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Japs Still Pressing Hard

BRITISH MINISTRY IS REORGANIZED; CRIPPS IN, BEAVERBROOK OUT

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PARLIAMENT BLDGS.

New [illegible]ar Cabinet

Prime Minister, First Lord of the Treasury and Minister of Defence—Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill.

Lord Privy Seal and Leader of House of Commons—Sir Stafford Cripps.

Minister of State in charge of Production—Capt. Oliver Littleton.

Secretary for the Dominions—Rt. Hon. Clement Atlee.

Secretary of Foreign Affairs—Rt. Hon. Anthony Eden.

Minister of Labor—Rt. Hon. Ernest Bevin.

Lord President of the Council—Sir John Anderson.

LONDON, Feb. 20:—Prime Minister Winston Churchill, from No. 10 Downing Street, announced important cabinet reorganization last night. It contained some real surprises. Most notable changes were the admission of Sir Stafford Cripps and the retirement of Lord Beaverbrook. The war cabinet is reduced from nine to seven members. Sir Kingsley Wood, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Rt. Hon. Arthur Greenwood, Minister without portfolio, are dropped.

Sir Stafford Cripps will represent the prime minister in parliament. He becomes virtually next to the prime minister in importance in the government. Mr. Churchill, however, expects to spend one day a week in the house, devoting the rest of his time to his duties of defence direction.

Lord Beaverbrook, whom Capt. Oliver Littleton succeeds as minister of production, will go to the United States on special duties in connection with co-ordination of war supplies. He declined a seat in the war cabinet owing to ill-health.

Further "changes of consequence" in the ministry are expected to be announced in a few days. Meantime, the changes so far made are generally applauded by the press. A new minister of air is expected to replace Sir Archibald Sinclair.

MEIGHEN REJECTS

Conservative Leader Does Not Think He Should Be Asked To Enter Another By-Election

OTTAWA, Feb. 20: (CP)—Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, Conservative leader, who was defeated February 9 in the York South by-election, yesterday told the Conservative caucus that he felt he should not be asked to contest another seat in the House of Commons at this time.

AIR FORCE OVER RUHR

Further Raids Made Last Night—Nazi Brought Down Off English Coast.

LONDON, Feb. 20: (CP)—The Royal Air Force ranged into the Ruhr district last night and returned without the loss of a plane. No [illegible]e given. The raids were on a small scale. One Ger[illegible]e dropped bombs on the east coast of England during the night. Enemy bombers were shot down off East Anglia.

DRIVE JAPS INTO RIVER

Heavy Fight With Many Casualties As British Foil Enemy Crossing of Bilin River

RANGOON, Feb. 20: (CP)—British troops drove Japanese forces trying to cross the Bilin "into the river," army headquarters reported yesterday in announcing violent fighting with heavy casualties on both sides raged along the front about fifty miles east of Rangoon's railway link to the Burma Road. Later, however, the enemy succeeded in crossing the Bilin River and the defenders of Burma, although still holding firm then, were expected to withdraw to the Sepang River. The latest fighting is now 80 miles from Rangoon which appears due for a crisis.

CHIEF SCOUT CHAIRMAN

LONDON, Feb. 20: (CP) — Chief Scout Lord Somers has been elected chairman of the council of the Boy Scout Association in succession to the late Lord Baden-Powell.

LOCAL TEMPERATURE

Maximum	46
Minimum	33

U-BOATS ARE TINY

Pocket Size Submersibles Are Being Used Off Atlantic Coast.

LONDON, Feb. 20: (CP) — The 4,000-ton Brazilian freighter Olinda was sunk by an Axis submarine off the Atlantic coast on Wednesday and crew members were landed at Norfolk, Virginia. The survivors declared that the submersible was of "pocket size."

James Denholme Dies Suddenly

Word was received in the city this afternoon of the sudden death aboard the police boat on the Queen Charlotte Islands of James Denholme of Tlell, coroner. Mr. Denholme expired while on his way back to Queen Charlotte City from the Moresby Island logging camps in his capacity as coroner. He is survived by his wife and two children. Deceased was a member of Tsimpsean Lodge, A. F. & A. M., here and had resided for years on the Queen Charlotte Islands, being associated with his mother-in-law, Madame Rajant, in the Dunes Hotel.

CANADA'S SECOND VICTORY LOAN

COMING EVENTS

Friday, 6:45 p.m.—P. H. Linzey, CFPR.
Saturday, 7:00 p.m. — Variety Musical Program Prizes, CFPR.

BUY VICTORY BONDS

Olof Hanson Speaks In Parliament On Relation Of Prince Rupert To War

"The northwest coast of British Columbia and its great seaport of Prince Rupert are of such vast importance that every possible effort should be made to bring its defences to a point where it may continue, in spite of whatever enemy action may come, to serve as part of the lifeline between the source of supply in our war and our troops afloat, on land or in the air who must unfailingly receive from us the supplies and the munitions necessary not only to prevent them from being placed at a disadvantage but to assure them of superiority in this respect." So declared Olof Hanson, M. P. for Skeena, a few days ago while speaking in the Throne Speech debate at Ottawa. "Hand in hand with active defence itself must go the efforts of the civilian population itself to make sure of a degree of protection in the case of enemy attack," continued Mr. Hanson who, in the course of his speech, made a strong plea for early completion of the highway between Prince Rupert and the interior, urged removal of Japanese from the coastal defence areas as speedily as possible and also paid tribute to the citizens of Prince Rupert for what they were doing in the way of civilian protection organization.

Mr. Hanson spoke as follows:

"Mr. Speaker, I should like in a humble way to offer a few remarks in this debate. I shall not speak from the French-Canadian or the Anglo-Saxon point of view because I happen to be an immigrant to this country. I am one of those two million people whom Canada has invited to her shores from other parts of the world. I am pleased to have had that invitation from the two great races in Canada, French and English, and I am trying to be worthy of the privileges extended to me by being a good Canadian.

"I fell it is my duty to address the members of the house briefly at this time because I am the representative of a part of Canada the importance of which in the present war effort is absolutely essential. My constituency of Skeena and particularly its principal city of Prince Rupert, are in the forefront of war activities. It would be unwise to go into details, but the foregoing statement is nevertheless a statement of fact.

Prince Rupert Vital

"None of us at this time should in any way make statements or give out information that might be a comfort to our enemies and an embarrassment to ourselves. I am satisfied that the national defence authorities have done everything possible to provide for the defence of that vital empire link which I represent. My only desire in this respect is to state publicly what I know and feel. The northwest coast of British Columbia and its great seaport of Prince Rupert are of such vast importance that every possible effort should be made to bring its defences to the point where it may continue, in spite of whatever enemy action may come, to serve as part of the life-line between the source of supply in our war and our troops afloat, on land, or in the air who must unfailingly receive from us the supplies and the munitions necessary not

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BULLETINS

PRINCE RUPERT LEADING

VANCOUVER — Victory Loan headquarters here expect that Prince Rupert may be the first city to "go over the top" in the campaign. Word from Prince Rupert is that its quota of $485,000 being about reached, the new objective will be set at $600,000 with 1800 subscribers. Meanwhile Northern British Columbia is the leading division in the province.

REDS STILL ADVANCING

MOSCOW — The Nazis are steadily withdrawing westward before the Red Army offensive all along the front. Smolensk, Kharkov and Vyasma are all mentioned as being possible of early recapture. Announcement of important victories over the enemy is promised for next Monday when the twenty-fourth anniversary of the founding of the Red Army is celebrated.

SPEECH IS ACCEPTED

OTTAWA — The speech from the throne was adopted by parliament last night with a division of 144 to 61 after three weeks of debate most of which was on the subject of the proposed plebiscite to release the government from commitments against conscription. Ten Liberals joined with opposition members in opposing the government. A Conservative amendment calling for immediate and unlimited mobilization for total war was defeated 172 to 37. Preparations are now being made for a secret session next week on the subject of war effort and defences.

DESTROYER SACRIFICE

LONDON—The Evening Standard told today of a destroyer which sailed into the path of a torpedo to save a troopship bringing one thousand Royal Air Force airmen from Canada to Britain. The destroyer and all but seven of the crew were lost but the troopship and airmen sailed on unmolested to a Scottish port. The Admiralty announces the loss of the destroyer Ghurka, the second of that name to be lost in this war, the first having been in Norwegian waters in April, 1940.

FORCE OF GUERILLAS

This Is Urged for British Columbia by Hon. H. H. Stevens.

VANCOUVER, Feb. 20:—Speaking before a service club meeting here yesterday, Hon. H. H. Stevens, former federal cabinet minister, advocated the establishment of a guerilla fighting force in British Columbia to protect bridges, forests and services in the event of attack from without or within. There should be protection against sabotage, Mr. Stevens held. If Ottawa would not take the necessary steps, it should be done under the auspices of the provincial police, Mr. Stevens urged.

Rioters Are Fined

MONTREAL, Feb. 20: — Four young men, found guilty in connection with the anti-conscription riots here a week ago, were fined $25, with option of one month's imprisonment, yesterday. They claimed that they had been drawn unwittingly into the melee. Trials of two other accused were postponed until next Thursday.

MEXICAN ARSENAL

Discovery Made in Jap Legation Building Following Removal of Minister and Staff.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 20: (CP)—Federal agents in Mexico City have discovered a "sizeable arsenal" of arms in the Japanese legation building following the departure of the minister and his staff for Virginia to await transport home. There were thirty light machine guns and a number of rifles and pistols as well as ammunition.

PROGRESS OF LOAN

End of Fourth Day Sees Total in Canada $164,622,150 Out of Total of $600,000,000.

OTTAWA, Feb. 20: (CP)—The Victory Loan attracted $40,000,000 in subscription yesterday to bring the total at the close of business Thursday to $164,662,150, it was announced. The loan is for $600,000,000.

SPEED UP JAP MOVE

Ottawa Tells of Plans to Get 3,500 Off Coast in Short Order—Some Further Than B.C.

OTTAWA, Feb. 20: (CP) — The committee at Ottawa studying the movement of Japanese from the Pacific Coast and employment for them in inland activities is confident that 3,500 able-bodied men will be moved from the protected area within a month, Hon. Ian Mackenzie, minister of pensions, said today. April 1 is the date by which Japs should leave the protected area but, if accommodation is obtainable, the date will be advanced.

Capt. Mackenzie said it was anticipated the movement could be facilitated through conferences with provincial officials now in Ottawa.

The minister said that it was not planned to locate all the Japanese men in British Columbia.

A. W. Neill, Independent, Comox-Alberni, and Grote Stirling, Conservative, Yale, protested yesterday at the lack of action in regard to evacuation of Japanese from the British Columbia coast. Stirling said they were seeping into the Okanagan where they were becoming insolent.

Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King said it was necessary to be as restrained as possible. Hasty action should be avoided.

Petitions have been coming in from various districts and organizations on the west coast urging speedy action.

LARGE PACK OF HERRING

Has Now Reached 1,396,000 Cases in British Columbia—Britain Wants 1,600,000 Cases.

VANCOUVER, Feb. 20:—British Columbia is putting up by far the heaviest canned herring pack in its history. So far the pack has reached a total of 1,396,000 cases. It appears possible now that an order for 1,600,000 cases from the British Ministry of Food may be filled.

Last year the canned herring pack was only 72,000 cases.

Burma, Java, Philippines In For All-Out Attack; New Landings Made

Position of Rangoon Appears None Too Secure—Enemy Closing in on Principal Island of Netherlands East Indies.

BATAVIA, Feb. 20: (CP) — Japanese invasion armies stormed at the eastern gateway to Java today, attacking the storied island of Bali and landing troops on Timor, Portuguese island farther east, garrisoned by British and Dutch forces. A Dutch communique said that the defenders were exacting a heavy toll at Bali but the attackers swarmed ashore amid a hail of fire. Allied planes and warships hit at a Japanese invasion fleet, scoring several hits.

In the Battle of Burma, Empire troops were reported holding firm in positions along the Bilin River, eighty miles northeast of Rangoon, after twenty-four hours of fierce attacks in which both sides have suffered heavy casualties.

Meanwhile, Tokyo claimed that Japanese planes, attacking Port Darwin yesterday, sank a 6,000-ton Australian auxiliary cruiser, two destroyers, a sub-chaser and nine transports. This toll was without confirmation but it was announced that fifteen persons had been killed and considerable bomb damage done. Wharves and buildings, including civilian hospitals, were hit but no vital services were affected. The swarms of planes which came over swooped low and used machine guns. There were another air raid alarm at Darwin today but no bombers appeared. Some reconnaissance planes did, however, show up, evidently to survey damage.

From his sick bed at Canberra, Premier John Curtin has called upon Australians to "stand firm in this hour of peril. We must face the situation with fortitude following this first onslaught."

Lord Gowrie, the governor general, on his way from Sydney to Canberra by train, signed a decree authorizing the government to direct any person in the commonwealth in regard to work they should carry on under national mobilization.

Tokyo said that Japanese troops which had been landed on Timor Island would be withdrawn if they succeeded in driving out the British and Dutch forces of occupation. Timor is 450 miles northwest of Port Darwin.

Burma Situation.

Waters approaching Rangoon are reported to have been mined which would make it necessary to abandon the use of Rangoon as a port. This will not stop supplies for China, however, as arrangements have been made for an alternative route from India over which even greater amounts of goods can be taken in.

With the Japanese continuing their steady drive towards Rangoon, an early crisis for that city is anticipated with the odds admittedly in favor of the Japanese.

Mandalay, historic city of northern Burma, has had its first air raid.

The outlook for Java and the Philippines also appears grim.

Closing on Java

Closing in from Bali on the south, Sumatra on the west and the Celebes and Borneo on the north, the enemy is obviously preparing for an all-out assault on Java. Twelve enemy bomber planes and twenty fighters yesterday raided Bandun, military headquarters for the Netherlands East Indies in the interior of Java.

Twenty-seven Japanese and sixteen United States planes had a battle over Surebaya yesterday. Six of the enemy planes were brought down and the Americans lost one.

A United States submarine sank a 5,000-ton Japanese cargo ship in the China Sea yesterday.

McArthur Attacked

The Japanese made a fresh attack on General Douglas McArthur's forces on Batan Peninsula in the Philippines yesterday, also on the Corregidor fortifications. For the first time flame throwers were used by the enemy. Some of these were captured.

Prince Rupert Nearly Over Top

Prince Rupert was on the verge last night of going over the top in the first quota of $485,000 in the Victory Loan campaign. Subscriptions up to last evening totalled $454,000 or 94 percent of the quota which should be easily reached today. There have been 900 individual subscriptions to date.

MUST TIE UP AUTOS

Rubber Rather Than Gasoline Shortage Will Force Non-Essential Vehicles Off Roads for Duration.

OTTAWA, Feb. 20: (CP)—Pleasure driving is expected to end for many Canadian motorists by the end of the summer and most private automobiles will likely be jacked up in garages without tires before the war ends, an informed source predicted today. The rubber situation recently has outranked any likely gasoline shortage and the condition is likely to result in a tie-up of non-essential motor vehicles, many observers believe.

Speaking in Toronto yesterday, A. W. Williamson, controller of supply, said that every non-essential car in the country would have to lay up as soon as its present tires wore out. Unnecessary busses and trucks will also have to go off the roads. Retreading even will be permitted only for essential vehicles.

Gasoline ration cards will make their appearance on March 10.

NEW BOMB CHIEFTAIN

Air Marshal A. T. Harris Succeeds Air Marshal Sir Richard Pierce.

LONDON, Feb. 20:—A new chief of the bomber command has been named. Air Marshal A. T. Harris, who has been air attache to the embassy in the United States, returns from Washington to take over. He succeeds Air Marshal Sir Richard Pierce who is assigned to special duties.