

WILL MOVE ENEMY ABOARD FROM COAST

Ottawa Announces Transfer of 1100 Vessels to End Jap Problem

Today In Europe

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LONDON, Jan. 14.—Three Japanese "back of planes and 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 troops on 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. Guchkas especially relished the opportunity to use their tactics. British commando, or shock troops, scored 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 continued to harass Singapore, but British fighter squadrons 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 bombs dropped so far have done little damage.

General movement on the great 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 the Nazi command in Russia but explain that this is due to their defeats but to the necessity for preparing a great, new spring offensive.

Nazi spokesmen, unable to find any other excuses, say the Russians will be led into a trap and will feel the pinch later.

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

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MAJ GEN KEITH SIMMONS 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 Simmons (center). One of Singapore's big rifles may be seen in the background. Lower picture shows General Heinz 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 hurled itself on the Japanese today on the Sarawak frontier in Borneo and in hand-to-hand 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 communique said U. S. army planes joined Netherlands aircraft 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. News papers 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 BOMB OIL PORT. A Netherlands communique indicated a broadened scope of the Japanese attacks, reporting Japanese bombers had struck at the big oil port of the Balikpapan on the east coast of Netherlands Borneo some 300 miles south of the Japanese-captured Balikpapan.

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The attack on the Southern Philippines, the war report said, was carried out by a flying boat of the N. E. I. navy which returned safely after dropping bombs on airfields and runway of a Japanese oil airfield.

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The border apparently is the slowly developing battlefront between defense forces of Netherlands Borneo and the Japanese, who have overran the island of Java. The Japanese were springing their invasion forces.

REPEL TWO ATTACKS. The American planes returned to their undisclosed base undamaged. Army advisers indicated the Japanese were establishing bases on the large island of Mindanao, southeast of Luzon, and the island of Jolo, in the Sulu Archipelago.

These bases would serve to support the drive on Malaya and the Netherlands East Indies. In the Philippine theatre, where Gen. Douglas MacArthur is fighting to hold out as long as possible to keep the Japanese from diverting larger forces to the other areas, two attacks were thrown against the American and Filipino soldiers but both were repulsed.

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 Michael A. Bonnell today approved 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 \$200,000 and \$300,000. Some 580 units are impounded near West Vancouver and the remainder at Prince Rupert and other Pacific coast ports.

They were immobilized after the outbreak of hostilities 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. The 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 judge of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, Vancouver; CMDR. B. L. JOHNSON, Royal Canadian naval reserve, Vancouver; and KISHIZO KIMURA, Vancouver, representing the Japanese owners.

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

Next day the committee will report on steps which should be taken to dispose of vessels which the present owners are unable to sell, to repair, lease or otherwise transfer.

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

Knox Declares German Rebellion Stories Spurious

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—(AP)—Navy Secretary Knox today said the reports of internal unrest 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 originated in territory controlled by Germany," Knox told a press conference. "This alone should raise suspicion.

"Assuming that they are doing it deliberately, it is inferior to take the sting 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.

TRIPLE PLAN

This is what Ottawa did today: 1. Announced decision to transfer all alien enemies from coastal defense areas. This covers all adult unnaturalized 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 patriotic whom enrollment be endangered by new fishing and other restrictions.

Must Move

Unnaturalized B.C. Japanese Hit by Order

By CHARLES BISHOP. From Daily Province—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 two outstanding concerns announced here today out of the conference on the Japanese problem.

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

23,428 IN B.C. The number of Japanese in B.C. was given as 23,428, of whom 4581 are of military age up to 45. Of the total 5448 adults are Canadian born or naturalized.

The move will make up of those Canadian Japanese who have volunteered to serve in any way they can, according to Mayor Hume of West Vancouver, who added: "These people are patriotic. We are going to give them a chance to help us."

The Japanese who would—along with other aliens—be moved from the coastal area, are nearly all unnaturalized. 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 must be on war construction projects.

There will be no internments but very close supervision.

Every feasible step to maintain a calm attitude."

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.

Street car traffic was slowed up in turn drove into McVeik's car. McNair, standing in front of the auto, slid down and died three hours later in Royal Columbian Hospital.

McNair was a passenger in a car driven by Fred McVeik, 134 Queens road, North Vancouver. The car in which the two men were riding was stopped at Lillooet and Hastings when fog blocked the auto in front of them. Both men got out of the car.

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 favourable, 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 proposal, 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 by Prime Minister Mackenzie King and authorities said 23,428 Japanese in British Columbia were affected.

A civilian corps of Canadian Japanese will be organized to provide opportunities for service by those alien enemies 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 will be prohibited and the fleet of 1100 vessels immobilized, pending negotiations for their transfer to Canadian operators.

At a date yet to be fixed, all enemy aliens of whatever racial origin will be controlled by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

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CITY'S POPULATION RISES TO 271,597

(Special to The Daily Province.) OTTAWA, Jan. 14.—Vancouver's population according to the 1931 census was 271,597 in June last compared with 246,583 ten years ago.

Latest figures for Victoria are 42,907 compared with 39,062. New Westminster... 1941 11,524. Burnaby... 30,242 25,564. North Vancouver... 8,844 8,530.

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COMMITTEE POST IS SURPRISE TO KIMURO

It was from newspaper reports that Kishizo Kimuro this morning got the first word of his appointment to the three-man committee which will supervise the transfer of the Japanese fishing fleet to non-Japanese operators.

He expressed surprise, but said that if the news were true he would feel honored to act alongside the two other members. Mr. Justice Sidney Smith and Commander B. L. Johnson.

He is a well known and respected member of Vancouver's Japanese business community and is well spoken of by the fishing and cannery trade with which his interests lie.

For years he has been active in the export and import trade, and for the past many seasons has been a representative on the joint salt herring marketing board that was set up to control the export of salt herring to Japan and the Orient.



TAKE CHARGE—Mr. Justice Sidney Smith (right) and Commander B. L. Johnson, D.S.O. (bottom) and a Japanese operator, Kishizo Kimuro, have been named to supervise transfer of Japanese fishing vessels to non-Japanese operators.

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

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