

NO CHANGE IN ALLIED AID

Dutch Take Over from Wavell; New Freedom for India Seen

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, March 3.—In Java's most desperate hour the Netherlands took over supreme command of the fight for the Indies today after the United Nations announced Japanese successes had split the Allied front in the South Pacific, creating a grave threat to India.

Removal of Gen. Sir Archibald Wavell as commander-in-chief in the Indies and his return to his former post as commander-in-chief in India was evidence the Allies expected the enemy drive through Burma to assume more formidable proportions. (See Page 2.)

The shift in commands was disclosed here by the United States army and navy in a joint statement simultaneous with an announcement from Downing Street. The belief was that Gen. Wavell had transferred his headquarters to Burma before the Japanese opened their all-out assault on Java.

The joint army-navy statement made plain the move meant no change in plans for "general coordination of strategic policy" but had been taken for tactical considerations.

HINT DOMINION STATUS

There was a hint the transfer might have political as well as military significance, for well-informed sources in London believed it could foreshadow a British offer of Dominion status to India.

Gen. Wavell, one of the most respected of Allied generals, is regarded as a man who could make the most of the upsurge of national feeling that would result in India and make it a fighting force.

There was official assurance that preparations for offensive operations of an important character in unnamed fronts are being pushed with all possible speed.

Admiral Ernest J. King, commander in chief of the U.S. fleet, and Gen. George C. Marshall, U.S. army chief of staff, both declared yesterday the armed forces are getting ready to carry the fight to the foe.

King reported that "an all-out effort is being made in the unspectacular but vitally essential task of establishing the United States sea and air communications."

Griesbach Visits Field Regiment

NEW WESTMINSTER, March 3.—Major-General W. A. Griesbach, inspector-general of the western command, visited New Westminster Monday afternoon when he inspected the 21st Field Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery. It was his first review of the unit since it arrived in New Westminster some weeks ago.

Accompanying the inspector-general was General H. O. Alexander of the Pacific command and other officers of their staffs. Major-General Griesbach and General Alexander inspected the barracks and equipment of the unit on Eighth street and later other artillery units at Queens Park.

The 21st Field Regiment is under the command of Lieut.-Col. A. B. Gilbert.

Following the inspection Major-General Griesbach and other members of the inspecting party returned to Vancouver.

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direction of Smolensk, where the Germans are doing their utmost to hold off to positions around Rzhev, Vyasma and Gzhatsk.

The battle for destruction of surrounded German armies at Staraya Russa is maintained with heavy losses, but no gains of ground by either side.

Editorially the Times reviewing the Bolshevik's campaign to rid Russia of the enemy quickly, says the Germans use new methods of fortification to enable them to resist the onset of Soviet troops. They heavily fortify villages or small towns with rings of strong points.

To carry these by frontal assault is extremely costly. However, the Russians, by methods of their own, gradually surround and force the enemy out of them, though the process is necessarily slow.

The Soviet effort has been neither spasmodic nor lacking in design. In time it should bring down the whole German army's framework of support. The strain on the Germans is very great and large numbers are still suffering from frostbite owing to long non-arrival of extra clothing promised them.

Beyond all this, however, there is another picture, that of Germany settling down to organize a war of attrition. The blitzkrieg was beaten by the Bolshevik troops. Now the Nazis are compelling all Europe to work for them and make their weakened military machine formidable again.

There are sure to be, adds the Times, some of the new weapons which Hitler has promised for the coming spring. The Soviet Union will still need all the material help promised Stalin by Lord Beaverbrook. Faithful fulfillment of this promise has not been maintained by Britain without heavy sacrifices in Libya and Malaya.

Nazi propaganda is now directed toward exciting the Indian peoples to rise in revolt and overthrow British rule. This campaign, says the Times' correspondent on the German frontier, "includes broadcasts by Subhas Chandrat Bose, former president of the All-India Congress, who escaped from India last year and whose present whereabouts are secret. Bose says the day of India's independence arrived with the fall of Singapore."

The Nazis are pledging India all the support in their power.

New Agency

PLAN TO VALUE JAP PROPERTY

No agency has yet been empowered by the government to evaluate and dispose of property of Japanese who must leave the Coast, but this will be done in due course. Austin C. Taylor, chairman of the Security Commission, said today.

Arrangements for a manning pool of Japanese near Vancouver, from which men could be drawn to the various government projects, as proposed in Ottawa yesterday, are still in the planning stage.

Representatives in Vancouver of the custodian of enemy alien property said they had no instructions from Ottawa to take control of any alien property except where the enemy is concerned. Property of Japanese, Canadians, naturalized Japanese, and nationals "does not come under control of the custodian unless assets or interests of the enemy are involved directly or indirectly."

JAPANESE FARMERS

In Victoria today the government received the text of the order-in-council dealing with Japanese, previously published. One exception to the list of prohibitions regarding the holding of land and crops by Japanese, is in the power vested by the order, in the minister of justice, to issue permits to individual Japanese to acquire or hold land or growing crops, at his discretion.

It appeared that the provision aimed at continuing production of farm crops—especially small fruits—under cultivation in the Fraser Valley.

Meanwhile the R. C. M. P. and all other law enforcement officers throughout the protected area started posting thousands of bills listing the curfew law and the bans on possession and use of cars, trucks, cameras and radios.

Squads of officers were assigned to tack up the posters in New Westminster, the Fraser Valley, the Delta, in Vancouver, and all points where Japanese are living.

PROTESTS OFF

A reasonable period of time should be allowed the authorities charged with removing the Japanese before any public meetings of protest are held, 110 delegates to the "United Citizens' Defense Council" decided last night at a meeting in Elks Hall, Dunsmuir at Hornby.

A committee, dedicated to uniting public opinion to urge the government to carry out the evacuation of Japanese and enemy aliens speedily, was named.

Delegates from scores of city organizations attended the meeting under auspices of the United Commercial Travellers and agreed on these points:

1. An offer of co-operation to the new security commission, headed by Taylor.
2. The Provincial Government should immediately carry out their responsibility in connection with defense, and evacuation of enemy aliens.
3. Requested the Federal Government to give the military the responsibility of guarding strategic areas.
4. That the Federal Government's policy on evacuation was gratifying.

A committee of 12 to coordinate the opinions of the organizations represented, for future action, was named.

Harry B. McKelvie was chairman of the meeting.

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did Finland, and many portions of the Greco-Italian front in Albania. Consequently, the tides of battle seewaw and the only fairly consistent line seems to be

Java Capital Moved

"Cannot Hold Without Aid" Dutch Warn

(By Associated Press)

LONDON, March 3.—The government of the Netherlands East Indies has been moved from Batavia inland to Bandung, where it joins military headquarters, Dr. W. G. Peekema of the Netherlands ministry of colonies announced today.

He declared Java could not hold out much longer unless reinforcements arrive.

"We have suffered terrific losses and the chances of reinforcements are rather slight," said Dr. Peekema, a member of the Netherlands Government in London.

"No country in such a situation as Java is now can hope to hold out indefinitely."

MUST HAVE PLANES

Air reinforcement is "absolutely essential" for prolonged resistance.

The invaders are using troops trained in China for three years. It would be "mass murder" to arm the native population to fight such troops.

Guerrilla warfare can not be taught to a soldier in a week, he told questioners who asked if the natives would be able to continue resistance if Java fell.

BRITISH TROOPS STAY

A British military commentator said that although General Sir Archibald Wavell had left Java for India, British troops were still there and still fighting. They are under the command of Major-General H. G. Sitwell, who in turn takes orders from the Netherlands command.

Peekema painted a gloomy but frank picture of the defense of Java, saying the Netherlands had never expected to be able to prevent the Japanese from landing but "will go on attacking by land and air for that is the only way one can deal with them."

The Japanese strategy appears to be to drive straight across middle Java in an effort to cut the island—as big as Britain—in two, Peekema said.

The push was launched in the central sector, he said, because travel there is easiest and the mountains on the southern coast are the lowest.

Victory Loan Notes

"Miss Canada" To Open Rally Wednesday

Unit G's "Miss Canada" will open the grand Victory Loan rally at the Canadian Legion Hall, Forty-ninth and Fraser, on Wednesday.

The program will include dance numbers by the pupils of Margaret Jones, selections by the John Oliver High School orchestra, accordion solos by June Govier, impersonations by Grace Fraser, xylophone numbers by June Lathrop, dance numbers by the pupils of Agnes Robertson and songs by Bombadier G. E. Dorsett.

The Youth and Democracy rally, scheduled for the Exhibition Garden on Wednesday, has been cancelled in deference to the Unit G rally.

A soldier training in Eastern Canada for service overseas sent a signed application for \$3000 worth of Victory Bonds to his mother in New Westminster to help his home town over the 19D.

He sent a message: "I hope our people will get behind the campaign and see that our city files an early pennant."

Kheilan Leads

TOM J. DAVIS HERE

South American Resources Important Factor in War

Resources of South America pledged to the United Nations at the recent Pan-American conference in Brazil will play an important role in deciding the course of the war, Tom J. Davis, Butte, Montana, world president

of the Rotary movement, said here today.

Mr. Davis arrived in Vancouver by T.C.A. at 12:30 to speak at a Rotary dinner and dance in the Vancouver Hotel tonight.

In 1941 the Rotary president, a corporation and industrial lawyer, visited Great Britain and South America. Speaking of his 11,000-mile air tour of South America, he said citizens of the Latin-American republic look to the United States for leadership, and in their minds Canada is linked with the U.S. as a democratic fortress.

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plans into full force and that the fighting was on a major scale. The communique, which ended more than 24 hours of suspense over the course of the ferocious struggles of three Japanese beachheads on Java, said emphatically:

"In none of the three regions of Java where the enemy landed troops during the night of Saturday to Sunday has the enemy succeeded in advancing since the infiltration which was carried out in the course of Sunday."

"At various points our troops, who are showing a splendid offensive spirit, are in close contact with the enemy."

CATCH PLANES ON GROUND

Ten Japanese navy "Zero" fighters were raked with machine-gun fire as they were about to take off from an enemy-held air field "and put out of action, including their crews."

A bomb burst among three Japanese seaplanes and destroyed two of them, also they were about to take off, it added. The announcement of the defenders of Java were holding with grim tenacity on the lines they formed Sunday bolstered the confidence of Java's more

THREE CLASSES

"In my view residents of South America can be divided into three classes from the democratic viewpoint — the larger group consists of those who are ready to fight for democracy for democracy's sake; the second largest group is comprised of realists who support the United Nations because of the economic advantages they reap. The smallest group consists of outspoken Axis sympathizers who may serve as a nucleus for revolutionary movements unless they are strictly curbed."

Mr. Davis spoke with presidents of seven South American republics and five of them, he said, were outspoken in admiration of the United Nations.

Auxiliary Police Enrol Wednesday

Applications for enrollment in the volunteer police auxiliary service will be received Wednesday, at 8 p.m. at Stratheona School, Inspector J. A. Parsons of the city police will interview the applicants. The service is open to all men who are "reasonably fit."

Japs Claim Troops In Sight of Bandung

TOKYO, (From Japanese broadcast) March 3.—(AP)—A special despatch to Nichi Nichi claimed today that theanguard of Japanese forces operating in Java reached a point within sight of Bandung, Netherlands East Indies military headquarters city, last night.

Imperial headquarters, summarizing the results of last week's battles in the Java Sea, claimed that 23 Allied warships had been sunk, including six cruisers, eight destroyers, seven submarines, a gunboat and a minesweeper. They said that a single Japanese minesweeper had been sunk and a destroyer slightly damaged.

(By contract, the Indies have announced the sinking or heavy damaging of 27 Japanese warships and transports in the Java Sea fighting, with a loss of two Allied cruisers and two destroyers.)

than 40,000,000 inhabitants after guarded authoritative reports were only that "the action is proceeding satisfactorily" and that the invaders had taken "hard blows."

FAIL TO CUT ISLAND

It meant that the Japanese, reported to have set 60,000 to 80,000 men ashore, had failed thus far in their attempt to cut the 622-mile-long island into three parts.

One column, which had knifed in from a landing on Indramajoy Bay in a drive menacing Bandung, still was stalled some 30 miles from here.

A second force had advanced 16 miles inland from Rembang to the region of Bora on the coastal railroad about 85 miles west of Surabaya.

The third, in the Bantam district of westernmost Java, about 60 miles from Batavia, evidently never struck far inland.

The attack here scorched earth policy, which has sent up in smoke or crashing into debris

