

Royal Air Force Fighter Planes Sweep Over Northern France Despite Poor Visibility

German Flyers Machine-gun Train, Bomb Town in England

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, April 20.—Poor visibility over the Continent here today resulted in British grounded last night but British sources said today that small fighter forces made sweeps over northern France yesterday and all planes returned safely.
Three German fighter-bombers swept over the south coast of Britain today, strafing a train

Case Opens HEAR CHARGES AGAINST SUN

Hearing of six charges against the Sun Publishing Co. for alleged infractions of Canada Regulations was adjourned until 2:30 this afternoon after the case was called before Magistrate H. S. Wood in Police Court this morning.

C. H. Locke, K.C., said that he was awaiting the arrival of a witness and asked for a five-minute adjournment, which was extended until this afternoon.

ASK PRIVATE HEARING.
Mr. Locke, who appears on behalf of the crown, asked that the case be heard in camera. He referred to Section 59 of the Defense of Canada regulations, which states that if evidence may be likely to prejudice the public safety the court may rule that any or all of the public may be excluded.

F. R. Anderson, counsel for the newspaper, objected to Mr. Locke's motion, and Magistrate Wood said he would consider it during the adjournment.

The six charges against the newspaper are based on the publication of March 13, and two of the charges refer specifically to an article entitled "The Derelict Defense."

Maj.-Gen. R. O. Alexander, commander of the Pacific Coast defense area, was among those in court.

The charges are:
1. That the Sun Publishing Co. on March 13 did unlawfully publish a newspaper, The Vancouver Sun, containing statements likely to be prejudicial to the safety of the state, such statements being contained in an article entitled "The Derelict Defense," contrary to the War Measures Act.

2. That the company on March 13 did unlawfully publish a newspaper, the Vancouver Sun, containing statements likely to be prejudicial to the efficient prosecution of the war, such statements being contained in an article entitled "The Derelict Defense," contrary to the Defense of Canada Regulations.

3. That the Sun Publishing Co. on March 13 unlawfully did, in a manner likely to prejudice efficient prosecution of the war publish a document, a daily newspaper, containing certain information purporting to be information with respect to measures for the defense or fortification of the Pacific coast of Canada on behalf of His Majesty, contrary to Defense of Canada Regulations.

4. That the Sun Publishing Co. on March 13 did in a manner likely to be prejudicial to the efficient prosecution of the war, publish a newspaper containing certain information purporting to be information with respect to armament, equipment, and condition of the Pacific coast of Canada, to wit, forces defending the Pacific coast of Canada, contrary to Defense of Canada Regulations.

5. That the Sun Publishing Co. on March 13 did unlawfully in a manner likely to be prejudicial to the efficient prosecution of the war, communicate to a large number of persons in the city of Vancouver and elsewhere, certain information contained in a daily newspaper, the Vancouver Sun, of the said date, purporting to be information with respect to the armament, equipment, and condition of certain of His Majesty's forces, to wit, forces defending the Pacific Coast of Canada, contrary to Defense of Canada Regulations.

6. That the Sun Publishing Co. on March 13 did unlawfully in a manner likely to be prejudicial to the efficient prosecution of the war, communicate to a large number of persons certain information contained in a daily newspaper, the Vancouver Sun, of the said date, purporting to be information with respect to measures for the defense or fortification of the Pacific Coast of Canada on behalf of His Majesty, contrary to Defense of Canada Regulations.

Charges were laid by Cpl. Harry A. Maxted of the R.C.M.P. on behalf of His Majesty and with consent of counsel representing the attorney-general of Canada.

Churchill Lauds Augsburg Raiders

LONDON, April 20.—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill, in a note of congratulation, called the Friday daylight attack on the Diesel works at Augsburg, 150 miles inside southwestern Germany, an outstanding achievement of the R. A. F.

"Undeterred by the heavy losses at the outset, the bombers struck in broad daylight into the heart of Germany and pierced at a vital point with deadly decision," said the Prime Minister's note to Air Marshal A. T. Harris, chief of the bomber command.

Ing was from such a low level that the German aircraft were shot into the buildings of the town.

Sqdn. Ldr. J. D. Nettleton said the bombers dropped down to 25 or 30 feet as soon as they sighted the French coast and flew the whole of the rest of the way to Augsburg at little more than that height.

"We rushed over the roofs of a village and I saw cannon shells which had missed us crashing into the houses and blowing holes in the walls and smashing the gables of roofs," said Nettleton.

"When we reached Augsburg the low-angle flux began to come up at us thick and fast. We were so low the Germans were shooting into their own buildings. All our aircraft had holes in them."

Cabinet Members Pass Through City

A majority of the provincial cabinet visited or passed through Vancouver over the week-end.

Attorney-General R. L. MacLennan and Lands Minister Wells Gray spent Sunday at their Vancouver and New Westminster homes.

Public Works Minister R. W. Bruhn was en route to the interior to inspect roads and bridges, and Mines Minister Herbert Anson and Labor Minister G. S. Pearson arrived on business missions.

Mr. Pearson is attending a meeting of the regional war labor board today.

Plea to Ottawa COUNCIL SEEKS WORD ON JAPS

Thoroughly skeptical of the B. C. Security Commission's intention to remove all Japanese general in Vancouver and defense areas, the City Council, sitting as a social service committee, today decided to ask Ottawa for a clear on the commission and a seat-cut explanation on the situation.

Mayor Cornett was authorized to write Hon. Humphrey Mitchell, federal minister, suggesting that the council's intimate knowledge of the problem would make it useful on the board.

He was also instructed to ask the minister for an outline of the government's policy for removal of Japanese and expressed apprehension over continued retention of Japs at Hastings Park.

APPEASEMENT?
"We want to be sure the commission is sincere in its policy of evacuating all Japanese," explained Ald. H. D. Wilson.

"Or is it just a move to appease and satisfy public opinion? I am convinced by large expenditures being made at the park among women and children are here for the duration.

Accumulation of Japanese in Vancouver is straining public opinion to a point where unless something is done, there will be undesirable occurrences, Alderman Wilson warned.

Praising the work of the "splendid" special committee of the Japanese headed by Mayor Fred J. Hume of New Westminster, Alderman Wilson said it was dismissed in favor of a commission "more amenable to Ottawa's views."

"Disgusting to know our people are being badly treated in Japanese hands; and then see the fine accommodation for Japanese at the Park," he added.

He declared a number of Japs have been seen to leave the park at night that "they seem to come and go as they please as long as they travel in cars."

Ottawa Issues ARP Handbook

OTTAWA, April 20.—(CP)—If bombs fall on Canadian cities the Dominion's air raid wardens should be ready to handle the situation.

An official handbook for distribution to wardens throughout the country "just been published. It outlines the warden's duties and responsibilities under Canada's air raid precautions setup and illustrates with diagrams how the civilian defense services will function.

The booklet is one of a series prepared and issued by the office of Hon. R. J. Manion, director of civil air raid precautions. A foreword by Dr. Manion describes the warden as "the link between the civilian population and all civilian defense services" and says he "plays a vital role in the general A. R. P. scheme."

The Canadian setup as outlined in the manual, entitled "Warden's Handbook," parallels the system already tried and tested in Britain under actual bombings—in many centres prolonged and heavy bombings.

Wardens are instructed what to do when the sirens sound a warning. They must direct people to their homes or to shelter, clear streets of traffic and strive to prevent confusion of panic.

Labor Priorities Planned in U.S.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—(AP)—Chairman Paul V. McNutt of the United States manpower commission said today he would create a system of labor priorities, designed to get needed men into the most important war industries, but declared he did not contemplate a work of fight method of forcing men into war production.

Charged with responsibility for allocating manpower and woman power among factories, farms and the armed forces, McNutt estimated 13,000,000 new recruits would be needed in war plants

Surrey Japs Go to Alberta Beet Fields

NEW WESTMINSTER, April 20.—Japanese berry-growers from Surrey, with their families, 126 persons, left here by C. P. R. at 9:30 a.m. today for the sugar beet fields in the Raymond, Alta., district.

About 650 have left the Fraser Valley since the British Columbia Security Commission started planned evacuation from the protected area. Other groups are scheduled to leave for Alberta and Manitoba on Tuesday from Mount Lebanon and Mission.

A 15-cent stamp of the King Gustavus V. design has come from Sweden. Its color is lawn.

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