Long Lac, 1.70.	
McLeod Cockshutt, 1.84.	
Madsen Red Lake, .58.	
McKenzie Red Lake, 1.05.	
Moneta, .47.	
Noranda, 52 1/2.	
Pickle Crow, 2.80.	
Preston East Dome, 3.05.	
San Antonio, 2.28.	
Sherritt Gordon, .69.	
Uchi, .22.	
Bouscadillac, .02.	
Mosher, .04 1/4.	
Oikend, .03 3/4.	

Local Yard Ready For New Orders

VANCOUVER, March 12: (CP)—D. B. Carswell, controller of ship construction and repairs in the munitions and supply department, who is surveying coast shipbuilding possibilities, said that three British Columbia yards, including the Canadian National dry dock at Prince Rupert, are in a position to take orders.

GREEKS ARE ADVANCING

Italian Positions in Albania Hit Hard Yesterday And Losses Are Heavy

ATHENS, March 12:—The Greek forces again pounded Italian positions in Albania yesterday with heavy artillery and made further important gains in the Tepelini sector.

Hundreds of Italians were left dead in the field.

A heavy attack is reported to have been made by the Royal Air Force north of Tepelini on troops and transports of the enemy. Five Italian planes were brought down with no British plane losses.

To Tell World Of Plans Under Lease-Lend Bill

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 12:—Inside of the next week President Franklin D. Roosevelt will make one of his fireside radio talks in the course of which he will outline details of what he intends to do under the "Lease-Lend" Aid to Britain bill which he signed yesterday following final enactment by Congress yesterday.