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Men of a B. C. coast battery cloak the menacing barrel of a big gun by applying a covering of bark. Our elaborately camouflaged coastal batteries are ready for instant action.

(Photo—Public Information)

Evacuated Citizen Japs Can Retain Cars, Guns

OTTAWA. — (BUP) — Minister of Justice Louis St. Laurent said in the House of Commons Wednesday that Japanese evacuated from B. C. defence zones were still allowed to possess automobiles, cameras, radios and firearms—provided they are Canadian citizens or naturalized Canadians.

He explained the regulations now in force do not permit confiscation of such articles of Canadian citizens outside the defence zones, but could be taken from Japanese nationals no matter where they resided.

St. Laurent said, however, the regulations might be revised to permit authorities to confiscate possessions of a Canadian citizen anywhere in the country if it is considered necessary in the interest of national security.

ITALIAN SUBS RAID U.S. SHIPS

ROME. — (Radiocast recorded by UP London) — Italian submarines have sunk ships totaling 27,224 tons off the coast of the United States, according to a communique circulated by the official Stefani news agency Wednesday.

Important Decisions On India St To Be Outlined In House By C

LONDON. — (BUP) — Important decisions as to Indian policy have been reached by the War Cabinet and soon will be submitted to Parliament, probably by Prime Minister Winston Churchill, it was reported reliably today.

The Prime Minister's statement, it was understood, will contain these points:

- 1. An outline of plans for immediate steps to secure full co-operation of the Indian masses for the program of the Viceroy's Council and the various Indian provincial ministries which are attempting to obtain all-out popular as-

sistance for the war effort.

- 2. A clear declaration as to India's post-war constitutional status.

- 3. A statement as to attempts to reach an agreement between the Hindus and Moslems and other groups in the population of India.

(Indian popular leaders including Mohandas K. Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru reported have been demanding either full dominion status or complete independence for India in return for their support of the war.)

Informants denied that the government will attempt to "side-step" the Indian issue and British govern-

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BANDOENG, Java—(By telephone)—The Japanese invasion forces continued their infiltration efforts during last night and there was local fighting at many places, Dutch military informants said today. Otherwise there was little change in the situation.

LONDON — (Aneta to BUP) — Arrangements by which Netherlands East Indies companies can transfer main offices from Batavia to the Netherlands West Indies, have been made by the N. E. I. government, with the consent of the Dutch government in London.

Wednesday Japanese invasion forces expanded their footholds in Java and swarms of their warplanes bombed and machine-gunned almost at will crowded highways along which stubborn Dutch, American, Australian and British defenders still were moving up for fierce counter-attacks.

Meanwhile, Dutch authorities announced that demolition of all major installations in the island had been completed.

Most of the enemy advances were limited to infiltrations by small groups of snipers, some of whom regained part of the 7½-mile sector which the Allied forces cleared Tuesday.

The only major battle reported was for possession of Soebang, 26 miles northeast of Bandoeng and about 40 miles southwest of the Japanese landing point near Indramajoe.

It see-sawed back and forth, with the Dutch recapturing half of the town and attacking from two directions to oust the enemy from the remainder.

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