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Bombay Situation Improving As Striking Seamen Unconditionally Surrender Ships

No Report Yet on Espionage As Royal Commission Carries On Cautiously With Inquiry

OTTAWA (CP) — Eleven men and two women have been held in the Royal Commission inquiry into espionage activities and "it is apparent it may be necessary to request that additional persons may be interrogated under similar orders," it was disclosed officially today. The disclosure was made in a statement to Minister of Justice St. Laurent from counsel for the Royal Commission which emphasized the reason for proceeding in camera "becomes more apparent every day" and "obviously must be done with the greatest discretion."

The statement said that the commissioners feel the evidence which confirms serious nature of disclosure of state secrets has not advanced to a stage where an interim report should be made. It said that the commissioners wish to make a report which would contain "at least some of their finding within as short a time as possible which, however, appears at present cannot be less than two or three weeks from now."

Thus there will be no report today, as had been suggested, from either the Royal Commission or the Department of External Affairs on espionage activity. It had been indicated earlier in the week that the Royal Commission, which is investigating leakage of confidential information to Russia, might make a progress report today.

It had also been said in official circles that a Canadian reply to Soviet protests on the Dominion's handling of the situation might be made public before the end of the week. Reliable sources, however, now hint that a delicate study of international implications might be holding up the Canadian reply to Russia.

OTTAWA PLANS LIQUOR PROBE

Thorough Survey of Existing Legislation Is to Be Made

OTTAWA (CP)—The federal government is said to be considering the advisability of establishing a Royal Commission on liquor legislation.

Yesterday a delegation of the Canadian Temperance federation met with members of the cabinet. A brief presented by the federation urged the establishment of a commission to investigate and report on the whole liquor problem in Canada.

Later a member of the delegation said he gathered from remarks of cabinet ministers that a thorough study of existing liquor legislation is being considered.

Yamashita Is Hanged

Executed for War Crimes At Manila Early Today

MANILA — Gen. Yamashita, the conqueror of Bataan and Corregidor, is dead. He was hanged early this morning at a concentration camp, expiating war atrocities as a common criminal. Two other Japanese were put to death similarly at the same time.

It was shortly before Dawn that Yamashita was marched into a bleak cane field southeast of Manila. A hangman's noose had been set up on a crude scaffold in that cane field and, in the cold grey light of the hour before dawn, Yamashita died in disgrace as a war criminal. The two other Japanese officers were hanged in the cane field.

BLAME IT ON ALLIES

Nazi Leaders at Nuernberg Endeavouring to Make Excuses For Their War Crimes

NUERNBERG, (AP)— Nazi defence counsel, supplied with a stream of notes from Herman Goering in the prisoner's box, today challenged the basic Allied accusation that Germany violated the Versailles treaty.

Taking up the question of crimes committed during wartime, the defence counsel demanded that the international military tribunal give them an opportunity to attempt to prove that German infractions were in "retaliation" for those by the Allied powers.

The defence moves drew sharp objections from the chief Soviet prosecutor and British counsel acting as chief prosecutor.

Joachim von Ribbentrop today asked that former Prime Minister Winston Churchill of Britain be called as a witness to the Nuernberg trial.

Cairo All Quiet On Friday Night

CAIRO—Cairo was quiet last night as police stood guard over the foreign-owned shops and British establishments which were attacked in Thursday's rioting. An official of the Egyptian government says that 14 persons were killed and 123 were injured in the anti-British rioting.

Local Tides

Sunday, February 24, 1946

High	6:48	17.4 feet
	20:11	14.3 feet
Low	0:22	9.8 feet
	13:52	8.5 feet

New Source Radio Metal

QUEBEC (CP)—A new source of radio-active minerals is believed to have been found in the province of Quebec. It is reported in Quebec City that a prospector and his wife have discovered an ore deposit which contains a mineral similar to pitchblende—the ore from which the vital stuff for the atomic bomb was extracted.

Neither the identity of the prospectors nor the place where the find was made has been disclosed but it is said that the mineral is highly radio-active and that samples have been sent to the governmen's atomic project at Chalk River, Ontario, for further analysis.

At the present time, Canada's only known deposit of pitchblende is at Port Radium, in the barren Northwest Territories.

ABANDONING THEIR LOOT

HALIFAX—There has been a new development in the investigation into the Halifax waterfront's theft ring. Police say there are evidences of panic among members of the ring who are abandoning stolen goods along the waterfront. Some of the goods are being tossed into the harbor.

The Halifax city police have given a helping hand to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police by discovering textiles, liquor silverware and other articles stolen from the holds of ships which were in port. The goods were found in a hotel and three men were placed under arrest.

Job Pickets Issue Statement

"Jobs-For-All" picketters supplemented their picket parade before the downtown Canadian National ticket office this morning with printed statements explaining their stand for shipbuilding in Prince Rupert.

The slogan placards were carried by six members of the Jobs-For-All Association led by Mrs. J. R. Blakey while Mrs. Bruce Mickleburgh alternated between slogan carrying and distributing leaflets.

The picketting was carried on from shortly after 10 o'clock until noon.

The Jobs-For-All statement asserted that "hardship has come to hundreds of families" and there is recession in Prince Rupert. It asks contracts for the construction of Canadian National boats in the local shipyard and a definite C.N.R. policy of continued shipbuliding.

"The people of Prince Rupert want this. They are entitled to expect it from the railway company," the statement says.

PT. SIMPSON CONVENTION

Natives From All Parts of Province to Converge on Neighboring Village

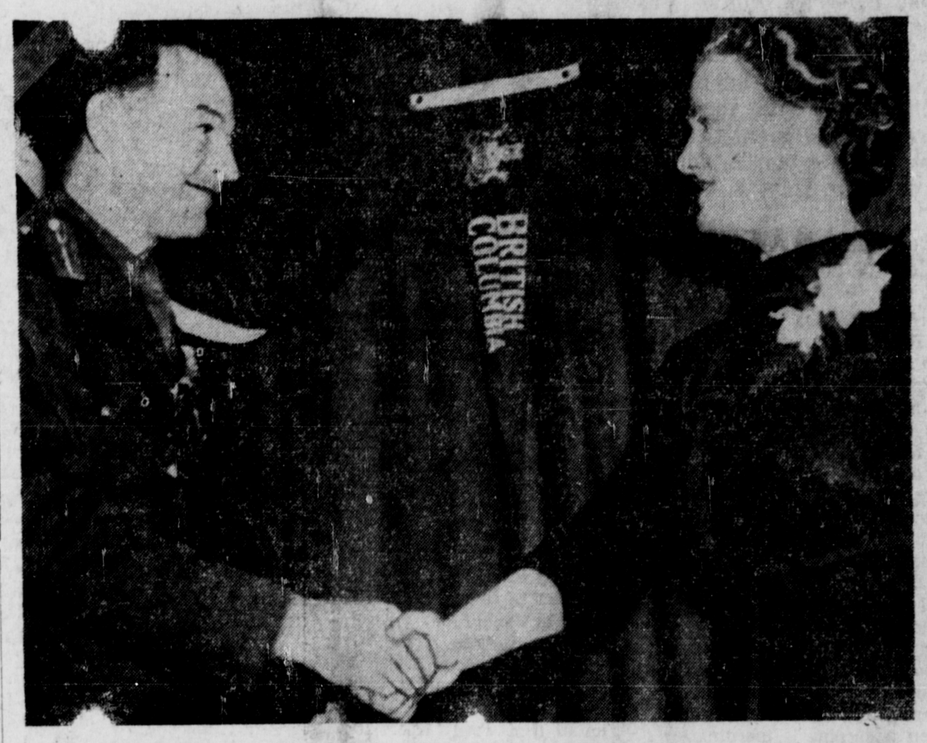
Port Simpson has been selected as the venue for the forthcoming annual convention of the Native Brotherhood of British Columbia opening March 4. The village is making elaborate plans for the reception and entertainment of delegates from all parts of the province.

One year the convention is held in the south and the next year in the north. This is the turn for the north. Originally the convention was to have been held at Massett but at a recent executive meeting of the Brotherhood it was decided that Port Simpson would be more convenient.

The convention will last the better part of a week.

COSTLY COVERING

It is estimated that American women will spend more than $2,000,000,000 for cosmetics in 1946.



FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER HONORS B.C. VOLUNTEERS—Field Marshal Harold Alexander presented certificates of service to volunteer workers in war services at British Columbia House, Regent Street, London. Here, Canada's future governor-general hands a scroll of honor to Mrs. Anderson for her part in the canteen work.

Fierce Gales Are Sweeping England

LONDON (AP)—Worst gale of the year raged along England's south coast today with gusts of 80 miles per hour recorded at Dover. The Air Ministry put out gale warnings for all southern districts for the first time since before the war. All coast shipping is paralyzed.

Former Vancouver Parliamentarian Dies

VANCOUVER—Albert Edward Munn died here yesterday at the age of 81. He was a former Liberal member of parliament for North Vancouver and member of the Legislature for Lillooet.

PRINCE RUPERT'S ADVANTAGEOUS HIGHWAY POSITION EMPHASIZED

"Prince Rupert lost a few thousand good customers when nearly all United States forces were pulled out of that northern city, but this bustling port may do very well, indeed, during the peace years, because it is rapidly developing to the position of a tourist centre," says "The Nabob," publication of the well-known Kelly, Douglas wholesale grocery concern of Vancouver, which has been giving this place a good deal of publicity of late. "And this is the how and why of it."

The Canadian government has announced that it will maintain the Alaskan Highway, and the Haines cut-off, and it is now believed by some of those concerned with the movement of tourists and travellers that Prince Rupert is going to become the distribution point for thousands of Canadian and American tourists and travellers who want to see the north, including Alaska.

It will be possible for travellers and tourists to drive from Vancouver, or in fact from any point where the roads are good, to the Cariboo Highway or Trail as it is sometimes called, to the Alaska Highway. Then, to Alaska or to Northern British Columbia points connected with the Cariboo Trail, and then to Prince Rupert. Or, if the motorists prefer, they will be able to ship their cars to Prince Rupert, and from that port connect with what will eventually become a great system of northern roads which will have the Alaskan Highway as its principal and most travelled route. In any event, Prince Rupert is going to be in business as a big tourist port. And that time is not far away.

"Meanwhile, Prince Rupert is suffering from lack of adequate steamship service. That can be supplied by United States bottoms, with Seattle as southern base. In such event, Vancouver will lose, of course, much of the tourist trade which Prince Rupert will get. But without enough Canadian shipping, calling at Prince Rupert, Vancouver will have to lost it. Perhaps the Vancouver Board of Trade will care to give this important angle some weighty consideration.

Haines, some distance north of Prince Rupert, gives direct contact from the coast to the Alaska Highway. Or, the motorists could drive east along the Hazelton road to Prince George and there connect with the Alaska Highway. Prince Rupert wants a closer and more convenient connection with the Alaska Highway, and may eventually get one such.

"The territory there in Northern British Columbia, and in Alaska, offers the tourist all that he can hope to find in the way of scenic charm. Morover, it is a new and almost untravelled world of its own, with a lure of its own.

"It is apparent that Prince Rupert is optimistic as to its future, and that it has good reason to be that way. Edmonton also will of course benefit considerably by a development of tourist travel possibilities in northern British Columbia. In fact a "great circle route" would take the tourist from Vancouver or Seattle, to Prince Rupert and to Haines, through Alaska and Northern British Columbia, then back to either Vancouver or Edmonton, by present roads and trails. The North has a reason to be happy in its outlook."

Bulletins

JAVA FIGHTING

BATAVIA—Two British Indian soldiers were killed and five were wounded in two days of fighting around Soerabaja which followed attacks by small parties of Indonesian Nationalists on listening posts and patrols, a British communique said today.

MUSKEGON'S BIG FIRE

MUSKEGON, Mich.—Two-thirds of a block in the heart of Muskegon's business district lay a mangled mass of ruins today with loss estimated at $1,500,000 from fire. The origin of the blaze is not known. No one was injured.

BIG PHONE SURPLUS

WINNIPEG — The Manitoba telephone system had a surplus of $1,500,000 last year, which was a record, the Legislature is advised.

'PEG FUEL SCARCE

WINNIPEG—The fuel situation here is still serious. There is a strict ration of one-half to one ton. Only one sack at a time is obtainable in Portage La Prairie.

WINNIPEG MAN DIES

WINNIPEG — George A. Bruce, well known Winnipeg dairyman, is dead. He had been here since 1914 and was formerly at Moose Jaw and Regina.

ARGENTINE ELECTION

BUENOS AIRES — Soldiers and police are strictly patrolling the city as the national presidential election approaches tomorrow when three million Argentineans will vote.

LADY RODNEY ARRIVES

HALIFAX—The Lady Rodney arrived today with 500 returning Canadian ex-servicemen and women. A short distance outside she met the Lady Nelson heading for England with German prisoners of war.

INVITATION ACCEPTED

LONDON — The Lebanonese government has accepted an invitation of the French government to Paris to discuss the withdrawal of French forces from Lebanon and Syria.

Weather Forecast

Prince Rupert—Overcast and mild, occasional light rain tonight. Wind light to moderate. Temperatures, maximum today 45, minimum tonight 42. Sunday: cloudy and mild. Wind light to moderate. Maximum temperature 46.

TWO WOMEN ASPHYXIATED IN MONTREAL

MONTREAL (CP) — Two women were asphyxiated and a third suffered burns early today when fire swept through a three-storey tenement house in the western part of Montreal. Dead are Mrs. Alice LaFortune, 51, and Miss Joan Schnorr, 16.

CHURCH IS OUTRAGED

Cardinal's Report to Pope is Presented in War Crimes Tribunal

NUERNBERG, (AP)—A cardinal's letter to the Pope describing German outrages against the Roman Catholic Church in occupied Poland was submitted by the Soviet prosecution Thursday as evidence against 22 Nazi leaders on trial for war crimes. The prosecutor said that the Pope was told by Polish cardinal Hlond that "monasteries and convents have been methodically suppressed and their houses and institutions occupied by the Nazi party." Church property had been pillaged by the Nazis.

"SELL-OUT" BY ROOSEVELT

This Is Charge of Scholars In Chungking as Yalta Agreement Denounced

CHUNGKING — Objections to the presence of Russian troops in Manchuria are still being manifested here. However, there is no statement as to when these Russian troops may be evacuated.

Some delegates of China's National Assembly denounced the Yalta secret agreement giving Russia rights in Manchuria as new "quit Manchuria" demonstrations spread to several cities today—Red Army day.

A statement issued by a number of assembly delegates said that the agreement on which the Sino-Soviet pact was based "is contrary to the Atlantic Charter and all other declarations of the United Nations." The statement asserted that the agreement constituted a dark stain on Sino-American and Sino-British relations.

Twenty nationally known scholars charged that the late President Roosevelt in the Yalta agreement traded Manchuria to Russia for Soviet support in the Pacific war.

Paratroopers Go Into Action Karachi Port; Gandhi Makes Appeal

Two Hundred Are Reported Dead After Two Days of Fierce Rioting—Civilians Still Restless

BOMBAY—The anti-British rioting in Bombay is subsiding. The crews of some 20 small warships anchored in the bay have broken from the Royal Indian Navy mutiny and surrendered to British units. British troops backed by armored cars are patrolling the streets.

Mohandas Gandhi is quoted by Reuters News Agency in Poona, India, as calling for an end to what he called "this thoughtless orgy of violence."

British general headquarters in New Delhi has announced the unconditional surrender of mutinous Royal Indian Navy personnel in Bombay but no other details are available immediately.

There is word from Karachi that the situation is still serious in that city after two days of disturbances. Six Indian sailors were killed in the Karachi rioting and 33 others wounded.

British authorities today announced quelling of the Indian Navy mutiny, both ashore and afloat at Bombay, although civil disorders continue and waves of violence still sweep Bombay with British troops and Indian police battling civilian mobs.

The Times of India said that a survey disclosed 200 killed in three days of disorders.

A British communique said: "On the whole the situation shows improvement. Today rioting continued in some areas of the city and there has been serious rioting in the mill area."

General headquarters in New Delhi announced striking Indian seamen, numbering almost 12,000, both in barricaded barracks in Bombay and aboard a score of small war vessels in the harbor, had yielded unconditionally Friday night.

About 300,000 Indian workers were reported involved in Bombay and Calcutta strikes. These were called in sympathy with the Indian naval strikers who have sought increased pay, better food, disciplinary action against the commander of H.M.I.S. Talwar for alleged improper treatment of seamen, and speedier demobilization.

British troops today fired repeatedly on crowds swarming the streets in the cotton mill area of Bombay.

Karachi Said "Uncontrollable"

Meanwhile at Karachi British paratroopers were called out tonight to stand by as the riot situation became uncontrollable there. The police fired two volleys, used tear gas and made charges but were unable to disperse crowds who converged on a meeting place from all directions.

SOVIET MUST BE WATCHFUL

Stalin Emphasizes Necessity For Strength in "Peaceful" Development Period

MOSCOW — Generalissimo Stalin told the Red Army on its 28th birthday that it was the army's duty to guard Soviet borders against enemies, while the people created an upsurge of national economy.

Although Stalin called on the army to strengthen itself, he stressed that the Soviet Union had entered a period of "peaceful period of development."

WHAT DOES RUPERT NEED? WILL YOU GIVE YOUR VIEWS?

There is much discussion these days of problems and difficulties which face Prince Rupert in its postwar development and prosperity and what solutions might be devised towards solving these problems.

Many of these problems have been discussed in the Daily News from time to time but this newspaper is anxious to obtain some new and constructive ideas and, therefore, we are inviting our readers to express their views on the subject of

WHAT PRINCE RUPERT NEEDS TODAY?

You are invited to enunciate what you consider Prince Rupert's needs and to write a concise answer as to how best that need might be solved.

The articles will be published (with or without the names of the authors, according to wish of the writers). They will be judged impartially on the primary basis of value of subject matter although conciseness, style and legibility will also count.

Mayor H. M. Daggett and W. M. Watts have consented to assist the Daily News in the judging.

There will be six prizes:

First, $10 in cash.
Second, $5 in cash.
Third, $2.50 in cash.
And three six-month subscriptions to the Daily News.
The contest will close March 15.
Old and young alike are asked to submit articles.

The primary purpose is, of course, not to win prizes but to bring forward suggestions which may prove useful in forwarding the development of Prince Rupert.