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Negotiations With India Collapse

Which Way Will Japs Now Turn Following Philippine Collapse?

Siberia, India, China and Australia All Mentioned As Possible Objectives—Corregidor Resistance Continues—British Retreat In Burma

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 11: (CP)—With strong forces now freed from operations on the Philippine Islands, Washington observers said that the possibilities facing the Japanese were a surprise attack on Siberia, a reinforced drive into Burma and India, an attempt to finish off China, invasion of Australia and a grand scale assault upon Hawaii. Most predicted is that Siberia will be next on the list.

Japanese warships, supported by planes, were reported bombarding Corregidor fortress in Manila Bay today, climaxing the fall of Bataan with an attempt to knock out the last major bastion of resistance in Luzon and to gain control of the finest harbor in the western Pacific. In the central Philippines a small American-Filipio force defending Cebu Island inflicted heavy casualties on Japanese seaborne invaders, estimated to number 12,000, who landed from a fleet of warships and ten transports. The War Department communique said that stubbornly resisting defenders held the Japanese advance to only a few miles.

In Burma a new British and Indian withdrawal on the Irrawaddy River front, guarding the rich central Burma oil fields, was indicated in a British communique.

A.R.P. AT SIMPSON

Visit Paid There by Local Officials to Organize for Emergency.

In addition to being chief protection officer for Prince Rupert, J. J. Little had been requested by the British Columbia advisory council to take over the A.R.P. supervision for the adjacent districts. These would include Port Simpson, Port Essington, the Skeena River and canneries.

In view of these instructions Mr. Little, accompanied by H. T. Lock, J. S. Wilson and Allan M. Davies, visited Port Simpson on Thursday, the trip being made in the Naskeena through the courtesy of Indian Agent James Gillett and the co-operation of the Indian Department.

At a meeting attended by about fifty people, Mr. Little traced the development of the organization in Prince Rupert and the more recent activities on the coast as the result of the establishing of a British Columbia advisory council. He outlined the set-up of the organization.

J. S. Wilson covered the work of the district wardens and their duties and also gave in detail an account of preparations made for evacuation of school children from the schools.

The reading of the minutes of a previous meeting held in Port Simpson showed that an effective start had already been made there. Following a full discussion these plans were incorporated to come more into line with the established organization of the province and committee chairmen were named.

Appreciation of the visit and help of Mr. Little and his committee was expressed by various of the residents, both white and native, and, with mutual exchange of information to be continued, a more effective district-wide civil protection committee will result.

Mr. Gillett introduced the visitors. Miss J. Hill acted as secretary.

Forty-Mile Speed Limit

OTTAWA, April 11: (CP)—Starting May 1 the maximum speed limit anywhere in Canada will be forty miles per hour under order-in-council providing stiff penalties for infractions. This is a step in the campaign to curtail non-essential use of gasoline and rubber during the war.

"YES" VOTE IS URGED

Junior Chamber of Commerce Hears Olof Hanson Speak in Regard to Manpower Plebiscite.

A "yes" vote in the forthcoming manpower plebiscite was urged by Olof Hanson, M.P. for Skeena, in speaking before the Junior Section of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce at its dinner meeting last night. That the people should express themselves emphatically in favor of total war by releasing the government from commitments in regard to the use of manpower was highly to be desired, declared Mr. Hanson who said that his own stand as being absolutely in favor of total war was well known. The Skeena member justified the holding of the plebiscite as a means of preserving unity in Canada and in accordance with democratic institutions. The issue was a vital one and the plebiscite should command as large a vote as any general election.

Mr. Hanson told of a meeting with Lieut. General A. G. L. McNaughton, commander-in-chief of the Canadian forces in Britain, which he had attended. General McNaughton had given assurance that Canadian soldiers would not be put up against impossibilities such as fighting without the necessary tools of war. Astonishing progress which was being made by Canada in turning out the tools of war was described by the member. One plant in Hamilton was turning out a carload of shells every fifteen minutes. Mr. Hanson sounded a warning against propaganda which was critical of Canada's war effort.

In regard to the manpower plebiscite a memorandum from the Canadian Youth Congress urging a "yes" vote not as a political matter but as a vote for total war and the defeat of Hitlerism was read. This memorandum also proposed the organization of groups with a view to developing a "yes" vote campaign.

A communication from the Vancouver Junior Chamber of Commerce stressed the importance of getting out the vote in the plebiscite, offering as a motto "Vote for Canada, Vote Yes."

A.R.P. IS PREPARED

Reports and Demonstrations at Meeting of District Wardens Last Night.

There was a full attendance of A.R.P. district wardens or their deputies at the regular weekly meeting under the chief warden, J. S. Wilson, in the Canadian Legion rooms last evening. Later there was a joint meeting with the district fire auxiliary leaders under Fire Chief Lock and his auxiliary chief, W. D. Lambie. At the close there was a demonstration by Angus MacDonald of the newly developed type of stretcher.

At the district wardens' meeting reports showed that steady practices and regular meetings were being held. At these practices many varied types of "incidents" were made up and, in dealing with them, the first aiders, fire fighters and police wardens had every chance to exercise their resourcefulness. In case of a real emergency these workers would be well prepared. Some special consideration had been given to boundaries of the districts and the first aid posts. The wardens would advise the people concerned as to any change in the locations of their first aid posts. Those present were J. L. MacIntosh, J. A. Teng, A. Dominato for G. T. German, George Storrie for Ray Allen, G. P. Tinker, T. J. Boulter, J. H. McGlashan and J. E. Boddie.

At the joint meeting with the fire auxiliaries, in addition to Fire Chief H. T. Lock and W. D. Lambie, there were H. R. Hill, G. Abbott, S. Paynter and W. R. S. Seal. In collaboration with the fire auxiliaries the district wardens considered a set of standing orders and with these approved a common basis of working has been established.

A practical demonstration of the new simple type of stretcher was given. This was made by J. E. Boddie to the plans of Angus MacDonald based on a newspaper report and had proven to be most practical. There was no difficulty in working one's way through doorways or around corners and the stretcher might be used in a vertical position without any risk or inconvenience to the patient. Numbers of these will be made available locally for use by the first aid sections. Mr. MacDonald was generally complimented on this new feature.

CURB USE OF LIQUOR

Junior Chamber of Commerce Endorses Gyro Club Resolution Regarding Increased Policing of City.

The Junior Section of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce, at its regular monthly meeting last night, considered resolutions from the Prince Rupert Rotary Club and the Prince Rupert Gyro Club in respect to the condition of affairs which has arisen as a result of the use of liquor and, after considerable discussion, decided to endorse the resolution of the Gyro Club calling for an augmentation of the strength of the city police and armed service patrols here in the interests of a more effective enforcement of the law. The resolution will be forwarded to the attorney general's department, the city commissioner and the military authorities.

There was general agreement that something should be done to control the consumption of liquor in Prince Rupert. Enforcement of the existing laws, it was felt, would do much to remedy conditions. The discussion then resolved itself into one of enforcement of the law and more effective patrol.

Offensive Against Germany Now Being Seriously Considered

LONDON, April 11: (CP)—Reliable sources said today that General George C. Marshall and Harry Hopkins of the United States were convinced that Russia was the decisive battlefield in the war and were discussing with Great Britain the most effective way to aid the Red armies against the Axis. This aid, it was added, was almost certain to include United States air reinforcement of the Royal Air Force bombing of Germany, in view of reverses in the Far East, the demand is growing for an invasion of Europe by Allied forces.

WILL CURB INFLATION

Drastic Legislative Program to Be Introduced by President Roosevelt.

WASHINGTON, April 11: (CP)—President Roosevelt is expected to introduce a drastic anti-inflation legislative program very soon. It would include new taxes, freezing of prices, control of wages and curtailment of installment buying.

Seal Cove Road Is Considered

Committee of Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce in Session With City Commissioner and Engineer.

A committee of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce consisting of Arnold Flaten, Theo Collart and Robert Gordon was in conference last night with City Commissioner D. J. Matheson and City Engineer F. N. Good to consider the Lowe report on Seal Cove road improvements. After considerable discussion, it was decided that the committee would make a report to the chamber of Commerce at its meeting next Monday night before further action is taken.

CARNIVAL FAVORED

Junior Chamber of Commerce Would Hold Event as Usual This Fall to Aid Civic Centre.

In spite of the uncertainty as to a venue, the Junior Section of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce decided last night to go ahead with plans for the usual fall carnival in aid of the civic centre project and it was left with the executive to appoint a committee. As usual, the co-operation of the Gyro Club, Rotary Club and Sons of Norway in connection with the event will be enlisted.

There was also some discussion at last night's meeting as to the civic centre undertaking itself. C. G. Ham told how the central committee was continuing its activities and negotiations with a view to bringing the project to early fruition.

TOMMIES VS. A.T.S.

LONDON, April 11: (CP)—Neutral observers have agreed that a "canteen" battle between members of the Auxiliary Territorial Service and soldiers ended in a stalemate. The soldiers started by buying up available supplies of nail varnish to keep their buttons polished. The A.T.S. girls counter-attacked by cornering supplies of pipe-cleaners for hair-curlers.

STRAFING GERMANY

British Planes Spread Destruction Through Nazi Arms Industry.

LONDON, April 11: (CP)—With hundreds of tons of heavy calibre bombs and countless incendiaries, British planes spread destruction again through Germany's industrial sections of the Ruhr last night, Air Ministry sources announced. Great Krupp armament works were principal targets of the raid which cost the Royal Air Force thirteen planes. As high a price air sources said was expected the Nazis paid for the raid.

The Germans dropped a few bombs on the south coast of England but there were no damage or casualties.

TODAY'S STOCKS

(Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co.)

Vancouver	
Grandview	.15
Bralorne	7.25
Cariboo Quartz	1.05
Hedley Mascot	.25
Pend Oreille	1.15
Pioneer	1.40
Premier	.40
Privateer	.29
Reno	.02½
Sheep Creek	.67
Oils	
Calmont	.11
C. & E.	.95
Home	2.35
Royal Canadian	.03
Toronto	
Beattie	.60
Central Patricia	.90
Cons. Smelters	38.00
Hardrock	.35
Kerr Addison	3.25
Little Long Lac	.95
McLeod Cockshutt	1.15
Madsen Red Lake	.43
McKenzie Red Lake (ask)	.65
Moneta (ask)	.25
Pickle Crow	1.70
Preston East Dome	1.85
San Antonio	1.45
Sherritt Gordon	.74

Civic Centre Subscribers

Members of Northern British Columbia Resident Fishermen's Association	$50
Mr. and Mrs. H. McCavour	5
W. H. Wright	2
J. Stapleton	2

ALL-AUSTRALIAN REVOLVERS

SYDNEY, N.S.W., April 11: (CP)—Service revolvers made by mass production methods in Australia have been tested here. Based on the Enfield six-chambered type of weapon, firing .38 in. ammunition, the revolvers are made entirely of Australian materials.

BRAZIL'S CONSTITUTION

The constitution of Brazil was patterned after that of the United States.

Sir Stafford Cripps Sad Over Failure of Mission; Is Leaving

Thinks That Great Opportunity For Rallying Defence And Freedom Has Been Missed—Some Degree Of Agreement

NEW DELHI, April 11 (CP)—Sir Stafford Cripps, in a farewell radio broadcast to the people of India today, said: "I am sad that this great opportunity for rallying India for her defence and freedom has been missed." Cripps, preparing to return to Britain, earlier announced that Britain's offer of Dominion status for India after the war had been withdrawn following rejection of the plan by dominant Hindu and Moslem parties. He said at a press conference that, despite the failure, there was a large and very important area of agreement as to future freedom for India."

APPROVAL FOR ROAD

Highway Up Skeena River From Prince Rupert Is Joint Defence Project, Hanson Tells Jr. Chamber.

In answer to a question last night at the meeting of the Junior Section of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce, Olof Hanson, M.P. for Skeena, stated that the construction of the highway up the Skeena River out of Prince Rupert to connect with the main highway system had been approved as a joint defence project between the United States and Canada. While such roads would during the war be essentially military roads, they would become normal highways after the war, Mr. Hanson believed. Meantime, they would be available for the use of civilans whose travel, of course, would be restricted by gasoline and tire limitations.

NEW THEATRE HERE FAVORED

Junior Chamber of Commerce to Urge That Federal Permit Be Granted.

The Junior Section of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce, at its regular monthly meeting last night, went on record as favoring the granting of a federal permit for the construction of a second theatre in Prince Rupert.

The matter of the second theatre here was brought before the Junior Chamber by the president, Alf Rivett, who stated that Allan Carolan of Stewart was contemplating putting up a theatre on property he had acquired on Second Avenue at the corner of Fifth Street but required the support of a body such as the Chamber of Commerce in his application for a federal permit.

HAVE SOMBRE TASK

LONDON, April 11: (CP)—Before leaving port on an Atlantic crossing the crew of a tanker solemnly swore that if the vessel was lost the survivors would visit relatives of men killed and now Capt. Francis Broad and Thomas Ornell, the only survivors of her sinking, have started out to fulfil the pact.

The marriage at St. Paul's Lutheran Church last night of Miss Judith Jerstad of this city and George Morgan of Vancouver, was an event of outstanding interest to many friends. A reception followed in the Oddfellows' Hall.

SHELTERS DISCUSSED

This Among Matters Discussed At A. R. P. Meeting—Emergency Hospital

The Prince Rupert Civilian Protection Committee was in regular session yesterday afternoon with the chairman, J. J. Little, presiding. Also present were H. T. Lock, J. S. Wilson, Arnold Flaten, Angus MacDonald, Samuel Massey, F. N. Good, Inspector Ernest Gammon, O. C. Young, S. E. Parker and Allen M. Davies, secretary.

Included in reports was the latest information regarding air-raid shelters and the prospect of tunnelling. It was pointed out that in London only five percent of the people use air-raid shelters. In order to be bombproof they need to have an earth covering of forty feet or an equivalent concrete roof. Proper ventilation is needed and even lighting must be considered. The cost of suitable tunnelling here had been worked out and to provide a shelter seven feet by five feet would cost thirty-five dollars a lineal foot. That meant that a shelter one hundred feet long would cost $3,500. And that would shelter only a limited number of people. Various reports had stated that there was much suitable tunnelling equipment available in the city. Investigation had proved that this was not the case. There was no tunnelling equipment available at present.

Progress had been made in the excavation of an emergency hospital in the basement of the present hospital and there would be considerable bed space provided. There would also be a large reception room. Additional Red Cross supplies had arrived.

Fire Chief Lock had fitted up two portable pumps which had already proved effective. The waterfront fire protection had also been taken up and progress had been made.

It was stressed again that only cars with special permits would be allowed to be used in an "imminent danger" black-out and that permits would have to be applied for by the individuals who would need them. There would be no exceptions.

Ruling For One-Man Street Cars Being Protested

VANCOUVER, April 11: — The Vancouver Trades and Labor Council has protested to Premier John Hart the ruling of the British Columbia Public Utilities Commission permitting the operation of one-man street cars in Vancouver.

CIGARETTES BUILD WARSHIPS

Chile has levied a special cigarette tax to help pay for naval vessels.