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LA, Feb. 25.—An total of 5 per cent. of the 92,516 children in the schools of Brit- nbia during 1940-41 idical defects, it was y the recently pub- ert of the medical in- : schools. at number, totalling e in need of dental 14,929 had enlarged 862 had enlarged 8 had defective vision, ere hard of hearing. re 4132 children suf- n adenoids; 2740 had 2465 had difficulty in hing. Unspecified de- d 1751. Sub-normals 340. 39-40 school year only ent. of the children n to have medical de-

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**TIMES**

Enemy landings on the Bur- mese coast, says the Times correspondent, must be prevented if Rangoon is to be saved.

General Sir Alan Hartley, who is commander-in-chief in India, has been given com- mand of the Burmese cam- paign, which is thus removed from General Sir Archibald Wavell's responsibility.

Japanese air bombing of Java, says the Times special correspondent there, is now the main feature of war in the southwest Pacific. The enemy is trying to make Dutch air- dromes unusable, with Dutch anti-aircraft guns doing their utmost to prevent them.

The Dutch need aircraft badly but now, owing to losses in other airfields, only the longest range bombers could reach Java from bases outside the Dutch islands. Allied air- craft, however, have managed to attack Japanese airbases in return, damaging machines on the ground.

Raid on New Guinea have been intensified, says the Times Canberra correspondent, with the Australian air force shooting a few down. Japa- nese flying boats have again attacked Allied shipping in the Timor Sea, but the results are not known.

Dealing editorially with the new lease-lend agreement with the United States, the Times says tanks and airplanes have gone from Britain to Russia in a steady flow, without creating debts that would impede re- construction after the war. The British Empire's raw materials also have gone to the United States freely since that country was forced into the war by the Japanese.

Future settlement of lend- lease exchanges virtually opens up the prospect of a world in which the two greatest indus- trial and commercial nations, in co-operation with other coun- tries, will work together to pro- mote common prosperity in- stead of competing for selfish economic advantages.

Commenting on the war de- bate in Parliament, the Times says no foresight could have prevented the heavy blows in the Far East once Japan had secured mastery of the Pacific Ocean, after her Pearl Harbor treachery. Premier Churchill can not even now give the British people much comfort until Japanese air supremacy has been overcome.

"During the coming year," adds the Times, "we must nerve ourselves to meet shock after shock from the new enemy exploiting the immense temporary advantage, while in Europe Germany may plunge with the fury of desperation into a supreme bid for a quick victory."

**Committee Picked  
NAME ENQUIRY  
ON PLEBISCITE**

(By Canadian Press.)  
OTTAWA, Feb. 25.—Suggested membership of a 15-man com- mittee to examine the Manpower Plebiscite Bill was placed on the House of Commons order paper today by State Secretary Mc- Larty, sponsor of the measure in the House.

The date of voting will be de- pendent on the speed with which the House and the committee give approval to the regulations covering the vote through which the government seeks release from past commitments in re- spect to methods of obtaining men for overseas service.

The duplicate questions on the ballots, if this method is ap- proved, will read:  
"Are you in favor of releasing the government from any obliga- tion arising out of any past com- mitments restricting the methods of raising men for military serv- ice?"

Voting will take place at 32,000 polls in Canada and scrutineers probably will be chosen as in an election. The committee may decide that they should be sworn before taking over their duties, one scrutineer at each poll swear- ing he favors the "yes" reply and the other the "no."

8,000,000 BALLOTS.  
Voluntary scrutineers might be obtained. Under normal election arrangements, scrutineers are paid at the date of \$4 a day.

It was expected that 8,000,000 ballot forms would be printed to ensure a sufficient supply. The 1940 election voters' list con- tained 6,588,890 names and bal- lots were prepared to cover this number, but the votes polled numbered only 4,672,338.

Suggested members of the committee in addition to Mr. Mc- Larty are H. E. Brunelle (Lib., Champlain), G. H. Castleden (C.C.F., Yorkton), J. G. Diefen- baker (Con., Lake Centre), H. R. Emmerson (Lib., Westmore- land), Robert Fair (N.D., Battle River), D. K. Hazen (Con., St. John-Albert), Joseph Jean (Lib., Montreal-Mercier), Gordon Gray- don (Con., Peel), D. F. McCall (Lib., Simcoe East), D. A. Mc- Niven (Lib., Regina City), V. J. Pottier (Lib., Shelburne-Yar- mouth-Clare), G. H. Ross (Lib., Calgary East), J. G. Turgeon (Lib., Cariboo), and W. G. Weir (Lib.-Prog., MacDonald).

**FORM OF BALLOT.**  
Among other things, the com- mitteemen will approve the form of the ballot, which is expected to take the form of duplicate question with "yes" and "no" written after them.

**R.C.M.P. Round Up  
Cameras and Radios**

VICTORIA, Feb. 25.—(CP)—Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Victoria and provincial police up-Island have begun to seize cameras and shortwave sending and receiving radio sets from Japanese aliens.

The work will go on during the week, Inspector C. R. Peters, head of the Victoria detachment, said.

The orders for confiscation ap- ply only to Japanese, German and Italian nationals. Living in Victoria are hundreds of Cana- dian-born Japanese who may still legally have in their posses- sion the articles confiscated from Japanese nationals.

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**CALIFORNIA**

passed over the area. This was based on the fact the object re- quired nearly 30 minutes to travel some 20 to 25 miles—far slower than an airplane.

An official source which de- clined to be quoted directly, told the Associated Press that U.S. army planes quickly went into action. However, just before dawn, another official said no U.S. craft had gone in pursuit because of danger from their own anti-aircraft fire. He said anti-aircraft gunners reported seeing unidentified planes.

No bombs were dropped.

The all clear sounded at 7:19 a.m.

Mrs. H. C. Landis telephoned police that fragments of metal fell about her home and "a chunk of something" dug a hole in her backyard. An arms ex- pert said the fragments were from an anti-aircraft shell.

Police at Venice, 14 miles west on the coast, arrested three Japa- nese for investigation of re- ports they were sending flash- light signals from the pier. Venice is just outside an area ordered evacuated of Japanese yesterday.

A newspaperman at San Pedro said airplanes passed over the Los Angeles-Long Beach harbor area. The craft were not iden- tified.

**WAR PLANT AREA.**

There were no reports of any attempt to bomb this area from the air, although many war-vital factories, shipyards and other defense industries were on the route the object followed.

Although some watchers said they saw airplanes in the air, semi-official sources said they probably were the U. S. Army's pursuits.

All of the action, clearly spot- lighted for ground observers, by 20 or 30 searchlights, was just a few miles west of Los Angeles proper.

Observers said the object ap- peared to be 8000 feet or higher. All of southern California from the San Joaquin Valley to the Mexican border was blacked out.

Unofficial sources said army officials at Riverside, 40 miles east of Los Angeles, ordered the blackout.

It came 32 hours after a sub- marine fired 25 shrapnel shells at the Ellwood Tidelands oil field during President Roosevelt's war address Monday night.

**Tokyo Press Reports  
New York "Blackout"**

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—(AP)—The Tokyo press had a field day of propaganda today over the shelling of the California coast Monday night by a Japa- nese submarine, and the news- paper Asahi told the Japanese people New York had ordered a blackout immediately.

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**Capt. Purcell Speaks  
CANUCK ARMY  
MORALE HIGH**

The Canadian Army overseas is trained to high efficiency and its morale is excellent, Capt. Gillis Purcell told the Canadian Club today. Captain Purcell spent a year as press relations officer at Canadian Corps head- quarters in England where he was on leave of absence from his position as general superintendent of the Canadian Press.

He said the attitude of the Can- adian troops, many of whom had spent three Christmases away from home, was amazing. It was due to maintenance of good food and lodging conditions, effective work by the auxiliary services, progressively more in- teresting training, hospitality of English folk and the beauty and interest of the country.

**STUBBORN HEROISM.**

Capt. Purcell, who lost a leg on manoeuvres in England four months ago, will return shortly to his newspaper work. He said the quiet, stubborn heroism of the British people under war con- ditions created a profound im- pression on Canadian troops living among them.

In rural areas, as well as in the bombed cities, the people were silently insistent they could not be beaten. Canadian city dwellers, so used to modern con- veniences, could not have paral- leled the British people's show- ing in September, 1940.

"I hope that we in Canada are as friendly and hospitable to the visiting Air Force men in train-

**Registration Cards  
Needed to Enter  
Courthouse**

Government Agent A. S. Tyrer announced today that on and after March 1 all per- sons desiring admission to the Vancouver Courthouse with the exception of those already supplied with passes will be required to present their na- tional registration cards to the officer at the door.

This does not apply to men in uniform.

Tourists will be required to sign the visitors' book upon entering and leaving, and identify themselves to the sat- isfaction of the officer in charge.

Admission to the Courthouse may only be obtained through the main entrance on Georgia street. All other entrances will be closed for the duration.

Sam Hughes, 49, 3810 Knight road, was sentenced to a month in jail by Magistrate Mackenzie Matheson in city Police Court today on a charge of assaulting his wife, Rebecca Hughes. Hughes was under bond to keep the peace following a previous charge of a similar nature.

ing as the British are to our boys overseas. Not only officers are welcomed to the houses—the men are greeted with open arms by the citizens of England, Scot- land and Wales—especially by the girls."

The army is on the lookout for the best officer material, he said, whether from its present forces or from men not yet enlisted. Men in the ranks are combed for officer material, brought along in training courses. Similarly, offi- cers are selected and trained for staff work.

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