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## 250 Tons of RAF Bombs On Hun Base

### Today In Britain

War events analyzed by  
fleet street writers, cabled  
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LONDON, May 8.—Renewed demands for reform of British war machinery at the top to provide unified command of the Army, Air Force and Navy, were made in a long debate in the House of Lords.

Government critics apparently, are still dissatisfied with the explanation of the chiefs of staffs committee and other organizations such as the vice chiefs of staffs committee and the joint intelligence planning committees which co-ordinate the war effort and try to make certain that all of Britain's resources are used against the enemy in the most efficient way.

Another criticism of the present military organization was an alleged lack of technical and scientific advisers in the chiefs of staffs committee.

Lord Denman, who opened the debate, said that after Dunkerque an officer of the War Department had advocated the use of heavier tank guns on British tanks but that this recommendation had been ignored with the result that British tanks in Libya put 2-inch guns against the 6-inch guns of the Germans and had been out-ranged by 700 yards.

### Clamor for Second Front

Lord Denman asked for a revival of the job of Major General of Ordnance with a high place on the top staff committees—a demand that has been generally ventilated in the columns of The Times.

Viscount Swinton echoed Lord Denman's further demand that an independent chairman of the chiefs of staffs committee should be appointed. At present that position is held by General Sir Alan Brooke, who is also chief of the Imperial General staff.

The old idea of a separate Minister of Defense was once again advocated by Lord Chatfield and several speakers, notably Admiral the Earl of Cork and Orrery, who went out of his way to warn against the present clamor for the immediate opening of a so-called "second front," saying that it would be disastrous to take risks without some possible chance of gaining something in return.

Viscount Simon, defending the government plan, said that a great general staff on the German model was impossible in this country, which had Cabinet and parliamentary control which it was not going to give up to be replaced with a single dictator.

Sir Edward Grigg, in a letter to the Times, renewed his de-

### Warnemuende Base Badly Battered

By Canadian Press  
LONDON, May 9.—Big British bombers pressed home attacks from 400 to 800-foot levels last night to leave in flames the German aircraft works at Warnemuende, Baltic port for Rostock, in heavy night operations which cost 19 planes, the Air Ministry announced today. About 250 tons of bombs were dropped on the area. This was 100 tons more than the Germans dropped on Coventry.

### IMPORTANT TARGET

The low-level attacks were made in the face of "intense defense" by the Germans of a target which the British authorities declared to be of highest importance in their campaign to knock out the German Air Force in the West.

They followed by a few hours Sir Archibald Sinclair's declaration that the first task of the RAF is to pave the way for invasion by crushing the Nazi Air Force at its bases and at its sources of machines—such large aircraft works as that at Warnemuende.

There also is a seaplane base at Warnemuende.

### AT IT AGAIN

Resuming this campaign, fighters made almost constant cross-Channel sweeps from dawn to dusk, and in the afternoon a heavy formation of escorted bombers swept home from the Calais area, from which heavy explosions had been heard.

The British authorities saw in the intense defense of the plant at Warnemuende an indication of the seriousness with which Nazi Air Minister Hermann Goering regards the attack on such factories.

In contrast to the defense of the Rostock Heinkel Works, which suffered four heavy attacks last month, the RAF last night encountered a "fierce barrage of anti-aircraft fire and a great concentration of searchlights, including two made up of as many as 42 beams."

The RAF losses were listed as the heaviest of night operations in five months.

Last December 30 the RAF lost 19 bombers attacking northwest Germany and in November lost 37 in bombing Berlin.

### VITAL CENTRE

On the Baltic coast, at the mouth of the River Warnie, which leads to Rostock, the port is also the terminus of a train ferry to Denmark, which the Nazis use to send troops and supplies to Norway.

Nazi night raiders, meanwhile, were active over East Anglia, scattering bombs which a communications said did some damage and caused a small number of casualties.

Four Nazi planes were destroyed over Britain and the Channel, three by the RAF and one by a trawler.

### No Return to B.C.

## Sales to Japanese Blocked

### Maitland Refuses To Agree to Property Deals

By BRUCE HUTCHISON  
OTTAWA, May 9.—British Columbia will refuse to consent to an attempt by local Japanese to buy and lease property within the province.

The Japanese were attempting to acquire an important business block in Vancouver under lease and to buy farm lands in the central interior, became known today when Attorney-General R. L. Maitland, who is in Ottawa, declined to consent to any such proceeding.

The Federal Government recently prohibited Japanese from acquiring any property, either by purchase or lease during war-time, without the consent of the Department of Justice.

That Department will not give consent without the approval of the Provincial Attorney-General involved.

Mr. Maitland declined until he could confer with his colleagues to agree to any such arrangement.

"It is my view," he told The Sun, "that until the war is over we should not dispose of any property to Japanese. We do not know what the future holds for these people and we should certainly not give them an equity in any new property during the war."

Meanwhile it is understood the Federal Government will turn over Japanese farm lands in the Fraser Valley to the Soldiers' Settlement Board, which will classify them and arrange for returned soldiers of the last war and this one to operate them.

The ultimate future of these lands is in doubt, but powerful B.C. members of Parliament will try to prevent Japanese from ever returning to them.

## Ottawa to Act On 'Bookies'

By BRUCE HUTCHISON  
OTTAWA, May 9.—The law is about to close in on the gambling racket in British Columbia.

After conferences with the federal government Attorney-General Maitland said today he was hopeful parliament would soon make it possible to wipe out the bookmaking business, which is supposed to handle \$30,000 a day in Vancouver alone.

Mr. Maitland also is asking the federal government to take power to cancel Dominion club licenses, under which great abuses have developed in British Columbia.

These licenses were granted long ago, and branches of the chartered organizations have sprung up in many parts of the province. They are used as a cloak for gambling activities, it is alleged.

The federal and provincial governments are equally powerless to cancel them. Mr. Maitland proposes that the Dominion take power to cancel them, exactly as

# Coral Sea Battle Japs Routed in Fight Tokyo Victory Claimed

### Australia Saved From Invasion At Present

By TOM YARBROUGH  
Associated Press Staff Writer  
AN ADVANCED ALLIED BASE, Australia, May 9.—United Nations' victory in the great sea battle off northeast Australia ended temporarily at least the Japanese invasion threats to the island continent, New Caledonia and Port Moresby, military authorities said today.

These same authorities warned against too great optimism, however, and emphasized that the situation "still is serious."

The Japanese fleet, intent either upon severing Australia's lifeline from the United States or an actual invasion of the populous east coast of the continent, wheeled desperately behind the terrific hammering of Allied planes and surface craft.

In their desperate attempt to escape the savage attacks, the remnants of the enemy fleet left long curly wakes that resembled the thrashing of a wounded snake, airmen said.

### CURTIN'S PRAISE

Australians awaited details to place Coral Sea battle in proper perspective, but Prime Minister John Curtin said "we can be proud of what has been done" in the Allied action against the Japanese fleet.

There was rejoicing at reports of the repulse of the Japanese but competent commentators withheld judgment as to the full meaning of the battle pending disclosure of the extent of allied losses and the remaining strength of the Japanese armada.

They recalled the winter battles of Macassar Strait and the Java Sea in which the invaders, although severely punished, ultimately achieved their objectives.

### PRESS COMMENT

Melbourne Sun declared that "until the reckoning is complete, no assessment of the battle's effects upon the immediate future of the Pacific can be attempted."

In the same vein Melbourne Argus said early phases were distinctly encouraging.

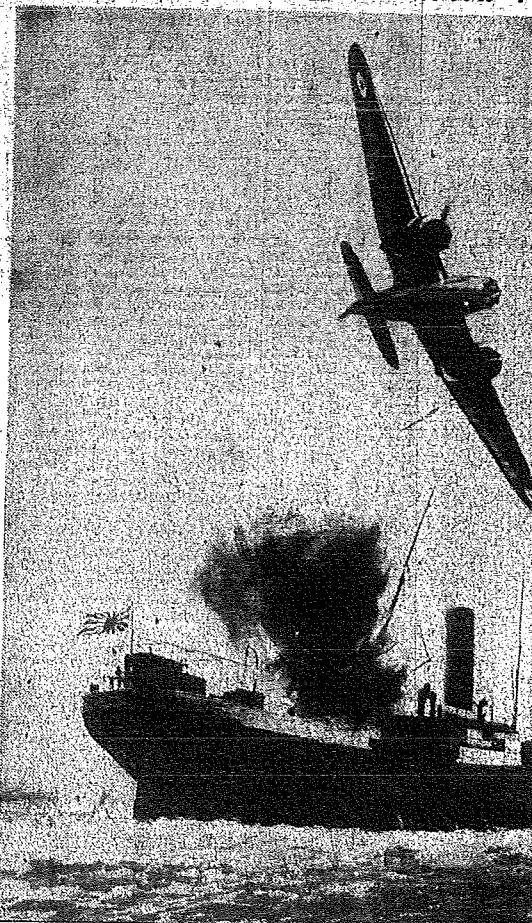
Sydney Morning Herald said: "The advantage so far is heavily with the Allies, although we must be prepared for the news of losses on our side in development of a struggle of such magnitude."

In the opinion of Sydney Daily Telegraph, however, "all the news smacks strongly of a big victory."

"We can afford to pay big prices for each kill," it said, "because the stupendous dynamo of American industry are running hot to provide and replace the instruments we use."

### Navy to Spend \$3 Million in B.C.

### HOW DIVE-BOMBERS SANK JAP T



This drawing gives an artist's impression, taken from personal experience, of a dive bomber scoring a direct hit on a Japanese transport ship. In the Battle of the Coral Sea which

ended yesterday in a fleet air forces of both part. Allied air and light but the Japs, in a all told, admitted the

## Baby Stolen From Carriage

By Canadian Press  
LONDON, Ont., May 9.—Barbara Ann Wood, seven-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wood, was kidnapped yesterday from her carriage on King Street, in downtown London.

An intensive search by every available detective and constable of the city police force got under way soon after the child was boldly lifted from her carriage in—the presence of hundreds of shoppers at 3 p.m., but so far no clue has been uncovered.

Mrs. Wood said no threats had been made against the family, and she knew of no enemies who might have taken her child. A \$1000 reward was offered by

## British Press 'Japs Learn'

By Canadian Press  
LONDON, May 9.—The British enthusiasm today the news of Allied Coral Sea naval battle, but official qu held comment pending a full report of The communique from Gen.

Douglas MacArthur's headquarters in Australia announcing repulse of the Japanese armada arrived here too late for publication in morning papers, but they printed under heavy black headlines the reports of earlier Allied successes.

The press generally referred to the engagement as "the greatest sea and air battle in history."

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