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FORECAST—Temperature unchanged.  
Sun sets, 5:54; rises Saturday, 6:58 P.S.T.

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## Coast Japs to Lose Automobiles

ing West of Java

### Allied Planes Pound Invasion Ships

Associated Press  
Allied planes directed blows on a mustered Japanese invasion armada off Bangka Island, Sumatra, 270 miles from Java. The planes indicated that the enemy was awaiting an assault before risking a landing on the Japanese stronghold at

off the east coast of Sumatra, 270 miles from Batavia.

the northwest, Japan aerial "feeler" attack on the Andamans, in the Indian Ocean, southwest of Rangoon,

Japanese planes bombed the port on Thursday, executing an air assault against the coast. Two were killed five

Andaman islands are important as a base for Japanese invasion of India.

### NOT TIGHTENED

by shipping and plane attacks made no tightening of the East Indies, as disclosed that "many" of American, British and Australian troops were with some eagerness the invaders.

like wildcats and fight was the official slo- in from N.E.I. head-aid there had been a slackening in Japanese during the past few it was apparent the cannon-blasting flying and other aerial re-

### Draft Moves

### Australians Plan Offensive

URNE (AP) — The ar planning conference in Australia convened by the Commonwealth military meeting in secret with high advisers from nations to shape a new strategy based on the of imminent Japanese this continent.

fore the meeting were on which Australian strategists have been or days' plans for ulti- offensive strokes as re-guarding of Austr-

ge Telegraph Agency authoritative Melbourne as saying the conform- mark the launching of immediate Allied of-

council met, forces of es were poised on out- stralian territory the New Guinea and New Australian airmen, con- air blows at the mas- sive, raided the captured main port of Rabaul night, dive bombing blings and airbases.

forcements had at least tempered Japan's superiority in the skies.

### SUMATRA BOMBED

Besides pounding Japanese ships off Bangka Island, United Nations bombers also delivered an attack on military targets near Japanese-held Palembang in lower Sumatra, starting big fires. Australia's air force struck anew at Japanese-occupied Rabaul, New Britain Island, setting fire to wharves, shipping, military installations and airbases.

A communique said nine Japanese bombers raided the Allied naval base at Surabaya, in western Java, but declared that "our fighters soon drove the enemy away" and all bombs fell in the sea.

### JAP SEA LOSSES

Unofficial compilations indicated Netherlands and American forces alone had sunk or damaged at least 222 Japanese ships, heavy blows to a program of conquest dependent on long sea lines. Of the stricken vessels, 121 were listed definitely as sunk.

Reports from the battle of Burma implied a temporary breathing spell. New arrivals in Mandalay described Rangoon, the once-proud capital of 500,000 population, as "a city of ghosts" given over to a few policemen and soldiers before the threat of the Japanese advance.

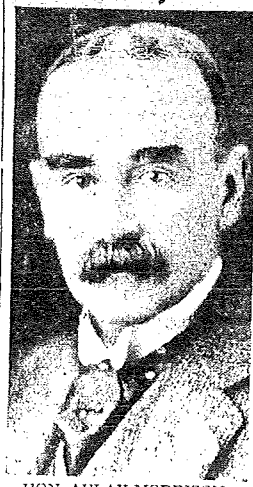
### 100 TRUCKS LOST

Remnants of war material on the docks apparently had been fired under the scorched earth policy desolating that long-time gateway to China's Burma Road supply line. About 100 trucks which could not be assembled in time to get them out of the invaders' reach were among supplies reported destroyed.

### 5 Sailors Lose Lives

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — The public relations office of the

### Dies Suddenly



HON. AULAY MORRISON,

Chief Justice of the B.C. Supreme Court, whose death in Vancouver this morning shocked the bench and bar of this province. Despite his 78 years, he had enjoyed a unique record of good health and had been at the courthouse, Vancouver, as late as Wednesday. See story Page 2.

### Jap Attack On Vladivostok Expected Next

By BRUCE HUTCHISON

OTTAWA — Views of British Columbia M.P.'s that Canada must defend the B.C. coast and Alaska, especially as a springboard for an ultimate attack on Japan, were given striking support today by the New York Times report that Japan and Russia are at the breaking point, with a Japanese attack on Vladivostok expected almost at any moment.

Such an attack, of course, would be designed to neutralize the Alaskan Island bridge into Japan and prevent its use by forces from this continent. B.C. members feel the defence of this bridge is of supreme importance for the future offensive and for aid to Russia in the east.

### NEVER THOUGHT OF IT

Canada can contribute largely to this strategy out of her present resources of men and equipment available in Canada, but concentrated for such a purpose. The real question which the King government has failed to answer is this: What use are you making of more than 100,000 active service men now in Canada? And the answer is obviously that Canada's general staff has never considered the defence of Alaska and the B.C. coast from possible landings as a major need, but only as a remote possibility.

### Newspaper Prices Up

SAN FRANCISCO—San Francisco Examiner and San Francisco Chronicle have both in-

## To Turn In Explosives, Cameras, Guns, Radios

By BRUCE HUTCHISON

OTTAWA—Austin C. Taylor and a commission will supervise removal of Japanese from the coast, Hon. Ian Mackenzie announced this evening.

Persons of the Japanese race living in the protected area of British Columbia are forbidden possession or use of "any motor vehicle, camera, radio transmitter, radio receiving set, firearm, ammunition or explosive" under an amendment to the Defence of Canada regulations the Victoria Chamber of Commerce was informed today in a wire from Hon. Ian Mackenzie, Minister of Pensions.

It was an answer to a resolution, sent to Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King, by the chamber, Thursday evening, asking for immediate action and an immediate statement of policy in regard to the Japanese here.

The resolution petitioned the Dominion government "to immediately issue instructions that all Japanese at present on Vancouver Island be immediately deprived of the right of free movement and action at all times and placed under strict surveillance and guard on Vancouver Island for the length of time that will be required to prepare quarters for them elsewhere."

### WILL CARRY ON WITH MASS MEETING

Sidney D'Esterre, chairman of the Immediate Action Committee, which has arranged the mass meeting in Beacon Hill Park Sunday, reiterated, in a statement today Thursday's decision to carry on with the meeting. There will be three speakers, at the gathering, which is being held under the auspices of the Cana-

### Brief Strike Ends

VANCOUVER (CP) — One hundred and fifty carpenters who walked out on strike at the South Shore plant of the Burrard Drydock Company Ltd. today agreed to return to work this afternoon after company officials had promised investigation of their complaint.

### Recruiting Offices Open At Night, Await Youth

Major Stan Okell, M.C., chief recruiting officer, Victoria and island district, said today the Victoria recruiting office, Bay Street Armories, was open daily from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and on Sundays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. He said the Victoria office had not closed even for New Year's Day, Christmas and other such holidays.

"I call attention to this to deny the reported complaint of a youth who said he was unable to enlist because he could not afford to buy his daytime shipyard job," said Major Okell. "Despite what he says, the recruiting office has been open for him every evening after his working hours and every Sunday."

rain or shine. Mr. D'Esterre said he expected thousands would attend.

The telegram from Mr. Mackenzie was as follows:

"Conferred with Mr. Mayhew this morning about your telegram. Action requested depriving Japanese of free movement was taken yesterday by order of Justice Minister under order-in-council of which you are aware. All persons Japanese race required to remain on own premises undisturbed to sunrise and use or possession of motor vehicles made illegal. All Japanese required to surrender motor vehicles, cameras, radios, firearms and explosives. Constables given right of search without warrant. Expulsion from protected area already begun and this includes Vancouver Island, which is receiving special attention today. Substance of Justice Minister's order has been wired to Attorney-General and text going airmail."

The telegram from the Chamber of Commerce was as follows:

"Would appreciate immediate reply by wire regarding resolution adopted today as follows:

"Whereas there has been an unquestioned responsibility" on the Dominion authorities to remove Japanese from B.C. protected areas since the commencement of war with Japan;

"Whereas the government has to date taken no positive effective action in this regard;

"Whereas an open air mass meeting is to be held in the city of Victoria on Sunday, March 1, in connection with this question;

"Whereas it is the stated policy of the Dominion government that all Japanese will be removed from B.C. protected areas by April 1, 1942;

"Whereas we feel that some

action is absolutely necessary at this time particularly on Vancouver Island because of its strategic position off the coast of British Columbia;

"And whereas the Victoria Chamber of Commerce is concerned over the necessity for immediate action because of the possibility of irrevocable steps being taken subsequent to such a mass meeting unless some definite action is taken now and a definite public statement of policy is immediately released to the press;

"Therefore, be it resolved, that the Victoria Chamber of Commerce petition the Dominion government to immediately issue instructions that all Japanese at present on Vancouver Island be immediately deprived of the right of free movement and action at all times and placed under strict surveillance and guard on Vancouver Island for the length of time that will be required to prepare quarters for them elsewhere."

### JAPS LEAVE JASPER

JASPER, Alta. (CP)—A string of railway bunk cars occupied by a group of Japanese nationals transferred from vital British Columbia coast defence areas pulled away from the main yards of the Canadian National Railways here Thursday night.

(Labor Minister Mitchell told the Canadian Press at Ottawa the movement of Japanese nationals from the protected area of B.C. would be speeded by arrangements completed with railway officials for the dispatch of a number of bunk cars to the Pacific coast. He said it was expected 1,200 nationals could be moved next week. Up to the present 206 have been transported from Vancouver.)

## 'Great Obstacles' Overcome To Get Japs Moved

By BRUCE HUTCHISON

OTTAWA The Canadian government will strengthen the defence of the Pacific coast by military measures and by more vigorous action to control Japanese.

In a new order released today the government not only compelled all persons of Japanese race remain in their homes from sunset to sunrise, but instructed them to surrender to police immediately all automobiles, cameras, radios, firearms, ammunition and explosives. Japanese premises may be searched without warrant. These regulations apply to all persons of Japanese race, including persons one of whose parents was a Japanese.

### ACTION HERE NOT UNDERSTOOD

In Ottawa it was difficult to understand the action of the Victoria city council denouncing Hon. Ian Mackenzie for failure to meet the Japanese problem, for everyone here knows that without his struggle behind the scenes against great obstacles, the present policy would not have been adopted. Those familiar

he has fought day in and day out, almost since the bombing of Pearl Harbor. But being in the cabinet he has been unable to make his position clear. Now the government's formal orders completely support him and vindicate his great work for the safety of British Columbia. This correspondent has no hesitation in saying that no man could have done more for British Columbia interests in the Japanese problem than Mackenzie and the same minister is using the same vigorous advocacy of Pacific Coast defence.

### DEFENCE PLAN REVISION

That his views are making progress in defence is clear from the indication today the government will revise its Pacific coast plans, strengthening defences there. Character of this revision of plan is a military secret, of course. It is substantial—not substantial enough, however—to satisfy British Columbia members of Parliament who will continue to struggle for a much larger program. But they do not propose, as alleged in some newspapers, that Canada divert aid