



Final Bulletins

All Must Serve

CAMBERRA (AP)—The war cabinet ordered compulsory defence duties today for all Australians.

Donor Moves Japs

TORONTO (CP)—The entire cost of bringing Japanese from B.C. to work in Ontario will be borne by the Dominion government, Premier Mitchell Hepburn said today.

Bonus Deadline

VANCOUVER (CP)—Robert Skinner, secretary of the Civic (employees) Federation, said this afternoon he may propose a final settlement of Mayor J. W. Cornett not later than tomorrow of the employees' dispute with the city council over a cost-of-living bonus.

Wife Offers Alibi

VANCOUVER (CP)—The recently young wife of Sydney George Young, 25-year-old former R.C.M.P. constable, testified at Young's trial for murder today that the accused man was home at his apartment when F. W. Fawcett, aged Vancouver drug gist, was slain in a hold-over here last Sept. 18.

Want No Japs

VANCOUVER (CP)—A delegation from the Okanagan Valley laid a protest before Labor Minister Humphrey Mitchell here today against the influx of Japanese into the area from the Pacific coast defence zone.

New Air Observers

Bruce J. Wright and K. H. Wells of Victoria are among those just graduated as air observers from No. 8 Bombing and Gunnery School of the R.C.A.F. at Lethbridge. Graduates were presented with badges by Wing-Commander W. A. Jones, officer commanding.

C.C.F. to State Stand

VANCOUVER (CP)—Resolutions on defence, A.R.P. organization and the Japanese evacuation question will be considered at the ninth annual meeting of the C.C.F., B.C. Division, opening here Friday night.

Herring Order Short

VANCOUVER (CP)—British Columbia failed by only 35,000 cases to fill the United Kingdom's order for 1,600,000 cases canned herring, official figures on the catch released today show.

Surprise for Casey

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Britain's selection of Richard G. Casey, Australian diplomat to Washington, as Minister of State to represent the war cabinet in the Middle East came as a "complete surprise" to the talk-haired Australian today.

Pat Sullivan Free Again

TORONTO (CP)—Pat Sullivan, president of the Canadian Seaman's Union, has been released from internment on the recommendation of the advisory committee in Ottawa. It was announced here today by J. L. Cohen, legal adviser for Sullivan.



CARRIES ON FOR MAC ARTHUR — Maj. Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's right-hand man in the Philippines, carries on for the U.S. on Bataan now that MacArthur has reached Australia to assume command of the United Nations' forces in the Pacific.

Seizure at Duncan

Police Find Japs Hoarding Sugar

Two cases of sugar hoarding by Japanese at Hillcrest, near Duncan, have been uncovered by the British Columbia Police. The sugar has been seized and turned over to the custodian of enemy alien property.

TOO LOW, SAYS MAYOR

Mayor McGavin said, "By its original order the commission set the price of water at 6.75 cents per 1,000 gallons. By appeal from that finding the city has had the price increased by over half a cent per 1,000 gallons, but although this is a substantial victory for the city, both before the courts and the Public Utilities Commission, I feel it is still an insufficient amount for Oak Bay to pay."

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Jap on Horse Seized

VANCOUVER (CP)—Jimmy Takashima, Vancouver Japanese, will face charges under the Defence of Canada Regulations following his arrest Wednesday when found riding a horse near the University of British Columbia in Point Grey. There are military installations in the area.

War Risk Insurance to Cover Coast Hazard

Set Water Rate; Oak Bay to Pay War Guard Cost

A rate of 7.22 cents per 1,000 gallons was set for the sale of water by the city 15 Oak Bay in a judgment handed down by the Provincial Public Utilities Commission today. Added to that is a special charge against Oak Bay for 7.65 per cent of the total cost of war guards on the waterworks system. Translated into money the latter amount raises the cost to Oak Bay by .09 cents per 1,000 gallons to 7.31 cents.

The figure is roughly half a cent above the original award of the Public Utilities Commission and nearly one-quarter of a cent below the 7.5 cent price paid to the city prior to the expiration of the last agreement with Oak Bay. That agreement ended in 1937. Since then the matter has been one of dispute and court action during which Oak Bay claimed 3.71 cents would be a fair rate and the city billed that municipality at a rate of 12.08 cents up to the time of the first commission award.

"We're happy the rate has been settled and we hope it is agreeable to the city," Reeve W. L. Woodhouse, Oak Bay, commented.

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The Japanese launched their first air attack, reportedly without damage, on Cape York, across Torres Strait, from Port Moresby, struck again at Darwin, and bombed Tulagi, Florida Island, in the Solomons.

Meanwhile Allied aircraft attacked Kupang, Dutch Timor, and damaged a heavy Japanese cruiser at Rabaul, New Britain island.

The British radio reported that the British Exchange Telegraph Agency, claimed the Japanese advancing overland in New Guinea, had occupied about 20 air fields in the south of the island and had put them "into working order for operations against the British mainland."

There were no reports of new action today or against Japanese war vessels and transports.

Bombers Leave Jap Cruiser Burning

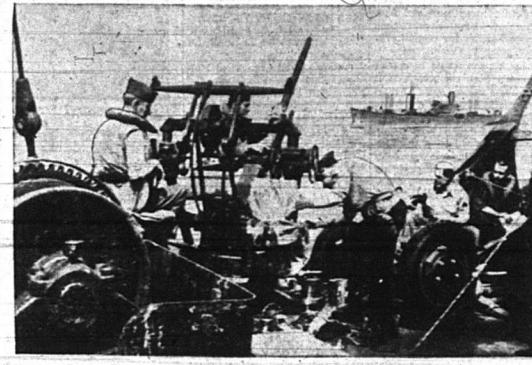
Meanwhile, in the latest counter-stroke reported against the Japanese sea strength massed and massing in the arc of islands north of Australia, a direct hit was deemed to have been made by a Japanese heavy cruiser plumed with smoke at Rabaul, New Britain, and near missiles were claimed on two other large vessels.

The harbor of Rabaul is on the right wing of the Japanese drive against the southern Pacific coast; the raid occurred at daybreak Wednesday, presumably the combined work of United States and Australian airmen.

(The Australian radio quoted an announcement by Prime Minister John Curtin that a small force of Japanese heavy bombers, struck again today at Darwin, naval station on the northern Australian mainland—a raid which Mr. Curtin said was directed against residential areas. About 25 "anti-personnel bombs" were dropped, but damage and casualties were slight, said the broadcast, recorded by CBS.

The Rabaul raid established a score of at least 25 "invasion ships" announced as Masted in the last two days. The Navy Department at Washington Wednesday announced the sinking or damaging of 23 vessels in air attacks at Salamaua and Lae, New Guinea, north of Port Moresby.)

Neither the number nor casualties were reported at Port Moresby, capital of New Guinea, 300 miles



SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC—THEY'RE 'DOWN UNDER' BOUND — Headed for Australia, men of an anti-aircraft battery condition their gun aboard a troop transport somewhere in the Pacific. This is an official Navy picture, released with news that an A.E.F. had landed in Australia's hour of peril.

from the Australian mainland. The raiders, it was said, were "greatly hampered" by anti-aircraft fire.

The Aussie gunners, now well seasoned, seemed to keep the raiders too high for effective bombing. In about a half hour the attackers made three runs over the harbor installations and shipping at Port Moresby which is a strong point the Japanese must reduce before invading Australia. After the first run, one formation broke up and fled the battle. The remainder left soon afterwards, at great height, the communicate said.

The Japanese bombing planes today against Port Moresby and the mainland city of Darwin were officially minimized.

U.S. Planes Share In Rabaul Attack

The communicate identified the attackers of Rabaul only as "our aircraft" but presumably they were American and Australian units now welded into one under the supreme command of Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

Their bombs were like flaming exclamation points to the confidence which has swept Australia with news of the flow of manpower and weapons from the United States to help convert both Australia and New Zealand into island fortresses.

The communicate said aerial scouting, also was carried out elsewhere on New Britain and a night air attack on Japanese-captured Kupang, capital of the Netherlands Timor—the second in two days—inflicted damage to runways and buildings and spread large fires.

From all these operations, it said, only one plane was missing.

An earlier announcement by the Prime Minister said Japanese planes twice rained Tulagi, the Dominion seat, on Florida Island in the Solomon group, Wednesday, but caused only slight damage. Two or three natives were killed.

'Attack' Watchdog Of Australians

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Mayhew Gets Promise of Bill Before Easter

By NORMAN MACLEOD
OTTAWA — Parliament Hill developments affecting Canada's coastal defence areas today are: (1) Announcement that Finance Minister L. Mayhew will introduce a War Risk Insurance BILL, designed to meet the hazards on both the Pacific and Atlantic coasts, before Parliament adjourns for its Easter recess.

PLAN STRATEGIC DECISIONS

(2) Statement by a spokesman for the Department of National Defence that the united commands now set up for both the Pacific and Atlantic coastal areas will make it possible to give "effective strategic direction" to the plans that exist for the defence of the nation's coastlines.

The military spokesman explained that the policy of close consultation between the commands of the three armed services hitherto in effect in the coastal areas has carried defence plans to the point where the next stage is simply the making of "strategic decisions" with respect to "the plan" of the united commands in readiness against any possible attack.

DEFENCE CONFERENCES HERE

Such decisions, which involve questions of the part to be played by each service in the plan as a whole, the military spokesman pointed out, must necessarily be made by one individual who shall co-ordinate all three branches.

It was admitted in defence circles that important conferences will be held on the Pacific coast, with Gen. H. G. Alexander, during the parliamentary recess by high personages from defence headquarters here, including Major-Gen. J. C. Murchie, vice-chief of staff, is already in Victoria.

MAYHEW FORCES INSURANCE DECISION

The question of war risk insurance, which has been one of major concern to business firms and individuals on both coasts since private insurance companies withdrew from the field several months ago, was clarified following a discussion today between Robert W. Mayhew, Minister, M.P. for Victoria, and Finance Minister J. L. Ilesley. Mr. Mayhew said at the close of the conversation that the Finance Minister had indicated that a government bill to make war risk insurance available would be introduced before Parliament adjourns for Easter in order that the members of the House may study it during the recess.

Food Rations Cut in Germany

LONDON (CP)—Reuters said the Berlin radio was heard today announcing that food rations are to be reduced in Germany beginning April 4.

The broadcast reported there will be cuts in bread, fat and meat rations, but these will affect only the normal consumers, about 40 per cent of the population.

Needs of heavy workers will be considered, the German radio added, while rations for growing children either will remain the same or will be increased lightly.



CANADA PAYS TRIBUTE TO LATE SENATOR—With Prime Minister Dandurand in the center, King and former colleagues of the Senate and government at Montreal. Premier King, Hon. C. G. Power and Senator Ballantyne at the right of the picture.

BRAMPTON CITIZENS NEED BOATS TO NEGOTIATE MAIN STREET—Main street of Brampton, Ont., is awash here as floodwater rushed into the town and covered roads several feet deep. Citizens donned high rubber boots for walking and cars had difficulty in making their way through the muddy rivers flowing through the business district.