

Are B.C. Defenses Ready to Meet Invader?

Not Enough Men—Too Few Guns And Mobile Equipment on Hand

British Columbia is at war but it has not got its teeth bared. Planes have flown over San Francisco, submarines have lurked a few miles off our coast. But British Columbia is not prepared to defend itself.

There are not enough men in uniform. There are not enough guns. Mobile equipment is badly needed.

There have apparently been no adequate plans laid to defend our cities and our homes if the need arises.

READY TO FIGHT
Heads of veterans' organizations, retired army men, business men, ordinary citizens, voiced these opinions to the Vancouver Sun today.

While they did not agree on all points concerning B.C.'s defenses, they did agree on one thing:

That if Canadians are ready

to fight for the last street in Hong Kong they are also ready to fight for the last street in Vancouver. Further, they insist on being given the opportunity of doing so.

"Our men are anxious to do something but they have been pushed around," David McKee, provincial secretary of the Canadian Legion stated.

"Every community should be organized to defend itself. Already we have the organization to set up veterans' home guard units in practically every town in the province.

"We asked that these units be incorporated under the National Defense Department and were told that this was a matter of internal security and up to the attorney general."

"We have the men and they are ready to serve and should be allowed to serve," Mr. McKee said.

Major J. C. Hardisty, general staff officer in the First Guard

War, now honorary secretary of the Co-ordinated Veterans' Association, stated that British Columbia is far from prepared for attack.

"Very definitely we are not ready," he said. "What did he think should be done about it?"

"There should be further recruiting for the army reserves and capable men should be transferred to active units," he said. "But conscription on a selective service basis is the real answer."

"It takes a year to train a man, so we must get them trained now in case we do get action. Home guard units can be organized from the men who are not required for other service."

"We need instruction for street fighting but none has been given as far as I know. We are going to be sorry unless we get busy."

RESERVE ARMY
General J. A. Clark who has advocated conscription since the start of the war, reiterated his stand.

"The urgency is greater today than at any time in our history," he said.

"Questioned concerning the possibility of forming of a home guard, Maj. General R. O. Alexander, G.O.C. Pacific Command, stated that army reserve units are about to be organized on a basis of home defense."

"They are already being allotted certain roles in home defense analogous with those taken by the Honor Guard in Great Britain."

"Asked if these will be sufficient, he replied, 'I doubt if anything more will be needed.'"

Holiday Spirit
Temper's Justice

The spirit of Christmas was in evidence in County Court today, when Judge C. J. Lennox sentenced Mrs. Iris Swan, 19, divorced, to the time she has been in jail 45 days after finding her guilty of theft.

"And I hope you will work your fingers to the bone, if necessary, to repay the balance of the money you took from your friend," added His Honor after saying the holiday season influenced her to do as she did.

Mrs. Swan was convicted of stealing \$50 from Mrs. Maud I. D. M. Owen, conducted the prosecution and A. H. Fieldman the defense.

Back in Canada



SQDN-LDR. EDWARD C. MILLER

First Canadian to be wounded by enemy action in this war, is back in Canada after spending the past two years in England with the RCAF.

Sqdn-Ldr. Miller, 23, has been transferred to Canada, and is now on his way to Montreal, N.B., after spending a few days' leave in Vancouver with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Miller, Caplano Estates.

He joined the Air Force in 1938 and was a flight lieutenant when injured in a Nazi air attack on Croydon, August, 1940. He is a graduate of the University of British Columbia.

Month in Jail for Paint Smearer
Magistrate Mackenzie Matheson today sentenced Alfred J. Bland, 1618 Pender Street, to one month in jail on a charge of willful damages.

Bland was convicted of daubing the auto of Sam Goldberg, 1154 Gifford Street, with yellow paint and breaking the car's radio aerial.

He was ordered to pay \$40 damages or serve an additional two months in default.

Goldberg said he had found paint smeared on his car on a previous occasion. This time the painter's efforts included the figure he thought owing on the car.

Art Racey, Not Cartoonist, Dies
MONTREAL, Dec. 22—Arthur G. Racey, 71, prominent Canadian cartoonist, died yesterday in his home at suburban Westmount. Born in Quebec City, he was employed for the past 43 years on the Montreal Star.

Hong Kong Blamed on 'Complicity'

By Canada Press
JOHANNESSBURG, Dec. 22.—The Rand Daily Mail, discussing the lesson of Hong Kong, Malaya and Libya said today that "British main task is to regain the initiative."

"The decision was to hold Hong Kong in the event of a war with Japan, apparently reinforcements were sent there and the public was reassured repeatedly about the strength of the fortress and the thoroughness of defensive preparations."

"The public was thus entitled to expect Hong Kong to be capable of withstanding a long siege, yet within two days of the initial attack the Japanese are firmly established on the island whose fate is in the 'gravest doubt'."

Referring to Malaya, the newspaper said "the stories of courageous resistance against heavy odds and of new methods are unpleasantly familiar."

It added that "in Libya it is now acknowledged that Axis armored strength both in number and quality was much underrated."

"The newspaper asked if there even now too much complacency, even now only a few months ago the general public but also in the High Military Command of the Empire."

(According to Associated Press, the German radio claims the Japanese have taken 713 prisoners at Hong Kong, mostly Canadians and Indians.)

Sub Attacks Raise Doubt Of Defenses
Submarine attack, until a few days ago was a game confined to waters far remote from the North Pacific. But today Canadians living on the British Columbia coast are reading of Japanese boats that have torpedoed or shelled merchant ships almost within sight of the U.S. west coast.

"They are frankly uneasy. The question they ask is: 'What about our own defenses?'"

The Vancouver Sun passed the question to Gen. R. O. Alexander, G.O.C. Pacific Command, upon whom the burden of defense lies heaviest in this province:

"Have we a combination of air and sea power in home waters sufficient to protect our coast and our shipping from U-boat attack?"

"I can't discuss the question in detail," he said.

"We have more aircraft and more personnel here than we ever had before," he said.

Vets Protest Re-issuing of Jap Licenses
Protests against re-issuing of fishing licenses to any Japanese in 1942 are becoming louder and more numerous every day.

While fishermen here and at Prince Rupert were the first to voice strong protests to Ottawa following last week's report that the authorities were contemplating issuing of licenses to some Japanese.

Since then a number of organizations have followed the fishermen's example.

Today the veterans of World War I in Vancouver added their weight to the protests. The following letter has been sent to Prime Minister King by the Co-ordinated Veterans' Association:

"It is reported that the Dominion government contemplates the issuing of licenses to Japanese fishermen. We strongly protest such action. It is imperative that Japanese be employed. There is abundant and useful work to be done now."

Exhibition Association
Ballots have been sent to members of Vancouver Exhibition Association, as the annual election gets under way. Nine officers are to be elected for two-year terms, and ballots are to be returned by Saturday.

Ten members have been nominated for office. These are: Mackenzie Bowell, W. H. Duxbury, John Dunsmuir, F. D. Gross, E. S. Knowlton, John A. Voss, J. N. Oldfield, A. D. Patterson, F. C. Tingley, all present members of the board of directors, and J. D. McNeill.

H. N. MacCormack is retiring from the board and W. S. Day secretary.

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Vancouver Mourns Noted Franciscan

A Franciscan priest, well known on the Pacific Coast, Rev. Father Timothy Watson, OFM, son of Watson and the late Mrs. Watson, 3331 Van Ness Avenue, died Sunday in San Francisco.

Requiem High Mass will be sung on the request of the sisters of St. Mary's School, Vancouver, at 9 a.m. Tuesday, in St. Mary's Church, Rev. Father J. Kane celebrant. The school children will sing the Mass.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday in San Francisco.

DIDNT LIKE TROUSERS
EXETER, England.—Annoyed because his step-daughter, 19, wore trousers, an irate husband declined to pay his wife her separation allowance and was sent to prison for a month.

Blessing of New School on Sunday

Catholic priests and laity of the city will attend the blessing by Archbishop W. M. Duke of the Guardian Angel School—a new Catholic building erected at Davie and Broughton Streets, to be opened for the January term, Sunday at 3 p.m.

Sisters of Charity of St. John will comprise the teaching staff of Guardian Angel School.

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