

ective service regulations aimed at combing all coal miners out of other employment and putting them back into production of fuel were announced today in the House of Commons by Hon. Humphrey Mitchell, Labor Minister.

Coupled with an Order-in-Council made pursuant to yesterday's declaration of a state of national emergency in coal production, Mr. Mitchell announced steps to bring new coal deposits into production in Alberta, Saskatchewan, British Columbia and Nova Scotia.

The order provides that every employee in any industry who has had coal mining experience must report that fact to his employer by May 25.

(A Labor Department spokesman said earlier today that it

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was expected today's announcement by Mr. Mitchell in the House would affect about 3000 men.)

MUST TAKE WORK

The employers must report details of employees who are ex-coal mine workers to a Selective Service officer by June 1.

Selective Service officers are authorized to require the ex-coal miners to report for interview and to accept work at coal mines.

They may require any man in any employment who is subject to military call-up but has been rejected, and some who are excused from military service, to work in coal mines.

The wages will be the established rates for the jobs to which they go.

Any miner required to go to a mine and not immediately placed will receive pay at the rate of 40 cents an hour, 8 hours a day or 48 hours a week, from

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ence that despite stubborn resistance so far "our casualties are much lighter than had been expected."

The army troops on the island, Knox added, have the full support of warships standing off to sea and planes operating from American bases to the eastward whenever weather permits.

Capture of the important height, while its significance awaited further military developments to be fully measurable, may have brought the Attu campaign to the point where little more remains to be done than mopping up.

DOUBLE LANDING

Extent of enemy resistance from now on depends on whether the Japanese troops which held the ridge retreated to new and less favorable positions or whether they were killed or captured.

The ridge runs along the main axis of Attu Island in an east and west direction. To the north of the ridge is Holtz Bay and to the south is Massacre Bay. One of the American land-

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New Beauties For Beaches

War is about to bring new beauties to Vancouver beaches.

George A. Burrows, manager of beaches and bath-houses for the Vancouver Park Board, today announced that Vancouver's first women lifeguards will make their debut on May 24.

There will be at least five of them, he said. This number will probably be increased after school children are released from their classroom, creating an added hazard at the beaches.

The lifeguard staff will total 15 on May 24, but will probably reach 30 during the peak period.

Japs Plan Test Case To Stop Property Sale

By CLIFF MACKAY

Arrangements for taking a test case to court to upset or establish the Dominion government's right to force the sale of Jap-owned property are being sought today by a local firm of lawyers retained by the Japanese Property Owners Association.

J. Arthur MacLennan, of Norris & MacLennan, has asked for an interview with F. G. Shears, manager of the Vancouver office of the Custodian of Alien Enemy Property, who returned money from a conference of interested government officials in Winnipeg.

Calling an agreement, the Nipponese organization will choose its own case as soon as the Custodian steps over the line which it has drawn in defense of its alleged rights.

REPLY AWAITED

Mr. MacLennan told The Vancouver Sun that he had heard a rumor that the government would drop its program of compulsory liquidation. He has written the secretary of state for a definite ruling but has received no reply. "We don't want unnecessary litigation," Mr. MacLennan explained.

It was reported, however, that C. L. McAlpine, KC, of the firm of Farris, McAlpine, Stutz, Bull & Farris, has been tentatively retained as counsel for a court fight.

The Japs have been advised not to try to intervene in sales of real estate owned by interests or persons in Japan. Neither will they contest the liquidation of property which is not paying its way.

ARGUMENT FOR COURT

Mr. MacLennan is prepared, however, to dispute the right of the government to sell holdings of evacuees who left Vancouver

voluntarily (but in compliance with federal order) and registered their real estate with the custodian as a protective measure.

He contends that the original order requiring evacuees to list their property with the Custodian as a protective measure gave the Japs a right which a subsequent order can not extinguish.

A secondary point of argument, he added, would be that the question is one of property and civil rights which the British North America Act reserves to the exclusive jurisdiction of provincial governments.

has no reason to suppose that the Japanese government and naval authorities were not acquainted with the existence of the purposes of this vessel.

"In view of all the circumstances," the Commonwealth Government is bound to regard the sinking as an entirely inexcusable act undertaken in violation of a convention to which Japan was a party and of all the principles of humanity.

"An immediate strong protest in these terms is being addressed to the Japanese, and the government will do its utmost to establish the right of redress to ensure the war criminals responsible for this dastardly act will be brought to justice."

STIRS WAR EFFORT

"Not only will it stir our people into a more acute realization of the type of enemy we are fighting, but it will shock the whole conscience of the civilized world," he said.

The Centaur, brilliantly lighted and unmistakably marked, was torpedoed and sunk in flames by a Japanese submarine off the coast of Australia last Friday with a loss of 289 lives.

No warning whatever was given.

The ship capsized and sank within three minutes.

Sixty-four of the 363 aboard, including only one of 12 women nurses, were saved.

Forty-three of the crew of 73 and 245 Australian and British medical staff men went down, most of them trapped on a lower deck of the blazing ship. The ship, en route from Sydney to New Guinea, carried no patients.

Survivors, crowded on make-shift rafts in waters swarming with sharks, were picked up 36 hours after the Centaur went down.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur expressed deep revulsion at the "limitless savagery" of the sinking.

NURSE INJURED

Sister Eleanor Savage of Sydney was the one woman survivor. Despite a blow in the face which gave her a black eye, she never complained, and survivors said her fervent prayers did much to help keep up morale. It was only after the rescue that she mentioned a side injury. Doctors found three ribs broken.

French Women Lie Across Rail Tracks

LONDON, May 18.—(CP)—Laying their bodies across the tracks in front of locomotives, the wives and daughters of Frenchmen drafted for German labor have almost halted the deportations to the Reich, Fernand Grenier, former Communist deputy who has joined the Fighting French, declared today.

He said the recently organized Council of French Resistance, embracing underground organizations, had disseminated an "invasion day" plan to be set in operation the moment the Allies strike.

'Why Can't We Make Double-Breasted Suits?'

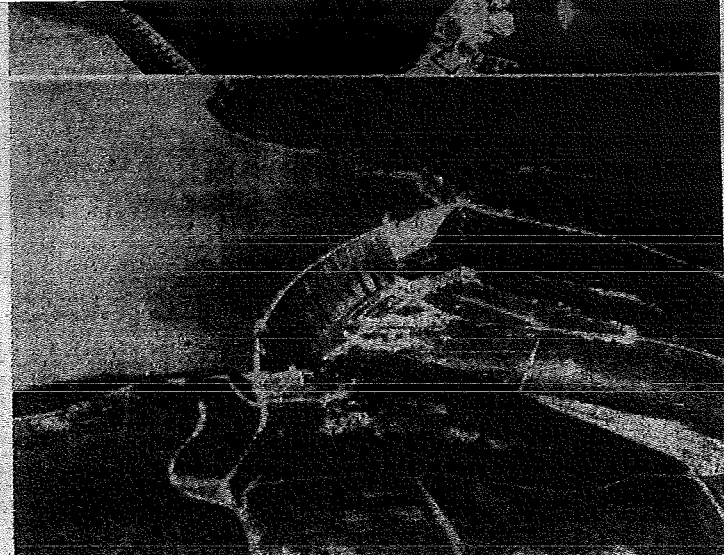
Clothiers Rap 'Ridiculous' Ban

Scoring as "useless and ridiculous" the regulations forbidding cuffs on men's trousers, and charging that a black market in double-breasted suits flourishes in this city, men's clothing and furnishings members of the Retail Merchants Association last night sought to restore the missing cuffs and permit manufacture of double-breasted suits, without vest, at a meeting in Terminal City Club.

The group decided also to form a national men's wear division of the retail association, after welcoming W. S. Charlton, president to his first meeting since his recent illness.

The clothing merchants heard complaints of custom-tailors making double-breasted suits in contravention of wartime law, and voiced resentment at regulations that permitted importation of this style from Britain, but forbade domestic manufacture.

Negotiations with the Prices Board to permit sale of the double-breasted style for 1944 spring delivery would be launched immediately, the meeting decided. It was charged that the black market article was being sold at far more than celling prices on other suits.



Here are shown the two great dams (water barrages) in central Germany by which the Nazis electrified their gigantic Ruhr Valley war industries, and which during RAF pilots, Sunday night, blasted wide open with well-placed bombs delivered from 100-foot height.

base. Power generated from it supplied the great city of Dortmund and many surrounding mountain towns in the Ruhr Valley.

LOWER PHOTO—The Eder Valley Barrage. This great hydro-electric development on the River Eder, south of the great industrial town of Kassel, was second only in importance to the Mohne Valley barrage. It supplied electric power to industries over a wide area of Westphalia and being located in the one bit of high ground in locality resulted in terrific and widespread inundation when the RAF bombs tore the great wall from its foundations.

Prices Board Officer Tells Butchers:

Hundreds of Carcasses Sold on City Black Mart

Churchill Speaks At 9:30 Tomorrow

WASHINGTON, May 18.—(AP)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill's speech to a joint session of Congress tomorrow will be delivered in the House of Representative chamber at about 9:30 a.m., Vancouver time, House officials said today.

Bootleggers May Use Stolen Stamp

Officials of the Government Liquor Store, 230 East Hastings, reported to police Monday that a rubber stamp bearing the initials and number "BCL 5443" had been stolen from the store. Vendors use the stamp to mark permits and registration cards of liquor purchasers. Bootleggers who hope to make unauthorized purchases by stamping fake registration cards are suspected of the theft.

Hundreds of carcasses of pork, veal, and even beef have come to the Black Market in Vancouver during the past few weeks, J. C. Tearman Prices Board rationing officer, revealed last night to 500 butchers at a lively meeting in Woodward's Auditorium.

He did not reveal, however, what the butchers believed they had come to hear, namely, the date when rationing would be introduced on a national scale and how meat would be cut and priced from that time forward.

On one important point the meat retailers were given emphatic assurance—there would be enough meat supplied to make the rationing system work and only "sloppy" operators would have trouble remaining in business. The efficient merchants would have nothing to fear.

FUEL EXAMPLE

The butchers arrived in a skeptical mood. When O. H. Bell, regional rationing officer admitted he "knew nothing about meat" a fusillade of "hear-hears" cracked through the audience.

Near the close, when one man, moving a vote of thanks, lauded the Prices Board's performance in general, only a formal response was heard. But when another rose to observe that "if the meat rationing doesn't work any better than the fuel administration,

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Meat Rationing This Month

By Canadian Press OTTAWA, May 18.—Finance Minister Ilsley today told the House of Commons that the effective date for meat rationing will be announced today or tomorrow and that it would be "before the end of this month."

(See Page 12 for Details.)

Ruml Plan Voted Down

By Associated Press WASHINGTON, May 18.—Heeding the threat of a possible Presidential veto, the House of Representatives rejected for the third time today the Senate approved skip-a-year income tax bill.

The action, by roll call vote of 202 to 191, came on a motion to instruct its delegates to a joint house-senate conference committee to accept the senate measure.

By its decision—which opened up the possibility of a new stalemate—the House stood pat on its own measure, a bill which would abate a year's tax obligations for approximately 90 per cent of the taxpayers in the United States.

Signs of Breaking

Italians I

By United Press WASHINGTON, May 18.—Italian soldiers stationed in Yugoslavia are deserting in increasing numbers and uprising have occurred in several garrisons, a Swedish dispatch reported by the Office of War Information said today.

The Italians were said to have been demoralized by the North African defeat.

The dispatch cited the shooting of 12 soldiers for mutiny at Koryvco and desertion of 200 others near Novumesto in April.

Many others have gone over