



SPEAKS HERE MONDAY — A prominent United States liberal thinker and writer, Dr. Harry F. Ward, former chairman of the American League for Peace and Democracy, will speak at 8 p.m. March 9 in Burrard Hall. Rev. Andrew Roddan will be chairman. Dr. Ward testified in defense of the league in 1939 before the Dies Committee in Washington. He is a former chairman of the American Civil Liberties Union and professor of Christian Ethics in Union Theological Seminary in New York. He will speak under auspices of the Fellowship for a Christian Social Order. He will also address the Ministerial Association.

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here said the bulk of the invasion fleet apparently was in the process of reorganizing for a renewed attempt to land troops, probably in the vicinity of the naval base.

AIR RAIDS ROUTED.

The approach of the Japanese sea force was preceded by repeated air raid alarms at Surabaya, but each time approaching enemy planes were driven off by anti-aircraft fire before any bombs could be dropped.

The Dutch said "several tens of ships"—the continental equivalent of "scores"—were in the invaders' strongly-protected convoy, first scattered and then pursued by the Allied warships.

Unspecified losses on both sides were acknowledged.

MANY TROOPSHIPS.

It was reported Japanese expeditionary forces included a considerable number of transports laden with men and equipment and a strong force of protecting warships.

The Allied navies acted as one fleet under Netherlands Vice-Admiral Conrad Helfrich, United Nations naval commander. They had the fullest air support possible from forces based on Java.

Contact was made Friday afternoon and the fight raged unabated through the night under a bright, tropical moon which made visibility excellent and enabled planes to remain in the battle.

A great cheer was lifted on the beleaguered island when official word came that the troop-laden enemy convoy had turned back in flight.

Thousands of American, British and Australian reinforcements had stood ready to meet any landing attempts.

THIRD SEA VICTORY.

Twice before the United States and Indies fleets have teamed to inflict resounding defeats on the Japanese sea power—in Macassar Strait and in the Strait of Lombok off Bali.

A direct assault on Java had been long expected after the Japs had cleaned up Singapore and flanked Java with the invasion of Sumatra on the west and Bali on the east.

There had been an unexplained delay, however.

Yesterday the Allied air force, with U. S. army Fortress-type bombers presumably playing a major role, had pounded on an enemy invasion fleet in the waters near Bangka, Japanese-occupied island off Sumatra's south-east coast.

That action appeared to be preliminary to the Java Sea battle.

SUCCESSES IN ISLANDS.

In other areas, today's Indies communique reported Netherlands successes in fighting on the Southern Celebes, northeast of Java, in Central Sumatra, where the Japanese are attempting to consolidate their positions for an assault on Western Java, and on the half-Netherlands, half-Portuguese island of Timor, east of Java.

The Indies said their troops had inflicted serious losses on the Japanese on Timor.

The communique reported two raids on Tandjong Priok—the harbor of Batavia more than four miles from the city.

To Speed Japs On Road Work

By Daily Province Staff Correspondent
VICTORIA, Feb. 28.—The department of public works is pressing Ottawa to bring sections of the trans-Canada and Nelson-Nanaimo highways up to standard with Japanese labor, Hon. R. W. Bruner, minister of public works, announced today.

"The Dominion," the minister stated, "has at last realized fully the seriousness of the situation in British Columbia, and is making every effort to have the Japanese moved out of the coastal area in a sane and reasonable way."

ARCHBISHOP OWEN HERE

People Look for Leadership Primate for Canada Declares

There is more interest today in the fundamental claims of religion than there has been for some time, His Grace Archbishop Derwyn T. Owen, primate of all Canada, told The Vancouver Daily Province this morning.

"That is my own opinion," said the primate, "but I do think that the people are looking for spiritual leadership. People have been drifting away from God and I think there is some misapprehension about Him. He can not stand slackness, and we have been slack."

"God is testing us now and I am sure if we trust Him with all that we have, and do our part as individuals toward unity throughout Canada, each man and woman doing his share, the rights of the case are with us. If we fulfill our part the outcome is certain."

NOTHING FORMAL.

The primate said his visit here and other parts of the West is "to learn of the problems of

the churches in the diocese, their opportunities and establish a still closer contact with our people. There is nothing formal about my visit, just one of friendship, which already exists, but we wish to deepen it."

"Somehow I feel a little closer to the war here, but perhaps that is just my feeling. Down East I think the people are a little anxious about the people here."

British Ship Sunk; Two Call For Help

CIUDAD TRUJILLO, Dominican Republic, Feb. 28.—(AP)—The newspaper *Nacion* reported today that two submarines had sunk the 4015-ton British steamship *MacGregor* in the Caribbean, 15 miles off the northern Dominican coast.

The Dominican coastguard was said to have picked up 20 survivors. One crewman was lost.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, Feb. 28.—(AP)—Two SOS calls were heard here this morning. One reported an attack on a ship near the Bahamas. The position of the second ship reporting an attack could not be heard clearly.

Demands In Britain

Stiffer Labor Draft, Better Tactics Urged

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Feb. 27.—More vigorous conscription for war industry, closer co-ordination of the fighting services and prompt offensive action with special attention to sea warfare were demanded today by speakers at several rallies in Britain.

Admiral Sir Roger Keyes told a Yorkshire audience that "it is about time the government ruled and gave orders—orders which I am sure would be obeyed with relief by everyone throughout the country."

MUST STRIKE THIS YEAR.

Sir Archibald Sinclair, air minister, declared "We must take Germany by the throat and shake the strength out of her; we must start not in 1944 or 1943 but in 1942."

"The United Nations have two instruments at their disposal for hammering Germany in 1942—the Red Army and the R.A.F. We must strengthen the R.A.F.'s offensive power. Give us the weapons—the R.A.F. and the Russians will know what to do with them."

He pledged that when "the weather cycle changed" the bomber command will be ready to carry into Germany destruction on a far greater scale than your own city suffered a year ago."

Death Recalls Gang Roundup in 1879

KAMLOOPS, Feb. 28.—One of the oldest-pioneers of this district, John McLeod, died here Friday.

He left his native Scotland in 1877 and came to Anderson Creek in August, 1878. He was a member of the posse that cornered the notorious McLean and Hare gang and he received a bullet through the cheek and another in the knee in the skirmish that took place December 8, 1879, between Napier and Long Lake, on the present Kamloops-Merritt road.

In 1883 he purchased crown land in the Campbell Creek Valley and resided there until recently, when ill health forced him to move into the city. His wife predeceased him more than 40 years ago.

A son, Kenneth, is a C.P.R. employee at Kamloops. Three daughters, Mrs. Dallas Johnston,

'Peg' Troops To Train For Winter Raids

WINNIPEG, Feb. 28.—(CP)—Soldiers here will be trained as winter commandos for the first time when the winter training class of the infantry training centre goes on manoeuvres for three days in the Pine Ridge area, 10 miles northeast of Winnipeg, next Thursday. It is announced by Lieut. H. R. McGill, Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada, ski instructor for the centre.

Lieut. McGill and Cpl. R. I. Third recently returned from taking instruction in winter commando training at the 6th Canadian Winter Training School at Petawawa, Ont.

During the manoeuvres a class of 12 non-commissioned officers, representing all companies of the centre, who will later be used as instructors for their companies, will be instructed in winter reconnaissance patrol, maintaining themselves completely in the field and sleeping in shelters constructed of tarpaulins and spruce boughs.

They will travel some 40 miles on skis during the three days, carrying rifles and full equipment and pulling their kit on toboggans.

Camera Ban Hits Japs Only

VICTORIA.—Regulations respecting the ban of cameras west of the Cascades do not apply to white residents of British Columbia, except alien enemies. It does apply to Japanese.

Provincial police headquarters here explained that a misunderstanding had arisen respecting the use of cameras. This was due to a confusion between the terms "protected areas" and "protected places."

"Protected areas" means all parts of the province to the west of the Cascade Range. In this area no alien enemy or person of Japanese origin may possess or use a camera. This restriction does not apply to the use by white residents or tourists of cameras, except in:

"Protected places," which are fortified zones, and such places as have been especially designated as such.

"For illustration, no photographs may be taken of the waterfront or harbor at Victoria or Vancouver. This restriction has existed since the outbreak of war.

Dr. Harry Warren, consulting geological engineer, University of British Columbia, will speak on "Impressions of America at War" at the luncheon of the ads and sales bureau, Vancouver Board of Trade, on Monday in Hotel Vancouver.

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and reached a tentative decision on policy.

GIVEN A FREE HAND.

"We will lose no time in getting things under way," said Mr. Taylor at the conclusion of the conference. "I feel confident that we will have the fullest possible co-operation from all those interested."

"As for an outline of our program it's too early to say anything about that. After all, we've only been on the job less than a day."

Speedy evacuation of Japanese presents the same problems as wholesale civilian evacuation in case of attack, and the authorities should learn some lessons now, says the Civilian Defense Committee, which is an unofficial body distinct from the Taylor commission, although he is a member of both.

In a letter to the minister of justice today the committee asks that the Japanese exodus be used as a test of "all public facilities" by way of preparations for "an even greater emergency."

Driver Jailed For Seven Days

A sentence of seven days in jail was imposed by Magistrate Mackenzie Matheson in Police Court on Pte. Allan J. Barnes, Seaford Highlanders, following his conviction on a charge of dangerous driving.

Barnes was also fined \$20 with the option of seven days for operating a car without a driver's license, and was given suspended sentence for not having a chauffeur's license.

Traffic Officer S. F. Nolan said that Barnes was involved in a head-on collision with an auto on east Hastings on February 26 while driving a sawdust truck.

David Grubb, 1872 West Third, was fined \$10 for permitting Barnes to drive the truck without a chauffeur's license.

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