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Britain Offers Detailed Plan For India Dominion After War

LONDON (AP)—The text of the statement on the Indian question made in the House of Commons today by Prime Minister Churchill follows:

The crisis in the affairs of India, arising out of the Japanese advance has made us wish to rally all forces of Indian life to guard their land from the menace of the invader.

In August, 1940, a full statement was made about the aims and policy we are pursuing in India. This amounted in short to a promise that, as soon as possible after the war, India should attain Dominion status in full freedom and equality with this country and the other Dominions, under a constitution to be framed by the Indians by agreement among themselves and acceptable to the main elements in Indian national life.

All Minorities Must Be Safeguarded

This was, of course, subject to the fulfilment of our obligations for the protection of minorities, including the depressed classes, and of our treaty obligations to the Indian states and to settlement of certain lesser matters arising out of our long association with the fortunes of the Indian sub-continent.

However, in order to clothe these general declarations with precision and to convince all classes, races and creeds in India of our sincere resolve, the war cabinet have agreed unitedly upon conclusions for present and future action which, if accepted by India as a whole, would avoid the alternative dangers—either that resistance of a powerful minority might impose an indefinite veto upon this wishes of the majority, or that a majority decision might be taken which would be resisted to a point destructive of internal harmony and fatal to the setting up of a new constitution.

We had thought of setting forth immediately the terms of this attempt of a strong contribution to aid India in the realization of full self-government. We are, however, apprehensive that to make a public announcement at such a moment as this might do more harm than good.

All Efforts Needed for Defence

We must first assure ourselves that our scheme would win a reasonable and practical measure of acceptance, and thus promote the concentration of all Indian thought and energies upon the defence of the native soil.

We should ill serve the common cause if we made a declaration which would be rejected by essential elements in the Indian world and which would provoke fierce communal disputes at the moment when the enemy is at the gates of India.

We propose to send a member of the war cabinet to India to satisfy himself upon the spot by personal consultation that the conclusions upon which we are agreed and which we believe represent a just and final solution will achieve their purpose.

The Lord Privy Seal and leader of the House (Sir Stafford Cripps) has volunteered to undertake this task. He carries with him the full confidence of the government and he has in their name to procure the necessary measure of assent, not only from the Hindu majority but also from those great minorities amongst which the Moslems are the most numerous and on many grounds pre-eminent.

Will Confer On Defence Measures

The Lord Privy Seal will at the same time consult with the Viceroy and the commander-in-chief upon the military situation, bearing always in mind the paramount responsibility of His Majesty's government by every means in their power to shield the people of India from the perils which beset them.

We must remember that India has a great part to play in the world struggle for freedom and that her help must be extended in loyal comradeship to follow the Chinese people who have fought alone.

We must remember also that India is one of the bases from which the strongest counter-blows must be struck at the advance of tyranny and aggression.

Envoy Moves Without Delay

The Lord Privy Seal will set out as soon as it is convenient and as soon as suitable arrangements can be made. I am sure he will command in his task the heartfelt good wishes of all parts of the House and, meanwhile, that no words will be spoken or debates be held here or in India which should add to the burden he has assumed in his mission or lessen the prospects of a good result.

In the Lord Privy Seal's absence from this House his duties as leader will be discharged by the Foreign Secretary.

U.B.C.M. Demands Pledge Be Honored

VANCOUVER (CP)—The executive of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, in special session here Tuesday, demanded in a resolution that the provincial government stand by its 1940 pledge to exempt municipalities from any portion of the cost of the teachers' superannuation fund.

In its resolution the executive said the government had violated a promise given by the then Premier T. D. Pattullo on Nov. 21, 1940, by imposing pension liabilities on municipal school boards in excess of the $450,000 annual grant the government is making the municipalities.

Livelier Action On Libya Front

CAIRO (AP)—The tempo of the Libyan war has become livelier and the British command reported today "a series of engagements of the enemy" in all of which Axis units were compelled to withdraw although they had artillery and in one case tanks.

This fighting resulted from activities of British patrols, the daily communique said.

Although Axis patrols were in strength, they were thrust back, "leaving prisoners in our hands and suffering loss of mechanical transport from our shellfire."

The R.A.F. was credited with effective support of the ground troops.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Free French forces raiding Italian positions in southwest Libya have destroyed important munitions depots and inflicted serious damage on the Fascist outposts, the Free French radio at Brazzaville, French equatorial Africa, said today.

The broadcast said the operations, first announced in Cairo last Saturday, have entered the final stage. The Free French forces drove 1,200 miles from the Lake Chad region, across the sands of the great Fezzan desert.

Particularly heavy damage was done to the outposts of Wet-el-Gibia, the radio said.

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R.A.F. BATTERS RUHR CENTRES

LONDON (CP)—British bombers battered industrial areas of Germany's Ruhr Valley Tuesday night for the third night in succession in a new aerial offensive of gathering power.

An Air Ministry communique said observation of results of the bombing was made difficult by poor visibility, but that "a considerable weight of bombs was dropped on an industrial area."

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Premier Remodels A.R.P., Names Advisory Board

Premier Hart today announced complete remodelling of the provincial civilian protection organization.

The personnel of the committee of control, which up to now has been the Premier and cabinet has been substantially reduced. An advisory council has also been formed and a list of government officials appointed as associate members.

The council will meet in the next few days and will discuss allocation of the $50,000 set aside by the provincial government to assist in organization of A.R.P. units.

W. C. Mainwaring, Vancouver, general sales manager of the B.C. Electric, will be chairman of the advisory council, Mr. Hart said. Also on the council will be G. C. Derby, Canadian Red Cross; Ira Dilworth of the CBC; J. Fyfe-Smith of the St. John Ambulance Brigade; Herbert Gargrave, M.L.A.; Capt. Marcel Godfrey, Pacific Command; Major J. Hamilton, B.C. Telephone Company (C. B. Diplock, alternate member); S. S. McKeen, Vancouver Board of Trade; R. R. F. Sewell, Victoria, secretary, Union B.C. Municipalities; G. H. Stevens, St. John Ambulance Brigade and manager, Royal Bank, Victoria; Birt G. G. Showler, Trades and Labor Council, Vancouver.

WITHOUT SALARY

Mr. Mainwaring will devote his full time, without salary, to the work, the Premier said. The new board of control, which will be known as the provincial civilian protection committee, will be constituted as follows: Chairman, Premier Hart; deputy chairman, Attorney-General R. L. Maitland; J. P. Hogg, legislative counsel, B.C. Police Commissioner T. W. S. Parsons and S. F. M. Moodie, inspector-in-charge, civilian protection branch, B.C. police, who will be secretary.

"It is felt this smaller committee will be more able to administer A.R.P. throughout the province, being less unwieldly than a much larger committee and consisting, as it does, of members who are fully acquainted with the various needs," Mr. Hart said.

Hon. Ian Mackenzie will be asked to sit with this new committee with the same power, which, up to now, has been held by the Premier and cabinet as a whole, and to recognize that in the absence of the Premier, the Attorney-General shall have all powers conferred by the chairman. At present the chairman is unable to delegate his authority.

Supporting the advisory council in its work will be a group of associate members, made up of civil servants who are especially qualified by virtue of their knowledge and experience as heads of their various departments to give expert opinions and information to the advisory board, whenever that organization should need such advice, Mr. Hart said.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Associate members will be Provincial Health Officer Dr. G. F. Amyot; Deputy Public Works Minister Arthur Dixon; Chief Forester C. D. Orchard; Commissioner Parsons; Deputy Provincial Secretary P. Walker; Fire Marshal W. A. Walker; Education Superintendent S. J. Willis; Deputy Finance Minister H. N. Wright; Deputy Railways Minister J. M. Stewart and B.C. Police Inspector G. A. Hood.

Premier Hart issued the following statement:

"Civilian Protection (A.R.P.) work is essentially voluntary. It is very largely the expansion of existing emergency services which are kept up in all organized communities in order to meet a great emergency that might come upon us. Since it is a purely civilian effort, its direction is under the chief magistrate of each organized area. While the work is primarily on a municipal basis, the provincial and federal governments have both recognized their responsibility in the matter, and a working basis has been arrived at to share the problems.

"Enrollment of volunteers, their organizations and the initial expenses in connection therewith are a municipal responsibility. The provincial government provides for the co-ordination of the activities of the various local groups, and has accepted the responsibility for the transmission to the public of any warnings of enemy attack that may be received, and provides instruction to local units in order that they, in turn, may pass on such instruction to the volunteers under their charge. To assist in the financing of the organization of these units both the Dominion and provincial governments have set aside sums of money for this purpose. In order to assist the vulnerable municipalities, the provincial government has arranged for contributions to these areas of a sum amounting to $76,000. The federal government will pay 50 per cent of A.R.P. expenses of municipalities situated within the vulnerable areas, but such expenses must be approved by the Provincial Civilian Protection Committee, and must be kept within reasonable bounds.

EQUIPMENT

"The Dominion government, in addition, accepts the responsibility of providing the necessary equipment for properly-constituted organizations. This equipment has, in large part, been provided already, and will be completed as rapidly as manufacturers are able to deliver the necessary articles. Priority in this respect has been extended to British Columbia over all other Canadian provinces. The equipment will be provided according to establishment of volunteers in the different services, which has been laid down by Ottawa. The particulars as to the number of volunteers necessary in proportion to the population of any given area has been handed to the local organizations. The exact type of equipment with which each volunteer is provided is also laid down by instructions from Ottawa.

"In addition to personal equipment, quantities of auxiliary fire-fighting apparatus, hose, etc., have been supplied and will continue to arrive until the urgent emergency needs are met. First aid equipment and other air raid precaution necessities are also supplied by the federal government, which already maintains at strategic points throughout the province large emergency medical and surgical supplies."

Radio Blackout, Alert in S. California

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Air raid wardens and emergency units in this region were mobilized shortly before dawn today by an alert order, but the 4th interceptor command gave an all-clear signal an hour and six minutes later without decreeing a general blackout.

In San Francisco, the western defence command said an "unidentified object" had caused a preliminary, or "yellow," alert at 3.49 a.m. This was changed to a "blue" alert at 6.03 a.m. The "blue" signal mobilizes all emergency agencies and silences radio broadcasting stations.

The "yellow" alert was effective from Santa Barbara to San Diego counties, the "blue" only in Los Angeles and its neighboring counties on the north and south, Ventura and Orange.

Radio stations returned to the air at 8 a.m.

It was the first radio alerting in early two weeks, since the entire metropolitan area was blacked out and anti-aircraft guns fired for a half-hour Feb. 25 at what Secretary of War Stimson said was a flight of enemy commercial airplanes.

Jap Atrocities Spur on British

LONDON (CP)—The British press, which continued today to hammer home the significance of the Japanese atrocities at Hongkong revealed by Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, has drawn the sober conclusion that the atrocities would further unite the free peoples to drive them forward in greater resolve to victory.

The London Evening News, which warned that "we shall do ourselves little service if our only answer to the savageries of Hongkong is a spate of furious words," said the "cries of the suffering in Hongkong should open our eyes at last to the need for utmost unity, utmost labors and utmost use of all the fighting strength we have . . . the peoples of the Empire must stand together. It is now or never. . . ."

"Without unity all the free peoples . . . will go down before the wild beasts at large in the world," the paper said. "Without sacrifices sterner than any we have yet made we shall not get the arms we need. Those things must come first. The cry for vengeance on the butchers of Hongkong is a natural cry, but it must yet distract us from looking facts in the face. Vengeance, full vengeance, is not yet within our power."

DEEDS NEEDED

The Daily Mirror said:

"Is not the pitiful message from the slaughtered victims of Hongkong audibly this:

"'Stop talking, muddling and playing. Throw yourselves into the struggle with desperate and incessant resolve. Revenge us with your deeds, not your words and sympathy!' "

SUPPORT FOR LEADERS

"The task is to avenge Hongkong," the Daily Express said as it called on the people to stand firmly behind their leaders.

"Give them their chance," it exhorted. "Encourage them by our confidence to interpret the public mood, to prepare for a great attack. It can, it will, come if we all do our duty. . . . Attack, attack, attack in relation to production can soon be translated into attack, attack the enemy."

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Police Convoy Jap Cars From Up-island Thursday

Beginning at Port Alberni and Courtenay, a caravan of Japanese automobiles, growing larger as it passes through each up-island centre, will proceed to Victoria under police escort Thursday.

All cars owned by persons of Japanese race living on Vancouver Island must be turned in to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police at the Willows Exhibition Grounds by sunset Thursday.

The convoy will consist of Japanese cars and trucks with 1941 licenses. Japanese owners of cars with 1942 licenses will proceed on their own initiative. It is believed some of them will arrive today. It is estimated there will be approximately 75 cars in the convoy.

The caravan of Japanese cars is being arranged by the B.C. Police, who will provide the escort. The cars will be driven by the owners themselves, who will have to return to their homes at their own expense.

All motor vehicles owned by Japanese living on Vancouver Island will be held in cattle sheds at the Willows. R.C.M.P. said they did not know whether the cars would remain at the Willows for the duration of the war or whether they would be disposed of by a custodian of Japanese property yet to be appointed.

Police said there would probably be some logging trucks and motorcycles turned in but they could not be sure because Japanese may have disposed of them during the last day or so. A number of Victoria Japanese have sold their cars during the past week.

The text of the notice to all persons of Japanese race issued by Inspector C. R. Peters, head of the Vancouver Island section, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, follows:

Under authority of Order-in-Council P.C. 4086 all persons of the Japanese race are hereby notified that they must drive their motor vehicles to the cattle shed in the Willows Exhibition Grounds, off Cadboro Bay Road, and that the deadline for receiving these vehicles will be sunset of March 12, 1942.

Before departure persons of the Japanese race residing in the up-island localities will report themselves to the B.C. Provincial Police office nearest their place of residence, so that they may drive their motor vehicles to Victoria in convoy under direction of the B.C. Provincial Police.

Persons of the Japanese race are reminded that the curfew law is still in effect. These persons should obtain daily the hours of sunrise and sunset from their local newspaper.

On arrival at the Exhibition Grounds in Victoria motor vehicles must be turned over to a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, who will give the owner a receipt for his car. Considerable time will be saved if the person has his tire numbers ready to hand to the police and a list of all extra equipment with the car; together with car registration papers, driver's licenses and any and all insurance policies covering the motor vehicle.

R.C.M.P. further clamped down on Vancouver Island Japanese today by ordering an undisclosed number of nationals to leave the island immediately. The nationals will proceed to Vancouver at their own expense.

Effort to Restore Convictions Fails

EDMONTON (CP) — Application on behalf of the Alberta Attorney-Generals's Department for an order "staying the entry of the formal judgment" of the Appeal Court of Alberta, which quashed the convictions against 35 Canadian tobacco manufacturers, wholesalers and jobbers, was dismissed in a unanimous judgment of four judges of the Alberta Appeal Court handed down today.

The judgment was written by Chief Justice Horace Harvey and concurred in by Justices Frank Ford, H. W. Lunney and A. F. Ewing. The application was heard last week in Calgary.

Convictions against the Canadian tobacco manufacturers, wholesalers and jobbers and fines totaling $206,500 imposed last July were quashed Feb. 5 in a judgment written by Mr. Justice Ford and concurred in by the same four judges involved in the judgment released today.

The February judgment of the Appeal Court was handed down under section 32 of the Judicature Act due to the death of Mr. Justice A. H. Clarke in Calgary, one of the Appeal Court judges who died without having signed the judgment.

The argument stressed by solicitors for the Attorney-General's Department was that "one of the judges who heard the arguments on the appeal having died, no valid judgment could be given."

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"As a protective measure only, all property situated in any protected area of British Columbia belonging to any person of the Japanese race resident in such area (excepting fishing vessels subject to Order in Council P. C. 288 of the 13th January, 1942, and deposits of money, shares of stock, debentures, bonds or other securities), delivered up to any person by the owner pursuant to the Order of the Minister of Justice dated February 26, 1942, or which is turned over to the Custodian by the owner, or which the owner, on being evacuated, is unable to take with him, shall be vested in and subject to the control and management of the Custodian as defined in the Regulations respecting Trading with the Enemy, 1939; provided, however, that no commission shall be charged by the Custodian in respect of such control and management.
"Subject as hereinafter provided, and for the purposes of the control and management of such property, rights and interest by the Custodian, the Regulations respecting Trading with the Enemy, 1939, shall apply mutatis mutandis to the same extent as if such property, rights and interests belonged to any enemy within the meaning of the said Regulations.
"The property, rights and interests so vested in and subject to the control and management of the Custodian, or the proceeds thereof, shall be dealt with in such manner as the Governor in Council may direct."
The above provisions do not apply to fishing vessels, deposits of money, shares of stock, debentures, bonds or other securities, or property required to be delivered to any person by the owner pursuant to the Order of the Minister of Justice dated February 26, 1942, but the persons of the Japanese race to deliver to the Custodian, before they are evacuated from a protected area, such other property as they have not disposed of and are unable to take with them.
All such other property not disposed of or delivered to the Custodian prior to evacuation automatically comes under the control of the Custodian upon the evacuation of the owner but persons of the Japanese race are urged to report their property immediately instead of waiting until their evacuation as this will enable the Custodian to take prompt action to protect and administer the same.
Forms for setting forth the particulars of such property may be obtained on written application to the undersigned and should be completed as fully as possible by owners of property and mailed to the undersigned without delay.
Dated at the City of Vancouver this tenth day of March, 1942.
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