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Canadian Corvette Sunk, 23 Lost Captures N. Malaya Air Base

Dutch Rush Bombers, Ships To Join British

By C. YATES McDONALD
SINGAPORE (AP)—British forces apparently have lost Kota Bharu, northern Malaya air base, where the Japanese have landed strong forces just inside the Thailand frontier, but a communique indicated tonight they had killed Japanese drivers both in that area and at Kuantan, only 200 miles north of here.

The communique mentioned Japanese tanks for the first time, saying seven were trapped and destroyed Tuesday in the Kedah area along the Thailand border by a British Punjabi motorized unit.

Port Alberni Man Wounded at Hongkong

OTTAWA (CP)—The first casualties to be suffered among Canadian soldiers defending Hongkong—the wounding of two men—were announced today by Defence Minister Laidlaw.

2 Bombers Bagged

MANILA (AP)—Two of three Japanese bombers which flew over Baguio, north of Manila, late today were shot down by U.S. army fliers.

AP Men Arrested?

BERNE (AP)—United States press correspondents in Berlin left their offices for their homes today, presumably under house arrest, it was learned here.

2 Nazi Divisions Routed By Reds

MOSCOW (AP)—A special radio announcement tonight declared Red army troops have recaptured Olita, routing two German infantry divisions and inflicting casualties of 12,000 Nazis killed and wounded.

Australians Warned of Attack

SYDNEY (CP)—The Australian government warned the nation today it was prepared against the possibility of aerial or naval bombardment.

Blackout 5 p.m. to 8 a.m. LATEST

Victoria will receive 10 five-fifteen power pumps from Ottawa immediately, Hon. Norman Hipel, Ontario Minister of Labor and Public Welfare, said today in Toronto.

44 Canadians Safe After Loss Of Convoy Ship

OTTAWA (CP)—Navy Minister Angus Macdonald this afternoon announced that Canadian survivors of the British corvette Winward had been rescued in collision with convoy ship and 23 members of her crew are missing and considered lost at sea. There are 44 survivors.

Need Not Be Alarmed

OTTAWA (CP)—Informed quarters in Ottawa deprecate any undue alarm or panic as a result of Japanese entry into the war and initial Japanese naval successes in the Pacific.

Weather Reports

Daily weather bulletins of the meteorological division of air services, Department of Transport, will be published in future, but the information must not be sent to or transmitted by any radio station.

Japs Admit Loss Of 2 Transports

TOKYO (Japanese radio picked up by AP)—Japanese imperial headquarters acknowledged today that Japan has lost two transports sunk and two others have been damaged, but declared there was no loss of life aboard them.

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Japs Lose Ship But Get Foothold On Philippines

By R. P. CRONIN JR.
MANILA (AP)—Japanese paratroopers were reported to have captured the airfield on Luzon port of Vigan today and sea-borne troops landed near the northern port of Aparri in the first full-scale landing on American soil since the war of 1912.

An army communique said the Japanese had fought their way ashore at Aparri under the protective fire of their warships amid bombing by American planes which sank one transport.

(A U.S. army communique issued later Wednesday than Cronin's dispatch said "the situation in northern Luzon perhaps other contiguous points.")

AIR RAIDS

While the battle in the north still raged, two waves of Japanese bombers raided Manila and its suburbs shortly after noon Wednesday, hitting hard at military targets, including the Nichols Air Force, Port William, McKinley and Nielson airport districts.

The port of Iba and Clark airfield were reportedly unofficially to have been bombed at the same time.

Philippine constabulary reported the paratroop capture of a heavy force of 200 miles northwest of Manila.

Philippine families with their places along the coast were favorable for landings. They declared 100 for years Japanese fishing boats had been seen along the coast, taking soundings.

The U.S. army headquarters had announced that although there were no large harbors, many places along the coast were favorable for landings. They declared 100 for years Japanese fishing boats had been seen along the coast, taking soundings.

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CHECKING ZERO HOUR? - Japan's special envoy, Saburo Kurosawa, right, looks at his watch at the time Japanese bombers were attacking Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. He is pictured with Japanese Ambassador Nomura, as they awaited conference with Secretary of State Hull. (Telephone)

300 Lights Were Seen Tonight's Blackout To Be More Complete

"The present state of emergency is such that the blackout in British Columbia coastal communities will continue tonight from 5 p.m. to 8 a.m. Maj. Gen. R. O. Alexander, D.S.O., G.O.C.-in-Chief, Pacific Command, announced today.

"To be completely effective," the statement continued, "the blackout must be 100 per cent efficient, which means that there must be a considerable improvement on last night.

Many defects were disclosed by an aerial survey conducted by the Western Air Command Tuesday night.

The following is a report from pilots of aircraft making observations of blackouts on the B.C. coast.

"Approximately 250 to 300 lights were seen scattered well over Victoria; brighter lights seen in the vicinity of Esquimalt.

"New Westminster approximately 90 per cent blacked out. A few lights visible along the waterfront.

"Vancouver approximately 75 per cent blacked out. Main thoroughfares were well outlined and the business district lights were sufficiently bright to be distinguished from residential districts.

"During the present emergency, friends are requested not to visit patients in the Jubilee Hospital in the evening.

Running Own Show Briefer Blackouts

SEATTLE (AP)—The second interceptor command set the start of tonight's blackout in the Pacific Northwest coastal areas at 12:30 a.m., the same time as last night.

Shipments were asked why navigation lights were all off on the Canadian side while all on by U.S. navigation lights were full ablaze.

Anscomb, Bruhn, Mantland, Perry In Hart Cabinet

Premier John Hart today announced British Columbia's new cabinet as follows:

- Premier, Minister of Finance and President of the Council, Hon. John Hart.
- Provincial Secretary and Minister of Labor, George S. Pearson, Attorney-General, R. L. Maitland.
- Minister of Lands and Minister of Municipalities, A. Wells Gray.
- Minister of Agriculture, Dr. K. C. MacDonald.
- Minister of Mines and Minister of Trade and Industry, Herbert Anscomb.
- Minister of Public Works and Minister of Railways, R. W. Bruhn.
- Minister of Education, H. G. T. Perry.

The new cabinet went to Government House this afternoon and was sworn in by Lieutenant-Governor W. C. Woodward.

Premier Hart and Mr. Maitland will leave for Ottawa Saturday to discuss further income tax and corporation tax agreements with the Dominion government.

"This new ministry is one less than the former, due to the fact that, in addition to the Premier, I also will hold the portfolio of Minister of Finance, thus reducing the personnel of the cabinet and eliminating the salary of the Minister of Finance," Premier Hart said, as he announced his new cabinet.

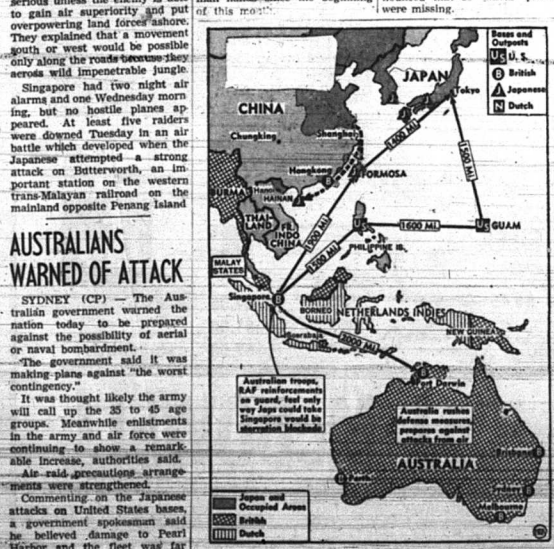
"The representation is on the basis of five Liberals and three Conservatives, with Mr. Maitland to be acting premier in my absence from the capital."

In a press statement, Premier Hart said, in part: "Since assuming office it has been necessary to take measures for the public's safety, and in connection with governmental matters to exercise every precaution for the security of valuable public records and public property. At this time I would urge upon all citizens to cooperate to the fullest extent in carrying out these measures and precautions so necessary at this time to the public welfare. A real danger exists, and all regulations and proclamations by the defence authorities and civil leaders in your respective districts should be observed without thought of evasion, or with any attitude of indifference.

"We must be guided by those authorities. Disregard idle talk and be governed at the time only by official announcements."

Reichstag to Hear Hitler

NEW YORK (AP)—The BBC said today that Hitler would speak in Berlin in order to address the Reichstag. NBC heard the broadcast.



Shopping Days Left

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DESSERT FOR DESERTER—The gay visit to Los Angeles of Thomas H. McCutchen, 49, Canadian soldier, came to a abrupt end when he was arrested as a deserter. McCutchen, claimed to have been guest of the American Legion convention in Milwaukee, went to U.S. ports and visited movie studios.

Buy Christmas Seals