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## Commonwealth Near lesting lime Russians Are Pressing Hard Upon Nazis Now n South Pacific-

### MAY TRY AUSTRALIA INVASION

Japanese Raid Islands Only Thirty Miles Away-Allied Planes on Offensive.

## Port Darwin Is

counter - Offensive With Spearhead of Submarines Is Suggested.

mg that the long expected inon of the Commonwealth is at and the Japanese have raided hursday Islands only thirty miles th of the tip of Australia on a scale, the attack being brom up by Australian fighters.

Sourteen Japanese bombers strick again today at Darwin, potentially one of the few remaining naval strong points of the United Nations in the southwest Pacific. The attack was extently another intended to nestralize Darwin as a station for United Nations warships and the which to oppose the threatened invasion from an arc tenemy bases in the islands to north. The Sydney radio reported that only slight dame had been suffered.

Believes Invasion Likely.

ateful conviction that an inon offensive was in the makwas heightened for the Ausans today by Major General ry Gordon Bennett who headthe Australians in Malaya and aped upon the fall of Singa-He said in a speech at Sydthat every Australian soldier needed now for the defence of the Commonwealth.

Reports current in Australia of nese troop movements from ma in an ominous gathering of tensive power which the Ausalians assumed was pointed at were partially offset today by talk of sea and air counterensives against Japan. Reassuring word of United States assoult of Japanese communications with a fleet of submarines as a arhead appeared in the Ausa press but was without au-However, hope was nour-Allied submarine had arrived SUB TAKES Perth after a sixty-day voyage fough Indies waters in which My thousand tons of Japanese pping was sunk.

ort Moresby on New Guinea iscay from the Japanese, and ere were two more Sunday, one om the east and one from the est, the enemy being kept back y anti-aircraft fire.

ir way through the jungle toward Moresby.

enemy planes on the ground at Force attack. Gasmata on w Guinea has also been attack-1 a again by Australian bombers. Australian and American bombers, abaul, had the skies of New ain to themselves. Not an emy plane came up to meet alleraft and machine gun fire. Turns Out That Sirens Were Set they operated in relays and dealt much punishment by dealing avy blows to the Japanese- LONDON, March 16:—Air raid Rupert during the past week. They Washington is 14 acres. eized bases and shipping.

### TO MOVE ALL JAPS

Coastal Areas of British Columbia To Be Cleared This Week

VANCOUVER, March 16: -Coastal areas of British Columbia, including Vancouver Island and the Queen Charlotte Islands, will have been cleared of people of Japanese origin within the coming Attacked Again week. Pending internment disposition, they are to be concentrated at Hastings Park, Vancouver, where arrangements have been made to accommodate them temporarily.

#### German Officers In France Being Shot by Own Men

PARIS, March 16:-Several German officers have been shot by their own men among the French occupational forces. In addition to France, there is unrest in Bel-

#### TODAY'S STOCKS (Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co.)

Vancouver

Grandview	.14
Bralorne	7.25
Cariboo Quartz	1.12
Hedley Mascot	
Pend Oreille	1.30
Pioneer	1.55
Premier	40
Privateer	34
Reno	19
Sheep Creek	75
Oils	
Calmont	
C. & E.	98
Home	2.33
Royal Canadian	.03
Toronto	
Beattie	70
Central Pat.	
Cons. Smelters	
Hardrock	
Kerr Addison	
Little Long Lac	
McLeod Cockshutt	
Madsen Red Lake	
McKenzie Red Lake	
Moneta	
Pickle Crow	
Preston East Dome	
San Antonio	1.60
Sherritt Gordon	

had its eighth air raid Sat- United States Submersible Sank 60,000 Tons of Japanese Shipping.

PERTH, Australia, March 16:-United States submarine has dipponese soldiers are hacking arrived here after a perilous 15,-000-mile voyage during which it sank 60,000 tons of Japanese shipping in Pacific waters. The route baul, New Britain, were smash- was by way of Indo-China, Malay ships have been sunk. by another Royal Australian and the Philippines. The submersible had narrow escapes from Last Week's depth charges and bombers.

## Rabaul, had the skips of New London Has False

None of the Allied planes were lost. Off By Mistake In West End Of Metropolis

signals were heard in the West were Frank Dixon of Prince Ruphere were also further Allied End of London on Saturday. It ert and Phillip Louis Stephens of raids on Japanese-occupied was later explained that the air Hazelton. Both sailed on the New Britain and in Bur- raid sirens had been set off by Princess Adelaide Friday night for Vancouver. mistake.

## WAR NEWS

MAY STAB RUSSIA

LONDON-Signs are not lacking that the Japanese may be planning a stab in the back at Russia through Siberia of similar character to the Pearl Harbor "sneak" which brought United States into the war. The sending, reported from Stockholm, of a new ambassador from Tokyo to Moscow is seen as a possible parallel to Japanese emissaries having been sent to Washington co-incident with the attack on Pearl Harbor and the Philippines. However, Russia is believed to be ready for any eventuality from such bases as Vladivostok and Nikolaesk. There are Siberian bases only six hundred miles away from Tokyo and they are endowed with heavy striking power.

JAPANESE PROFLIGATE

LONDON-A military observer here estimates that Japan has profligately thrown some six thousand planes into the Battle of the Southern Pacific during the past three months, many hundreds of which have been lost while even greater numbers have been burned out. The replacement ability of Japan is far less than the rate of loss. The same applies to the navy, all of which indicates that Japan is staking all on lightning victory instead of a long sustained campaign.

IN CHARGE OF CEYLON

LONDON-Vice-Admiral Sir Jeffery Leighton has been placed in charge of all British forces in Ceylon as commander-in-chief, the Colonial Office announces.

RAIDER OVER LONDON

LONDON-A single raider broke through the coast defences today and gave London its first daylight alarm in almost a year before being chased away without dropping bombs,

#### Prince Rupert Did Fine Job in Victory Loan By Beating All Objectives

Final official Victory Loan tabulations for this area were announced from local headquarters today. Prince Rupert with an original combined quota of \$485,000 surpassed this figure within the first five days of the three weeks' campaign and then went on to beat a set objective of \$600,000, final figures amounting to \$636,800 or war and aggression, declared Hon.

CAMPAIGN

inforce the British.

Hazelton Enlist

There were two recruits for the

Villages Temporarily as Di-

version-Chinese Rein-

forcements.

IN BURMA

British Forces Recapture Three Unit "C," which extended east- again. ward to Vanderhoof and north to The wicked ambitions of ruththe Yukon boundary, also "went less men had thrown the world over the top" by amassing a grand into strife and misery again as NEW DELHI, India, March 16: 000.

() British headquarters announc- Lorne Aggett, local organizer, ed today the capture in Burma of when releasing the totals, had this three villages along the Sittang to say: "The people of Prince Ru- Melbourne Has River, about eighty miles north of pert have completed a magnifi-Rangoon, but said the counter- cent job. Better than one in every attack was intended only as a di- four of the population have purversion and that British and In- chased and this, I believe, is a dian forces returned to their for- new Canadian record for a city of Anti-Aircraft Fire Started And mer positions according to plan. | this size. It was particularly grat-Japanese forces are advancing ifying to note that subscriptions further into Burma north of Ran- kept rolling in even after the vargoon along the Irrawaddy and Sit- jous quotas were broken. This tang Rivers but Chinese troops are was a strong indication of the citnumbers in central Burma to re- the situation in which we find ourselves today the importance of

southern Burma including Ran- war equipment. goon where a number of Japanese "Before returning south, Geoffrey Wootten, divisional organizer, and I would like to take this op- generally believed that the city vasion of Sweden being planned. portunity of thanking those citi- was being attacked. zens who took a part in this drive Recruiting and particularly the saleswomen and salesmen who put aside their Honolulu Has everyday duties to do their bit and who actually produced the final Prince Rupert Man And One From results."

CAPITOL SPACE

active service forces from Prince | The floor area of the Capitol at

MUSIC IN PRINT

Printed music dates back to the year 1465.

Allied Planes Smash at Martuba, Bengasi and Tripoli-Land Activity Too.

CAIRO, March 16: -- Allied planes, including United States-South African pilots, smashed Axis planes on the ground and other enemy installations at Martuba on the Libyan Desert yesterday. Three enemy planes which offered resistance were brought down. Bengasi and Tripoli were also

raided yesterday. British land forces, supported by aircraft, were active eighty miles west of Tobruk.

### Minister Of Labor Pays

VANCOUVER, March 16:-Hon. Humphrey Mitchell, minister of labor, arrived here by plane at noon today from Ottawa, being on the coast to observe measures in connection with the evacuation of Japanese from protected zones of coast defence.

#### WHAT WAR IS ABOUT

Hon. Richard G. Casey, Australian Minister to United States, Speaks.

WASHINGTON, March 16:- Democracy is the way of peace and Liberty and Fascism is the way of the spring offensive to summer. over 131 percent of the original Richard G. Casey, Australian minquota. Not content with this ister to the United States, in an achievement, the citizens of Prince address last night. War of aggres-Rupert also set themselves a sec-sion against freedom-loving no Rupert also set themselves a sec- sion against freedom-loving naondary objective of 1800 subscrib- tions was nothing new, declared ers (1500 subscribed in the 1941 Mr. Casey. The last war had been Victory Loan campaign) and eas- only an instalment in the strugily smashed this mark to obtain a gle against aggression. Now the complete total of 1917 subscribers. fight for freedom was on all over

total of \$1,097,150, this being 146 they endeavored to implement their torpedoes of seven more Al- adult in authority. The available

People of Australian City Headed For Shelters

MELBOURNE, March 16:-Antireported arriving in considerable izens' realization of the gravity of aircraft guns went into action and Melbourne people took to air raid shelters yesterday when an Hitler's Next Move May Be in That The Royal Air Force is active in lending savings for sorely - needed Australian plane wandered astray and was mistaken for an enemy machine. For some time there was considerable excitement as it was

# Raid Alarm

ported to have been friendly. road to the coast.

## ACTIVITY Red Forces At Gates IN LIBYA of Kharkov; Liberation Of That City Promised

made Douglas bombers flown by Particularly Bitter Fighting in Ukraine and Crimea as Russians Hold Initiative All Along Great Battle Line.

> MOSCOW, March 16: (CP)-Russian soldiers, applying great pressure on the Germans in the Ukraine and Donets Basin, were reported standing on the approaches to Kharkov today with liberation of the city reported near. The Red Star, Soviet Army newspaper, said yesterday that the hour of liberation for Kharkov

was at hand. This city of 850,000; persons is declared to have suffer-ed wholesale atrocities at the DOOM OF ed that 14,000 civilians have been executed, one hundred of them being hanged publicly in the streets. Other Russians have been shipped to Germany and other occupied countries to be used as slave labor.

All along the Russo - German front the Soviet forces are generfronts in the Ukraine and Donet ces are driving on towards the government. Sea of Azov and numerous Nazi

changes" on the eastern front. Ten thousand Nazis have been killed during the past week and much valuable equipment taken from the enemy on the southern This and Mennonite Situation end of the front.

Speaking yesterday in Berlin, Chancellor Adolf Hitler said that unexpected difficulties in Russia had made it necessary to postpone

Enemy U-Boats, With Torpedoes, Continue To Take Large Toll Off Atlantic Seaboard

ing by enemy submarines with panied by their mothers or some percent of the unit quota of \$750,- their philosophy of fear and hate. lied vessels off the east coast of accommodation is known and, the United States is reported should the occasion arise, provi-Most of them were in the Carib- sion can be made in short notice. bean Sea with one off the Baha- Uncha Valley people have a wide mas and another off Nova Scotia, acquaintance in Prince Rupert and Air Raid Scare One was a large tanker. This several of the lakes district peobrings to over eighty the number ple may make their own arrangeof sinkings off the Atlantic coast ments. since January.

## SWEDISH

Direction, It Is Suggested.

LONDON, March 16:-There are increasing signs of a German in-Ski troops and motorized forces are being massed with concentrated in Norway, Denmark and along the Baltic Coast.

HONOLULU, March 16:-Hono- | TERRACE, March 16:-A party member." lulu had its fourth air raid alarm of surveyors arrived here on Wedof the war Saturday, there being nesday with tents and equipment a 47-minute alarm between 3 and and set off by speeder in a west-4 o'clock in the afternoon. Ap- erly direction, thus raising hopes proaching aircraft were later re-that a start is to be made on the

# GERMANY

LONDON, March 16:-Dr. Edouard Benes, head of the Czechoslovakian government in exile, declares that only a miracle can ally holding the offensive with now save Germany from defeat. particularly bitter and sanguinary He spoke of political interference battle raging on the southern by the "Gestapo Guttersnipes" with the military authorities who Basin. General Timoshenko's for- may take control of the Czech

#### A Russian communique Satur- MAY TAKE day reported "no important MAY TAKE EVACUEES

Considered by Francois Lake Farmers.

FRANCOIS LAKE, March 16:-A meeting of the Francois Lake Farmers' Institute was held last Wednesday evening and was well attended. Business taken up included shelter for coast evacuees and the Mennonite situation. Cor-SHIPS SUNK respondence from J. B. Munro, deputy minister of agriculture, was carefully considered.

The subject of handling evacuees from Prince Rupert coming up for discussion, the opinion was expressed that children might be NEW YORK, March 16:-Sink, difficult to handle unless accom-

The following resolution was passed unanimously on motion of Joseph Sugden, seconded by Lee Cooper:

"Whereas, there is general dissatisfaction in the central intefior over the fact that the Mennonite settlers are exempt from military service.

"And, whereas the other youths of our district have either joined the forces or engaged in other war activities.

"Therefore we, the members of this institute, request that our member, Olof Hansen, take immediate steps to endeavor to have the law exempting them from mil-

itary service rescinded. "And that copies of this motion be forwarded to all Farmers' Institutes south of and including Burns Lake, east as far as Endako is Starting and west to Palling, with a request that they endorse the motion by sending resolutions to our federal

#### CHINESE YUANS

Branches of the Chinese government are called yuans.