

Burma Resistance Forestaling Jap Drive on Russia

'Suicidal for Tokyo To Open New Front'

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Much as Hitler might like to see Japan strike next at Russia to match his promised summer "annihilation" campaign, it seems a remote possibility, at least until the Japanese-United Nations battle of attrition in the south is fought out.

Current war accounts from Burma and Australia disclose heavy incursions on Japanese air power. To replace lost craft on fronts so distant from Japan is a growing problem for the foe. And it would seem almost suicidal for Tokyo to open another major front—against Russia—unless her planes have secured domination of the skies definitely elsewhere, which clearly they have not.

JAPS FEELING PINCH

In reply to any Berlin pleas for joint action against Russia, Tokyo could list very substantial aid already given the Germans indirectly. Not least of these is the fact that Pacific sea lanes for supplying Russia with war gear were closed automatically with Japanese entry into the struggle. That, coupled with forced diversion of British war efforts to the Pacific, and the tremendously increased strain on shipping to keep United Nations supply lines functioning in both the Pacific and the Atlantic, probably is the role Tokyo agreed to play.

There are now intimations that Japan is suffering from sea shortage. It is increasingly difficult for her to find shipping to feed her southern fronts which are now nearer home than 3,000 miles, and separated by the

J. S. Woodsworth Memorial Service At Orpheum Sunday

The memorial service for the late J. S. Woodsworth, M.P., leader of the C.C.F., will be held in the Orpheum Theatre, Sunday, at 2 p.m.

Speakers will be William Irvine, former M.P. for Wetaskiwin, Alta., and Mrs. Mildred Oetzel, Vancouver.

Mr. Irvine, closest associate of the late leader and co-founder of the C.C.F. movement, has been in Ottawa attending a meeting of the party executive and will come back to Vancouver.

David Lewis, national secretary, has announced at Ottawa that memorial services will be held throughout the Dominion Sunday and that they are to be "broad and non-political."

Dr. A. F. APPOINTED OCEANIC MINISTER

Dr. Charles A. Armstrong has been named a justice of the peace.

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Hedy's Engaged

HOLLYWOOD, March 24.—Hedy Lamarr, screen actress, and George Montgomery, who recently hit stardom in the films, announced their engagement today. The couple are to be married in London, England, on April 1.

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New Zealand Acts

Civilian activities are curtailed in the latest orders of the New Zealand government.

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BADGES FOR CHINESE STUDENT, Australia, March 24. The Chinese Minister to Australia has instructed Chinese consulates to issue identification badges to Chinese nationals, so they will not be mistaken for Japanese.

DEATH ACCIDENTAL, CRANBROOK, March 24.—A coroner's jury, Monday, found the death of Leonard William Ely, 28, killed Saturday in the rockhouse of the Sullivan Mine, at nearby Kimberley, was accidental.

ON \$13 RATE, The committee could have taken an alternative proposition for payment of an \$11 monthly bonus for the full year.

Reason for taking the other suggestion made by the Mayor was that the year will close with the \$12 rate in effect and 1943 negotiations will begin on that basis.

Announcement of the agreement found the committee making an informal request that Workers of the Water and Sewer Boards be given the same treatment.

Staffs of both boards had joined in a supplementary work, which coupled their bonus demands with the City Hall decision.

OUTSIDE LABOURERS, The move failed, however, to write from council representatives on the boards any specific promise.

They comprise a majority of board memberships, but they insisted that metropolitan organizations could not be linked rigidly with civic administration.

"I am satisfied that the agreement will play the game," said W. J. Scullin, business agent for outside workers.

How Ration is Reduced, Under the clothing rationing plan inaugurated last year in Britain, a civilian received sixty-six coupons enabling him to buy clothes for twelve months.

The number of coupons a purchaser must give up when he buys clothes remains the same. If a man wants a new suit he must hand in twenty-six coupons. A new overcoat requires eighteen coupons; a woolen shirt, seven; woolen socks, three; cotton socks, one; pair of shoes, seven; suit of underwear, eight coupons.

The women's ration allowance follows: Seven coupons for a cotton dress; six for underwear; one coupon for cotton stockings; two for woolen ones; five for shoes, and eighteen for coats.

"The scales are more liberal for children." Mr. Thomas Barlow, Director General of Civilian Clothing, asked in Commons if there was a possibility of introducing "half-dress" for civilians. Mr. Dalton replied, smiling, "Not yet. In 1944 perhaps."

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