

MANILA FALLS TO JAPANESE

COMMITTEE'S ADVICE

Plan Purchase Of Nippon Fish Boat Fleet Here

from The Times:

Today In Europe

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LONDON, Jan. 2.—News of the German army's defeat in Russia has given the German people the biggest shock since the war began, reports the Times Stockholm correspondent.

Hitherto Nazi claims that the retreats in Russia were part of the high command's winter program have been generally accepted. Now it is realized that the Russian capture of Crimean cities and the threat to German troops in the entire Crimea is serious, and that it can not be explained away by ordinary logistics.

At least six German army corps have been smashed by Soviet forces in recent fighting. Capture of Kaluga has meant the slashing defeat of famous panzer armored divisions by the Red army, which retains the initiative on all fronts.

In places in the Crimea the invaders are on the run in the severe cold. If the pursuit can be maintained the whole Nazi army in the Crimea peninsula may find themselves in danger of defeat. As the Nazis around Sevastopol will be hard put to it to escape encirclement.

These Soviet successes are largely due to a plan evolved by Stalin himself.

Editorially the Times says the Russian successes are part of a massive forward movement along a 1000-mile front, and no one can say how far along the road to Napoleonic disaster the Germans may be driven.

The Times says there has been no rout of German forces in Russia yet, but their losses are immense and piled in the snow beside their abandoned dead.

The courage, discipline, cohesion and skill of the Red armies is amazing. The pages of military history record no finer example of stubborn fortitude, or more remarkable recovery from defeat and loss than Russia. Clearly the Soviet forces are now fighting the enemy on

Oriental Committee Against Use By Present Owners

LABOR CORPS

If any Japanese fishermen carry on their occupation on the Pacific Coast before the end of the war it will be in direct opposition to the majority of the members of the standing committee on Orientals in British Columbia.

The standing committee was set up by the Federal Government before the Japanese entry into the war to study the position of Japanese in British Columbia and to advise Ottawa on how to deal with them. Its chairman is Mayor Hume of New Westminster.

Here are some of the things which are predicted as a result of government decisions now pending:

1. Complete ban of fishing operations by Japanese—Canadian citizens or otherwise.
2. Setting up of an agency through which Japanese fishboat owners may sell their craft. This sale would not be compulsory, and the agency would be merely an assisting and enabling body to facilitate transfer if the owners so wish. But the alternative might be that the boats would stand idle of no use to their owners or anyone else.

FORM LABOR GROUPS.

3. Formation of labor groups—not under the department of national defense and not in any sense part of the Canadian army—in which Japanese may volunteer their services. These groups will be employed for labor purposes, paid wages. They might be used to construct air raid shelters in B. C. coast cities and afterwards put on road work in the interior. The Hope-Princeton road is considered as a possible project. Other suggestions include emergency landing fields.

3. Aside from the actual fishing vessels in Japanese ownership the government must devise means of dealing with a vast accumulation of gear and the shore plants such as salteries, which are Japanese owned and controlled.

READY TO RESIGN.

Those in close touch with the situation predict that if any Japanese vessels are allowed to operate on the coast several members of the committee are ready to tender their resignations.

Torn between the desire to be fair and the grave responsibility of taking any chances on fifth column activities in British Columbia, the committee has faced many hard decisions.

Break In Cold Spell Is Forecast Today

Milder weather is expected. From 15 degrees on New

NO SEPARATE PEACE

PACT AGAINST AXIS SIGNED BY 26 NATIONS

Countries of Old and New Worlds Pledge Their Resources Against Common

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—(AP)—Twenty-six nations of the New and Old Worlds have formally pledged themselves, the White House announced today, to employ their full resources against the Axis powers, and to enter into no separate armistice or peace.

The announcement of the pact was made simultaneously here and in the capitals of the other countries concerned.

The others are: The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Canada, Russia, China, Australia, Belgium, Costa Rica, Cuba,

Czecho-Slovakia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, India, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Poland, South Africa and Yugo-Slavia.

the United States and President Churchill for Great Britain. The countries formed:

"(1) Each government itself to employ its full military or economic resources, those members of the pact and its adherents with such government is at the disposal of the United States."

"(2) Each government to co-operate with the United States in its efforts to make a separate armistice or peace with the enemy."

The brief statement of national unity of purpose stated that other nations may act in the event they are required or may render material aid "in the struggle for a world free of Hitlerism."

Canadian Chiefs At War Meeting

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—(CP)—The three Canadian chiefs of staff arrived here today for consultations with British American military leaders. The Vice-Admiral Percy Blackett, chief of naval staff; Major-General Kenneth Stewart, chief of army general staff, and Air Marshal L. S. Bredner, chief of air staff.

Follow U.S. Policy

PRIVATE AUTOS MAY BE BANNED

"In 90 days I doubt very much if there will be any cars left for ordinary civilian use," declared A. W. Macdonald, president of Vancouver Dealers' Association, today.

A drastic cut in Canadian car output, announced by the government today, did not come as a surprise to new car dealers. They had anticipated the next curtailment of cars to be a complete ban on the manufacture of autos for private use.

FOLLOW U.S.

"My impression is that the United States has done as much as it can for us in the future," Mr. Macdonald stated. "The United States has frozen all cars in dealers' hands until January 15 and until then I think undoubtably that Canadians, who are following so closely with the States, will have a uniform rationing system."

There are still a small number of 1942 cars' available for civilian use, Mr. Macdonald said. The new regulations cutting production by 25 per cent will not be felt here until next month on a rationing basis.

Dealers for the past six months have been on a "ration" receiving their year's supply of cars on a monthly quota, which has been 44 per cent of their requirements for the year. This has now been cut to 25 per cent, including commercial vehicles, and Mr. Macdonald anticipates production will be even further curtailed.

"The curtailment will have a very favorable effect on the market for late-model used cars," he said. "They are about the only cars civilians will be able to buy. Dealers in the city say that there are only about 100 new cars in Vancouver available."



MR. CHURCHILL IS PLEASED—Of all the pictures of Mr. Churchill taken during the visit to Ottawa that ended on New Year's Eve, the top one is the most treasured. It shows the Prime Minister trying on the new cap of B.C. fur presented to him by the Parliamentary Press Gallery. People had worked on it all the previous night after getting measurements from Mr. Churchill's valet. He said it fitted perfectly with perhaps a bit of room to spare in case he got "swelled head." Inset picture shows Churchill preparedness. As he puffs at a full-length cigar, he carries a spare in his pocket.

SOUTH AFRICANS IN VAN

Empire Troops Take Bardia; 1000 British Captives Freed

CAIRO, Jan. 2.—British and South African troops have captured Bardia and released 1000 British prisoners who were held there by the Libyan port's Axis garrison, it was announced today.

The announcement came in a special communique which said the Britons were released when Bardia's citadel was taken.

South African troops entered Bardia this morning almost a year after this desert stronghold was taken in the first Imperial offensive through Cirencaia.

attack lasting several days in which the South Africans were supported by British tanks and artillery and the Royal Air Force. CAPTURE 1000.

In addition to releasing the British prisoners, the capture of Bardia also resulted in the seizure of 1000 tons of supplies.



London Warning

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CONTRAST DRAWN.