

EDITORIAL

Appeal For Action In Coastal Defence - - -

"The most important road from a military standpoint in the country today is the one which would connect Prince Rupert with the interior" is the statement Premier T. D. Pattullo made twice in public during his visit to Prince Rupert this week. No doubt, the statement was made by the Premier with full knowledge of the situation and the implications involved.

"The most important road from a military standpoint in the country" and what is being done about it? Is any action being taken at all? Is it being taken into consideration in Canada's defence program for the Pacific coast? This is a question which Prince Rupert may well feel directly concerned about. It is a matter of real importance today to the whole of the Pacific coast and almost equally so to Alaska. In fact it may well be considered a vital part of the whole defence scheme of this coast.

Prince Rupert is being armed in various ways. An air base has been established on the Queen Charlotte Islands for the protection of this part of the coast. Another air base is nearing completion at Prince Rupert. Troops are stationed here for the protection of the port. Naval vessels in considerable number patrol the waters north and south and off to the west.

We are establishing our first line of defence. All the while we are looking to our line of communication, the most vital factor of which is this very road which should connect us with the rear, "the most important road from a military standpoint in the country today," the road which not only gives access and egress to the north coast of British Columbia but might well be a life line for Alaska in the event of conflict in the Pacific area.

This road from Prince Rupert to the interior has got beyond the point where it is to be merely considered a desirable tourist artery or even a means of opening up the natural resources of the district. It is now concededly a vital defence measure. It is no longer a luxury. It is now a grim necessity.

Which being the case, there is no time for further delay. There may be some who still think the war is far away from Prince Rupert. There were countries a short year ago that thought war was far away from them. They dallied along unprepared, unconcerned, complacent.

There are potent factors in the international situation today which might very conceivably bring war to these shores in a comparatively short time. It is now high time that something was being done about this very important defence matter of the road from Prince Rupert to the interior. Conceivably, even a year from now might be too late.

If for no other reason than that of the security of this port, it appears that now—not later—is the time for Prince Rupert people to interest themselves in the construction of the road more actively, more insistently than they have ever before.

The highway from Prince Rupert is not one of those things that can be passed off as something we can do without until after the war is over. It is an undertaking of quite evident vital national importance.

Prince Rupert is justified in pressing that immediate action be taken in regard to this highway and that it be commenced with no further delay and completed as speedily as possible.

Probably, the authorities are cognizant of the vital importance of this road in the Pacific defence scheme. If any pressure from this end, however, is necessary it should be freely and fully applied.

The war is spreading. If the United States gets in it, it will probably be a world war with a Battle of the Pacific as well as a Battle of the Atlantic. Is it reasonable that one of the most important ports of the Pacific should be left longer without a line of communication? Now is the time to provide it—not when the need is more urgent and there is no time to act.

Prince Rupert is entitled to be satisfied that the necessary action is being taken.

If there is anything we can do here to strengthen representations which may be already being made to have this military road expeditiously provided, there should be no hesitation about doing it and doing it at once.

The road from Prince Rupert to the interior is past the stage of being a political football, something that is to be dangled with a half a mile or so at a time in order to keep a few unemployed men at work and a handful of voters appeased. It is a vital element in Western Canada's defence and security.

Halibut Sales

Summary
American—None.
Canadian—47,700 pounds, 11.4c and 8.5c to 11.7c and 8.5c.
Covenant, 20,000, Storage, 11.4c and 8.5c.
Metcalfe, 12,000, Pacific, 11.5c and 8.5c.
Unome, 6,000, Booth, 11.6c and 8.5c.
M. L., 1,200, Atlin, 11.5c and 8.5c.
Cape Race, 8,500, Booth, 11.7c and 8.5c.

NOT TOO BAD

BERMINGHAM, June 19: (CP)—"Two pairs to a customer" was the limitation on sales of woollen stockings at a local store. They were in green, royal blue, corn color, yellow and wine and sold at \$1.65 a pair.

WORKER WINS MEDAL

LONDON, June 19: (CP)—John A. Stephenson, 21, voluntary worker for the Y. M. C. A. in London and Bournemouth has been awarded the George Medal for aid in rescue work in bombed shelters.

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DUBLIN COUNTS COST AS "UNKNOWN" RAIDERS BOMB CITY



This scene in the North Strand, one of the main business sections of Dublin, shows the severe damage done by an air raid from unidentified planes. Rescue squads found more than 30 slain, 25 missing and 300 injured in the May 31st bombing of the Eire capital. After examining bomb fragments, Dublin blamed Germany for the raid. This was the second raid on Dublin and the ninth on the country. Eire is nominally neutral in this war.

Pattullo At Gyro—

THIS ROAD ESSENTIAL IN DEFENCE

Premier Pattullo Tells Service Club
He Will Never Quit Until He is
Kicked Out

"From a military standpoint, the road which would connect Prince Rupert with the interior is the most essential one in the country today. Why not get it now?" Such were the words of Premier T. D. Pattullo in a luncheon address before the Prince Rupert Gyro Club yesterday.

Mr. Pattullo recalled how he had advocated for many years the carrying out of national public works undertakings. During war years and means of financing huge expenditures could always be found. Why could not money be found for essentials such as providing defences and taking care of youth in times of peace?

The trouble in the past was that governments and people were too slow to start, too slow to see ahead. They were too complacent, always hoping that something would happen.

"When peace comes next, let us be in a position to meet the situation," remarked the Premier.

Win War First

Of course, conceded the Premier, the first thing for all must be to concentrate upon ridding the world of the present aggression, frightfulness and murderousness, something that must be accomplished by the great English-speaking nations of the British Commonwealth and the United States and their Allies.

Mr. Pattullo referred to the importance of British Columbia industrial development and mentioned such projects as a steel plant, the Alaska Highway and acquisition by British Columbia of the Yukon Territory and part of the Northwest Territories.

The world was going through a period of evolution now which no one could understand, said the Premier but surely events must transpire whereby might and right would prevail over might alone.

In the matter of defence, it was no use recriminating about past mistakes. Mistakes must be made and money must be spent before efficiency could be obtained. Governments must co-operate these days irrespective of political aspects.

In addition to dealing with present problems, it was necessary to take thought of what must be done after the war is over.

Will Never Quit

Speaking for himself personally, Mr. Pattullo said: "I don't think I'll ever quit the office I am in to-

Smokes For Men Of B.C.

VICTORIA, June 19:—Over one million cigarettes and a hundred of pounds of tobacco are being sent monthly by the government of British Columbia to London for distribution from British Columbia House among soldiers serving in Britain from this province.

TURN DOWN FISH PRICE

Vancouver Fishermen Reject Season's Salmon Bid—Session Here

VANCOUVER, June 19: (CP)—The price schedule for the 1941 salmon fishing season offered fishermen a week ago by the salmon cannery has been rejected by the British Columbia Fishermen's Protective Association. Secretary F. Rolley said last night. Other fishermen's organizations said they would take similar action. Negotiations here will be at a standstill until Monday when the cannery's committee, going north to confer with fishermen there, returns from Prince Rupert.

Executive officers of the Native Brotherhood of British Columbia arrived in Prince Rupert today to confer with the cannery's committee due in Prince Rupert tomorrow. They are meeting this afternoon to finally complete their case. The officers here are: Alfred Adams of Massett, president of the Native Brotherhood of British Columbia; Caleb Williams, Bella Bella, vice-president; Paul Price, Port Simpson, vice-president; Heber Clifton of Hartley Bay, honorary president, and his son, Eddie Clifton; Ambrose Reid, Port Simpson, business agent; Henry Bailey, Port Simpson, general secretary; Alfred Wesley, corresponding secretary; William Jeffery, Port Simpson; general treasurer; Johnson Russ, Hayman; MacKay and Peter Calder of Greenville.

day unless I get kicked out. You some how get going and cannot quit. No matter what you may do to me, however, I will always love the people of Prince Rupert."

President W. F. Stone was in the chair over a good attendance of Gyro members and several guests including W. D. Vance, P. H. Linzey, Ben Hethery, Arthur Brooksbank, Norton Youngs, George Cripps, W. O. Fulton, George Mitchell, A. R. Anderson and Adjutant E. D. Brunson.

P. H. Linzey was winner of the luncheon raffle for the day.

Bulletins

PREPARE FOR BLOW
LONDON—From behind official scenes tonight came ominous warning that Great Britain may expect "some terrific blow this summer." Usually well-informed sources said "Germany, in her determination to end the war this summer," is preparing some terrific blow against Britain herself.

CHURCHILL RESISTS
LONDON—Prime Minister Winston Churchill today resisted demands in Parliament for a discussion of the gravity of the shipping situation except under the protection of a secret session. Former War Secretary Horne-Bellish urged that it be faced with candor and resolution.

SMALL ATTACKS
LONDON—There were only small air attacks by Germany on East Anglia and the East Midlands last night. Damage was slight and no casualties were reported.

OTTO IN OTTAWA
OTTAWA—Archduke Otto, claimant to the throne of Hungary, is a visitor in Canada. He predicts rebellion in subjugated country and that Germany will crack when Britain attains equality in the air.

COMMISSION BASES
WASHINGTON—American bases in Newfoundland and Bermuda will be commissioned next month.

TORCH IN HALIFAX
HALIFAX—Canada's Torch of Freedom has reached Halifax. An address was made on arrival by Hon. Angus MacDonald, minister of naval affairs.

EIGHT SHIPS SUNK
LONDON—British submarines have accounted for eight Axis ships.

AIR FORCE CASUALTIES
OTTAWA—The fiftieth Royal Canadian Air Force casualty list includes seven Canadian airmen killed in Canada or overseas. Since the war began 320 have been listed as dead or missing.

Dollars will win the war. Dollars will end it sooner. Invest in Victory Bonds.

SHOCK KILLED HER
BURTON-ON-TRENT, Eng., June 19: (CP)—The doctors told Mrs. Kathleen Yeomans, 21, she would have twins, and she spent weeks happily preparing for them. It was triplets — and she died of the shock.

BRITISH ADVANCE

Important Positions in Syria Recaptured—Vichy Forces Surrounded

CAIRO, June 19.—The Middle East Command announced today that important positions have been captured just south of Damascus and added that Allied troops in southern Syria have recaptured Kuneitra while strong Vichy forces in Merdjayoun have been surrounded. Both towns near Palestine borders had been seized in Vichy counter-attacks.

ASSAULT IS KEEPING UP

Royal Air Force Continues to Pound
Mercilessly at Reich and Nazi
Controlled Territory

LONDON, June 19: (CP)—Royal Air Force bombers, carrying out what residents of an area around a southeast coast English town called "big stuff," streamed across Dover Straits yesterday afternoon to renew punishment of Northern France and invasion bases. The explosions seemed to lift small houses from their very foundations.

The attacks continued from the afternoon into the eighth successive night of the assault.

The British planes struck heavily at Boulogne and other objectives and moved on to start large fires at Bremen and explode heavy bombs across the docks at Brest.

It was one of the most vigorous overnight air raids of the Royal Air Force, the Air Ministry announced today.

Nine German planes were brought down since yesterday afternoon while the British lost four.

Authoritative sources said yesterday that Royal Air Force bombers attacked targets in Western Germany during Tuesday night in the seventh successive night raid. Bombings were admitted in Berlin where German sources said damage was done to residential districts.

LOAN IS GROWING

Total For Prince Rupert Up To
Last Night is \$343,000—Campaign
Ends This Week

Total subscriptions for Victory Loan 1941 in Prince Rupert up to Wednesday night were \$343,000 the sum of \$16,000 having been added during yesterday. With the application lists closing on Saturday, there is every reason to believe that Prince Rupert will go over the top as far as its quota of \$350,000 is concerned but efforts are now being made to make the total as large as possible, at least \$400,000 being aimed at.

The Franchise of Freedom

Invasion Reported— SITUATION NOT CLEAR IN SOVIET

Humiliating Demands Said to Have
Been Made in Berlin Ultimatum
On Moscow

June 19: (CP)—While Germany is reliably reported to have served an ultimatum upon Russia demanding sweeping territorial and economic concessions from the Soviet which would make Russia an economic vassal of the Reich, there were reports of the massing of Nazi and Soviet forces on the frontiers.

A dispatch last night from the usually reliable Reuters News Agency said there were unconfirmed reports in Turkey that German armies had already launched an attack against Russia at fifteen points in the eastern frontier. Neither British official sources in London or United States officials in Washington confirmed this report which started circulation early Wednesday.

Vast preparations which presented the indication that an eastern blitzkrieg might be impending were reported to include heavy movements of dive bombers and troop transports in Moravia.

The German ultimatum on Russia was reported to have included demand for the return of Bessarabia to Roumania, the turning over of the entire wheat surplus of the Ukraine to the Reich and the admission of German experts and technicians to control the railways and oil and mineral industries of the Soviet.

Rumania was said to have served a separate ultimatum demanding the return of Bessarabia.

FINLAND IS IN UPROAR

Frantic Movement of Armed Forces
Suggest Early Outbreak in
Baltic Area

LONDON, June 19: (CP)—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Gothenburg, Sweden, today quoted a message from Stockholm as saying travelers from Russia to Finland had reported "frantic mobilization" along the railway line from Moscow to Leningrad. The railway line was reported blocked by troops and material.

Helsinki reported that Finnish reserves were called at midnight and the government sharply curtailed civilian train traffic soon after to facilitate military preparations.

Meanwhile a British naval blockade has been clamped down on the Finnish port of Petsamo in view of large numbers of German troops passing through there to take up residence in Finland. Already three Finnish vessels have been intercepted and detained.

Washington D. C. learned that Finland had broken away from the League of Nations.

There's Safety in Numbers—Buy more Bonds!



VICTORY LOAN Program

TONIGHT

Radio Program 6:15
Retreat Service 7:00

COMING EVENTS

Grand Victory Loan Street Dance and Contest
when Quota is Reached
See Poster Exhibition, City Council Chamber
Afternoons and Evenings
Drive a Nail in Hitler's Coffin at the Dug-Out
Exhibit of Movie Stars Autographed Souvenirs
in Dug-Out