

WILL MOVE ENEMY ALIENS FROM COAST

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LONDON, Jan. 14.—Tired troops, "lack of planes and Japanese use of tanks explain the British troops' retreat in Malaya, says the Times special correspondent with the forces there.

Retreating units are now well south of Kuala Lumpur. The track to the new line was made in lorries, camouflaged motorcars and native vehicles. Railways, too, were used with efficiency. Japanese north of Kuala Lumpur are in strong force and are well supported with tanks and aircraft. With the capture of the Malayan capital they now control nearly three-quarters of rubber production and nine-tenths of the tin output.

In their retreat British and Indian troops used guerrilla tactics in the jungle effectively. Gurkhas especially related the opportunity to be their kukris. British command, or shock troops, have many minor successes. Some Japanese units are believed to have German officers with them.

In London it is now said there is no official authority for the statement issued in Singapore that British would have air superiority over Malaya within three days.

Waves of air raiders continue to attack Singapore. British fighters are available to deal with them. Anti-aircraft batteries are a powerful deterrent and in the first big raid Japanese aviators broke formation and some were chased out to sea. Bombs dropped so far have done little damage.

General Zhukov's great plan movement on the central Russian front continues victoriously. Red troops are now using armored sleds with great effect.

Fresh Russian forces have made yet another landing in Crimea favored by foggy weather.

Berlin's military spokesmen admit that more generals have been transferred from Russia.

Nazi high command in Russia now explain that this is not due to their defeats but to the necessity for preparing a great, new spring offensive.

Nazi spokesmen, unable to find any other excuse, blame the Russians for being led into a trap and will feel the pinch later.

Relief of Sevastopol has not yet taken place but Red generals in Crimea are making steady progress with their plans for recovery of the whole peninsula.

On the Karelian Isthmus against war-weary Finns, some successes designed to free Leningrad from the north are reported.

So notable is Russian industrial efficiency that as fast as Soviet troops recover territory in the Donets mining region thousands of miners reopen pits and start work immediately.

Resumption of war production here means that the Russians will have more coal than ever as 60 per cent. of the total output comes from the Donets basin.

Capture of Salum clears away the last obstacle to British supply routes across the Bay of Geyland and facilitates the pursuit of Von Rommel's retreating army.

The Nazis may make a stand on the line south from the Gulf of Sirte. They have apparently received reinforcements.

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PAN EAST CHIEF INSPECTS SINGAPORE—With the Japs less than 150 miles from the stronghold, the Allied command is measuring its strength to resist prolonged assault. Here, Gen. Sir Archibald Wavell (left), who commands the ABCD forces in the Far East, inspects the defenses of Singapore with Major-General Keith Simmonds (center). One of Singapore's big rifles may be seen in the background. Lower picture shows General Japin ter Poorten, commander of the army of the Netherlands East Indies, whose forces are fighting the Japs in the air, on the water and the beaches.

BY LAND AND AIR

DUTCH, JAPS IN WILD
HAND-TO-HAND FIGHT

By HENRY HOOGENDOORN.

(Associated Press Staff Writer)

BATAVIA, N.E.I., Jan. 14.—The hard-fighting army of the Netherlands Indies hurried itself on the Japanese today fighting near Lake Tondano on the northeastern tip of Celebes, while bombers of the Allied air forces struck at the Japanese invasion bases.

(A Washington communiqué said U. S. army planes joined the Netherlands air force in one of the attacks.)

It was announced, at the same time, that Gen. Sir Archibald Wavell, Allied commander-in-chief for the Southwest Pacific, had arrived in the Netherlands Indies with his staff. Newspapers printed pictures of their arrival at a Netherlands airfield but did not indicate where Gen. Wavell's headquarters will be.

His second in command, Lt. Gen. George Brett, former chief of the United States Army Air Corps, also has arrived.

JAPS OMBIL PORT.
A Netherlands communiqué indicated a broadened scope of the Japanese attacks, reporting that Japanese bombers had taken the big oil port of the Balikpapan on the east coast of Netherlands Borneo some 300 miles south of the Japanese-captured island of Tarakan.

The communiqué said no details about the fight for Balikpapan were available immediately but other reports said the Indies troops were battling hard to hand with the invaders near Lake Tondano, inland from the port of Manado where the Japanese gained a foothold.

The border apparently is the slowly developing battle between defense forces of Netherlands Borneo and the Japanese, who have overrun Sarawak.

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Knox Declares
German Rebellion
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WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.

(AP)—Navy Secretary Knox today said he believed reports of German rebellion in Germany were spurious and deliberately spread to take the edge off America's war effort.

"Almost every one of the stories about the terrible situation in Germany originates in territory controlled by Germany," Knox told a press conference. "This alone should raise suspicion."

"Assuming that they are doing it deliberately, it is intended to take the fine edge off the sense of urgency and immediacy and singleness of purpose with which this country is pushing its war effort."

Knox said also that German withdrawals in Russia should not be regarded as a sign of a German military debacle.

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Committee to Handle
Transfer of Huge
Fishing Fleet
1100 VESSELS

(By Canadian Press.)

OTTAWA, Jan. 14.—Plans have been approved by the government for putting back into production the 1100 vessels of the British Columbia Japanese fishing fleet, immobilized yesterday by government restrictions.

Fisheries Minister Michaud announced today approval of an order-in-council setting up a committee of three, which will supervise charters, leases or sales of these vessels to non-Japanese operators.

The fleet, owned by persons of Japanese origin, is valued at between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000. Some 850 units are impounded near New Westminster and the remainder at Prince Rupert and other Pacific ports.

ACTION NECESSITATED.
They were immobilized after the outbreak of war in the Pacific and the government ruled yesterday that fishing by those of Japanese racial origin would be prohibited in all Canadian waters, and banned Japanese from serving on any fishing vessels.

The production of the Japanese fishing fleet in British Columbia contributed largely to the food supplies of the Empire, it was said. This led to a government decision that action must be taken at once to get the immobilized fleet back into operation while preserving for the Japanese owners their equity in the vessels.

The following committee has been named to supervise transfer of the fleet to non-Japanese operators.

JUSTICE SIDNEY A. SMITH, justice of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, Vancouver, chairman.

CMR. B. L. JOHNSON, Royal Canadian naval reserve, Vancouver, representing the defense department, and **KISHIZO KIMURA,** Vancouver, representing the owners.

This committee, Mr. Michaud said, will facilitate negotiations between the owners and those desiring to take over vessels for fishing purposes, and on prices and protect the interests of both sides, report on claims which may arise in respect to deterioration or damage, and report on claims which may be made on the government for return of the vessels to the point where they were picked up.

The committee will also report on claims which should be disposed of vessels which the present owners are unable to sell, either lease or otherwise transfer.

The committee will serve without compensation other than travel and living expenses when away from home.

TRAFFIC SNARLED

Two Die in Accidents
As Fog Blankets City

Fog and slippery streets took a toll of two lives in Vancouver and the lower mainland this morning.

In Vancouver, James McNair, Rockland road, North Vancouver, was killed in a spectacular smash involving three cars on Lillooet and Hastings at 7:40 a.m.

Near Langley, a car driven by Fred McVickar, 3824 Elton, Burnaby, was killed in a smash involving three cars on the Trans-Canada Highway suffering from head wounds about 8 a.m. and died three hours later in Royal Columbian Hospital.

The highway at the time Mr. McVickar was picked up and police expressed the opinion that he was a victim of a hit-run driver.

McNair was a passenger in a car driven by Fred McVickar, 3824 Elton, Burnaby, 134 Queens road, North Vancouver.

The car in which the two men were riding was stopped at Lillooet and Hastings when fog blocked the drive in front of them. Both men got out of the car.

A second car driven by James Hargrave, 3824 Elton, Burnaby, stopped to a stop behind the McVickar machine.

TRIPLE PLAN

This is what Ottawa did today:

1. Announced decision to transfer all alien enemies from coastal defense areas. This covers all adult unaturalized Japanese, except those given a police permit to remain.
2. Announced a committee to look after transfer of 1100 Japanese fishing boats to white fishermen.
3. Announced organization of a Japanese "civilian corps" to work on national projects. This is designed to cover all Japanese of known patriotism whose livelihood is endangered by new fishing and other restrictions.

Must Move

Unnaturalized
B.C. Japanese
Hit by Order

By CHARLES BISHOP.

From Daily Province, Ottawa Bureau.

OTTAWA, Jan. 14.—Creation of specially protected areas, which would include the Pacific Coast, from which all enemy aliens of any origin would be excluded, and the organization of a civilian corps of Canadian Japanese to be used "on projects of value to the national cause" were the outstanding conclusions announced here today out of the conference on the Japanese problem.

The majority of Japanese of military age will be covered by one or the other of these moves. Only the broad outline of the project was given. Details will be set forth by an order-in-council.

\$2,428 IN B.C.
The number of Japanese in B.C. was given as 2,428, of whom 658 are of military age up to 45. Of the total 5448 aliens are Canadian born or naturalized.

The civilian corps will be made up of those Canadian Japanese who have volunteered to serve "in any way they can," according to the order-in-council.

These people are patriotic. We are going to give them a chance to help us.

The Japanese who would—along with other aliens—be excluded from the coastal area, are nearly all unnaturalized "Nips."

They will not be restricted from coming East, but check will be kept on them.

PLAN NOT COMPLETE.
To what kind of work, and where, the civilian corps will be directed is yet to be worked out, but it will mostly be on war contracts and projects outside the protected areas on work of national value.

There will be no internments but very close supervision.

It is definitely outlining the action mentioned included a lengthy recital of the conditions relevant and "every feasible step to maintain a calm attitude."

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TAKE CHARGE—Mr. Justice Sidney Smith (left) and Commander L. J. Johnson (right) (bottom) and a Japanese officer, Kishizo Kimura, have been named to supervise transfer of 1100 immobilized Japanese fishing vessels on the B.C. coast to non-Japanese operators.

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Only Aliens With Police Permits May Stay
In Defense Areas, Government Ruling
MOVE CALLED 'PROTECTIVE'

General reaction in British Columbia to the steps Ottawa announces to solve the Coast Japanese problem was favorable, according to reports on Page 6.

Two chief questions not yet made clear were: (1) whether the whole Pacific Coast area is a single defense zone under the federal proposals, or only those parts yet to be defined, and (2) what is an "alien enemy?" These are discussed by local authorities on Page 6.

The question as to whether wives and families of transferred alien enemies will also be moved is among thousands of details not yet clarified.

Full text of the Ottawa announcement is given on Page 22.

By C. R. BLACKBURN.

Canadian Press Staff Writer.

OTTAWA, Jan. 14.—Enemy aliens of all origins, including Japanese, except those holding police permits to remain, are to be removed from the defense areas of British Columbia, it was announced today.

The announcement follows lines suggested in reports published exclusively in yesterday's final edition of The Vancouver Daily Province, forecasting the government's decision to move Japanese nationals from the Coast.

The decision was directed mainly at Japanese, and authorities said 23,248 Japanese in British Columbia were affected.

A civilian corps of Canadian Japanese will be organized to provide opportunities for service by those Japanese who have expressed a desire to assist Canada's war effort.

These measures, announced by the interdepartmental committee which has been considering the problem for several days, are designed, the announcement said, to guarantee just treatment to the Japanese, while at the same time safeguarding Canada's national interest.

The statement was issued on behalf of Prime Minister Mackenzie King.

The full program, of which details are being worked out, is as follows:

All Japanese fishing operations on the Pacific Coast have been prohibited and the fleet of 1100 vessels immobilized, pending negotiations for their transfer to Canadian operators.

For the duration of the war, all of Japanese origin will be controlled by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Japanese nationals will be forbidden to possess or use short-wave radio receiving sets, radio transmitters and cameras.

Intensive surveillance of Japanese nationals will be continued and the defense of Canada regulations strictly enforced.

A civilian corps of Canadian Japanese will be organized to utilize services of various groups who have indicated a desire to help.

At a date yet to be fixed, all enemy aliens of whatever racial origin except those holding permits from the C.M. will be required to move from "protected areas" on the Pacific Coast and elsewhere.

They will be provided by the Federal Government where necessary for those who are ordered to move.

A separate organization will be set up to provide opportunities for the employment of adult Japanese outside the protected areas on work of national value.

A summary of three representative of the judiciary, the defense department and the Japanese owners, has been set up to facilitate the transfer of the Japanese fishing fleet to Canadian operators, with assurance of proper compensation to the Japanese.

OF HELP TO JAPANESE.
Special consideration will be given those Japanese who served in the Canadian Expeditionary Force during the first Great War.

In making this announcement the government statement continued:

"The government is of the opinion and in this it has the concurrence of its technical advisers, that the arrangements made for the transfer of the Japanese fishing fleet are the steps already taken, and very much in the interests of the Japanese residents of British Columbia themselves.

"It is believed that they will provide adequate safeguards against possible abuse of authority by the Japanese, in British Columbia. The government proposes, therefore, to carry through its program with the utmost expedition and thoroughness.

"To avail itself of this opportunity to reiterate what has already been said by the Prime Minister, that while the utmost protection will be given to the Japanese, they will be given every opportunity to help themselves and their property."

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