Hitler Complains As Russ Victory Scored

Chancellor Adolf Hitler, wth his battered armies in retreat over the frozen Russian steppes, bitterly assailed Prime Minister Winston Churchill and President Franklin D. Roosevelt today and harked back to the old complaint that he did not understand why Germany was being fought. Even as he spoke, the Russians announced details of a most spectacular Soviet gain in the Donets industral basin of the Ukraine—a 93-mile drive in which 25,000 Germans were left dead on the battlefield.

Loss of Bengasi Admitted Today

On the North African front British headquarters said that Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's superior forces had recaptured the port of Bengasi. A communique said that British troops were making fresh withdrawals in the entire combat area of western Libya.

HAVE EDGE

Allies Are Getting Best Of It

In Far East

SINGAPORE, Jan. 30:-An en-

both over Rangoon and Singapore

Since the start of the war the

Ukraine During Past Ten

Basin four hundred towns were

recaptured by the Russians, while

killed. The Nazi soldiers in the

dence as That Says Prime

Minister

Burma with remarkably few losses

is in Allied favor.

for the united nations.

VICTORY

UBMARINE

another Enemy Undersea Craft Despite Heavy Odds Against Them, Shows Up Off California Coast

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 30: - A nort distance off Cape Vincent tside of San Pedro, south of couraging feature of the war in re, an enemy submarine was the southwest Pacific is the resighted yesterday afternoon. Depth surgence of Allied air strength in charges were sent down and the spite of heavy odds which existed undersea craft was not seen again. against it at first. In spite of

BENGASI

ondon All But Confirms That Mediterranean Port Has Again Changed Hands

LONDON, Jan. 30: — London ilitary authorities do not confirm claims of Rome and Berlin that engasi has been recaptured by e Axis forces but it is not unely that it has been evacuated. will have been the fourth time this war that Bengasi has langed hands.

he Axis claims to have captur-

0 CARRIER

Is Why Prince of Wales and Repulse Had No Air Coverage.

LONDON, Jan. 30:-Prime Min- No Whitewash Winston Churchill told parent yesterday that there was aircraft carrier available to go the battleships Prince of and Repulse on their ill- Does Not Regard Vote of Confied mission to the Far East. "mischievous as it was unwas the way the prime mindescribed the report that he over-ruled naval authorities ister Winston Churchill has stated

UP THE AMAZON

carrier.

ocean steamers for 2,300 miles. ernment.

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SECRET SESSION

C.C.F. Member Proposes This to Consider B.C. Civilian Defence.

meeting unless given a "satisfac- less serious condition. tory reply" to questions regarding civilian protection steps in the province. Mr. Winch told the legislature last night that, on the basis of statements made to him basis of statements made to him and "backed on factual evidence," he had written Premier John Hart and General R. O. Alexander asking for information. If this was not forthcoming he said he would ask for a closed sitting of the legislature so that members might be informed. "We may be attacked if Singapore goes," said Mr. Winch in the course of

RULED NOT ESSENTIAL

Those Who Drive Back and Forth To Work Cannot Have Much Gas

OTTAWA, Jan. 30:-"The Man of the Street," he who uses a car to drive back and forth from work, will be rated in the non-essential category under the gasoline rationing regulations this spring. He will be limited to a gallon of gas

The preferred group, who will be allowed more gas than the minimum will include clergymen, teachers, farmers, commercial travellers, doctors, government officials and A. R. P. workers.

There will be unlimited supplies for commercial vehicles.

OF U-BOATS other reverses and heavy odds against, the scale of air losses

Terse Report by Airman Is Interesting Illustration of Results Being Obtained.

Japanese have lost 111 planes in WASHINGTON, Jan. 30: - The United States Department of the Navy announces that increasingly effective counter-measures are being taken against enemy submarines which have been operating off both Atlantic and Pacific OF REDS coasts. So far twenty enemy sub-marines have been sunk or damaged-fifteen on the Atlantic and

Scored Heavily Over Germans in five on the Pacific. It is not customary to announce individual incidents of submarines being disposed of but yesterday MOSCOW, Jan. 30:-The extent one such notable case came to many British prisoners at Ben- of the great triumph of the Rus- hand that it was decided to make sians over the Nazis in the Ukraine it public. A United States pilot has been disclosed. During ten made a four-word report as fol-

days of fighting in the Donets lows:

was not disclosed. about 25,000 German soldiers were "stand fast for the Fuehrer or be of 43 ships totalling 302,000 tons.

To Churchill GASOLINE

Situation on Pacific Coast Is Becoming Serious Again.

LONDON, Jan. 30:-Prime Min-WASHINGTON, Jan. 30: - The would have sent out an air- that the overwhelming vote of gasoline situation on the Pacific saults on American defence lines confidence passed in him yester- Coast is becoming serious again, on Batan Peninsula, inflicting Col. J. W. Nicholls spoke on the pert. He commended the work- The White House said yesterday will not be taken as a white- Secretary of the Interior Harold bloody losses on the enemy. having some effect.

Head-On Auto Collision In

CHILLIWACK, Jan. 30: - Mr. VICTORIA, Jan. 30: (P)-Possi- and Mrs. George Adams and Henbility of an unprecedented secret ry Smith are in serious condition session of the legislature was be- as a result of a head-on collision fore members today with a prom- between automobiles, the crash ise from Harold Winch, Co-oper- having occurred last night beative Commonwealth Federation tween Langley Prairie and Chillileader, that he would ask such a wack. Mrs. Henry Smith is in a

IN MACASSAR STRAITS BATAVIA - Forty-eight Japafrom the Java-bound convoy in Macassar Straits. This would leave an estimated 65 ships of the convoy with some 150,000 troops on board.

HOLDING IN BURMA

RANGOON - Japanese and Thai invaders of Burma are now being held. Since the start of the war 111 Japanese planes have been brought down over Burma with remarkably few losses of united nations' machines.

BREAK WITH AXIS RIO DE JANEIRO - Brazil is losing no time in breaking off relations with the Axis powers. German, Italian and Japanese diplomats have already been handed their passports.

NAZI OVER SCOTLAND LONDON-There was a single enemy bomber over a northeast Scottish town last night. It ing some killed.

INITIATIVE PASSING MELBOURNE-Acting Premier Francis Ford of Australia, says the threat of a Japanese invasion of Australia is becoming less imminent although it still a "logical possibility." The initiative in the South Pacific is passing from Japanese to Allied hands, Ford says.

PHILIPPINE SITUATION BATAVIA - President Manuel Quisling yesterday issued a statement expressing confidence in final victory. He said only onethird of the Philippine Islands had been occupied by the Japanese, the remainder being still under "constituted authority."

Enemy Only Eighteen Miles Away From Stronghold Today

SINGAPORE, Jan. 30: (P)—The fateful Battle of Singapore raged "Sighted submarine. Sank it." only eighteen miles away from the Where the submarine was sunk stronghold in the jungles of Southern Malaya yesterday. A Bri-It is officially announced that, tish communique said that Japanunder orders to since United States entered the ese vanguards had advanced to war, fourteen Allied vessels have within eighteen miles of Johore been sunk off the Canadian and Strait, separating Singapore Island United States coast. This differs from the mainland, but declared an extravagant German that Australians had counterclaim that U-boats have disposed attacked successfully, inflicting about two hundred casualties. On the west the enemy were 25 miles away while on the Malaya, east coast, other Japanese columns had, apparently, driven to a point forty miles northeast of Johore Strait.

tillery gunners are smashing new by the enlistment of a greater station. headlong Japanese infantry as- number of volunteers.

washing of any scandal, misbe- Ickes says. The threat of enemy Meanwhile, the Japs launched a organization—work often done and the splendid work accomplished + quite possible he will have + haviour or shortcoming of any action on shipping and interfer- new drive into Dutch West Borneo carried out under adverse criti- and voiced the opinion that every things of importance to say." on four fronts.

A.R.P. REVIEW—

EMERGENCY Fraser Valley PROTECTION DISCUSSED

Local Chairman Appeals for Co-Operation in Face of Dangerous Situation.

Thursday, J. J. Little, after an introduction by P. H. Linzey, spoke on Civil Protection Committee (A.R.P.) work and its organizaed under three headings, Civil Protection organization and what nese vessels may have been sunk had been done in the past, what was being done at present, and instance of the Department of what was hoped might be accom- War, Attorney General Elidle has plished in the very near future. ordered that all German, Italian

land other different branches had ton, Oregon and California by been formed into a skeleton or- February 24. There must be imganization which was gradually mediate registration. Los Angeles enlarged as volunteers were avail- and San Francisco were the first able. Mr. Little covered the excel- evacuation areas. lent work of the fire wardens, under H. T. Lock, fire chief, who had given of his time and knowledge Plane Crash In in giving instruction to his volunbeer firefighters.

The work of the special police, under Inspector Ernest Gammon. was highly commended. This force had attended lectures and was available in case of emergency. These men were sworn in as special police and were deputized with police powers.

the very able and valuable assis- been located alive although their caused a few casualties includ- tance of his first lieutenant and plane was wrecked near Grand workers to over one hundred at overland. the present time.

J. S. Wilson had also done considerable work with the wardens and in conjunction with the teachers, has arranged for evacuation of the schools when and if an emergency

N. Good, studies had been made to care for water and sewer services, demolition and gas.

All these several members were meeting weekly to consider future erbrook, it is expected in political work, working out or arranging circles, will be given the new post operations or eliminating those in the cabinet-minister of profound impracticable.

Danger of Situation

the danger of the present situa- Sir Stafford Cripps, who recently tion in the Pacific, quoting dis- returned from the post of ambastance and facts to substantiate sador to Russia, may succeed Lord SINGAPORE figures quoted. He then pleaded for co-operation of all those presfigures quoted. He then pleaded Beaverbrook as minister of supply. ent in offering their services and encouraging others to do likewise. The future work appeared to be

intensive instruction by means of the press and radio to inform the public to listen in on the radio and read their newspapers about any matters pertaining to the

Each business, commercial and domestic establishment should take effective steps to see that they have protected their own premises and educate their families what to do should an emergency arise. The controls for the sirens had

now arrived and were being in- 1905, died today. stalled rapidly with the co-operation of the Canadian Corps of

Splendid Work

tance from people in Prince Ru- them support.

Tanker Still Afloat, Being In Good Shape

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30: - The Department of the Navy says that the tanker Panmain, which had been reported sunk by an enemy submarine off the Atlantic Coast, is still afloat and in good shape.

At a largely attended meeting of the Prince Rupert Rotary Club ALIENS TO EVACUATE

Mr. Little's talk was arrang- Removal From Defence Areas In Western States Ordered

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30:-At the An organization had been form- and Japanese enemy aliens must ed around January, 1940 and, since leave several defence areas in the that time, meetings of executives western states including Washing-

Newfoundland

Royal Canadian Air Force Machine Wrecked But Crew is Alive

ST. JOHN'S, Newfoundland, Jan. 30:-Four Royal Canadian Air Under the heading of first aid Force men, who had been listed and nursing, Arnold Flaten, with earlier in the day as missing, have able first aid instructor, Angus Falls. They were sighted from the McDonald, had been indefatigable air by a search plane which dropin working up classes from a ped supplies but was unable to known twelve certified first aid land. Rescuers are been sent in

NEW POST

At the present time, under F. Lord Beaverbrook Expected to Be Made Minister of Production.

LONDON, Jan. 30:-Lord Beavduction—which it was indicated yesterday by Prime Minister Win-Mr. Little further pointed out ston Churchill would be created.

LEADER OF OLD WEST

Sir Frederick William George Haultain Dies at Age of Eighty-Four.

MONTREAL, Jan. 30: (P) - Sir Frederick William George Haultain, aged 84, who was chief justice of Saskatchewan for twentysix years and premier of the Northwest Territories from 1891 to

The city police report a further accumulation of found arti-The principal matter now for cles including bicycles, purses and Strict curfew has been declared in the A.R.P. executive was to tighten watches. Persons who have lost - President Franklin D. Roosup the organization and Mr. Lit- such articles as these and others * evelt whose sixtieth birthday * In the Philippines American ar- tle appealed for an enlargement might do well to inquire at the + it is today, expects to tell the +

splendid work done by the A.R.P. ers, executive and Mr. Little for & day that, by that time, it is & Amazon River is navigable members or officials of the gov- ence with deliveries of crude is and the Dutch are now defending cism and with little outside assis- effort should be made to give

INVASION IS LIKELY

Howard Green Thinks Japs Will Come Here-Liberal Joins In Criticism

OTTAWA, Jan. 30:- Howard Green, Conservative member for Vancouver South, said in the House of Commons yesterday that a Japanese invasion attempt of Canada was probable. Attacks on the British Columbia coast would come "sooner or later," by way, he suggested, of the Aleutian Islands, Prince Rupert and Port Alberni. Defence forces of the Pacific Coast were inadequate, the coast was insufficiently armed, declared Mr. Green who was opposed to the plebiscite on releasing the government from commitments in regard to conscription of man power.

The Vancouver South member said that Canada was in deadly peril with her only protection the crippled United States forces on the Pacific.

Mr. Green suggested that the Japanese would attack United States Aleutian Island bases and then Prince Rupert and Port Alberni to set up bases for air raids on shipyards and defence bases about Vancouver and neighboring United States ports.

Green said that some men in Canada's active army had no rifles and that other Canadian soldiers had old United States models with red bands, indicating that they were unfit to be

George Cruickshank, Liberal member for Fraser Valley, said the plebiscite was necessary but agreed with Mr. Green on the slowness of government policy in handling the Japanese question on the coast, expressing opinion that the minister had been poorly advised.

Hon. J. L. Ralston, minister of national defence, said the defence of the British Columbia coast was being treated with seriousness.

Col. Ralston said that rifles referred to by Mr. Green were fit to be fired, Green retorting that they might be fired a few

The minister of national defence stated that a "protected area" in British Columbia would be announced at once.

Many of Those On Lady Somers Unaccounted For

OTTAWA, Jan. 30:-Two hundred and fifty passengers are now conceded to have been lost as a result of the torpedoing of the Canadian steamer Lady Somers in the West Indies. Seventy-one of the survivors have been landed. Five persons died in the lifeboats before being picked up. Two hundred and forty-five are unaccounted for.

Matters Of Importance :

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30: (P) * * United States in a broadcast * * around February 22 about the * * progress of the war effort. *