

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."

Four planes are missing, the ministry said.

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

Premier Hart today announced complete remodeling 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.

G. 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

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never apprehensive that 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

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 unwieldy 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 vest 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 carried 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

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 Vice-Roy and the commander-in-chief

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 firefighting apparatus, hose, etc., have been supplied and will continue to arrive until the first emergency needs are met. Urgent equipment and other air-raid precaution necessities are also

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.

good wishes of all parts of the House and, meanwhile, that no words will be spoken on debates 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.

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 "undoubtedly object" had caused a preliminary, or "yellow," alert at 5:49 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 silencing 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.

pledged to withdraw all had artillery and in tanks.
This fighting resu activities of British p daily communique said.
Although Axis patro strength, they were tr leaving prisoners in and suffering loss of transport from our sh
The R.A.F. was cre effective support of t troops.

LOS ANGELES (AP) French forces raiding sitions in southwest I destroyed. Important depots and inflicted se on the Fascist ou Free French radio i French equatorial A today.

The broadcast said tions, first announced last Saturday, have e final stage. The Fr forces drove 1,200 mile Lake Chad region, a sands of the great Fez Particularly heavy de done to the outposts Gibia, the radio said.

Italian prisoners wer arriving behind Fre lines, while the Frer were very small.
The broadcast was l by NBC.

Effort to Rest Convictions Fair

EDMONTON (CP)— tion on behalf of the Attorney-General's D for an order "staying of the formal judgment Appeal Court of Albe quashed the conviction 35 Canadian tobacco m ers, wholesalers and jo dismissed in a unanim ment of three judges Alberta Appeal Court hat today.

The judgment was Chief Justice Horace H concurred in by Justice Ford, H. W. Lunney Ewing. The application last week in Calgary.

Convictions against dian tobacco mant wholesalers and jobbers totaling \$206,500 impost were quashed Feb. 5 i ment written by Mr. Ju and concurred in by four judges, involved in ment released today.

The February judgm Appeal Court was han under section 32 of the Act due to the death o tice A. H. Clarke in Cal of the Appeal Court Ju died without having s judgment.

The argument—suo sollicitors for the Att oral's Department was of the judges who heard ments on the appeal ha no valid judgment given."

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