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To Sue Dominion On Jap Property

VANCOUVER (CP)—Flats to sue the federal government to test its power to sell Japanese-owned property in British Columbia have been granted in response to three petitions sent to the Secretary of State several months ago.

J. Arthur MacLennan said today he had received word from Ottawa that the petitions he forwarded in behalf of a Japanese national, a naturalized Nipponese and a Canadian-born Japanese were granted a week ago and have been forwarded to the Exchequer Court, where the cases will be tried in due course.

On receipt of the flats, necessary permission to sue the government, Mr. MacLennan must give notice of the actions to the Attorney-General of Canada, who will then have 28 days in which to enter his defence.

While the property of the three persons, in whose names the test cases have been launched, has not been sold, the custodian here has been proceeding with the sale of other Japanese-owned property for some time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Be sure and come to the P.E.O. Rummage Sale. Marvellous bargains, at 9 a.m., 714 Cormorant Street, Wednesday morning.

Come to the Chinese Fair and Bazaar! Chinese Benevolent Association Hall, Fisgard St., Saturday, Oct. 30. Useful and beautiful things. Tombolas, Fortunes, Games, Tea. Committee for Medical Aid for China.

Raffle winners, View Royal Welfare Association: First prize, Betty Pilling, 272 Palliser Ave., 2 cords wood; 2nd prize, Mr. Newstead, Island Highway, satin comforter; 3rd prize, Miss Alice Croft, 87 South Turner St., sack of potatoes.

Victorian Musical Art Society, "The Cavaliers," Empress Hotel Ballroom, Wednesday, Oct. 20. Guest tickets \$1.10; students 55c.; membership \$2.50. Tickets at Fletcher Bros. Ltd., from Oct. 13 on.

Winner of Victory Bond, Mary Croft Esquimalt Chapter, I.O.D.E.—L. E. Profit, 6442 Superior St.; ticket 539, c/o Yarrows Ltd.

Japanese Attack On Finschhafen Costly, Unavailing

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC (AP)—Allied troops and airmen have beaten back an attempted Japanese landing near Finschhafen, New Guinea, and destroyed 24 of 35 planes bent on raiding Allied shipping.

The Japanese sent three troop-laden barges in toward the Finschhafen beach before dawn Sunday. Heavy fire from Australians, who had captured the former Japanese base Oct. 2, sank two of the barges. The third disappeared, but an Allied headquarters communique said the enemy troops "were largely destroyed."

A headquarters spokesman said the Japanese still have a considerable force in the Sattelberg area, about 15 miles northwest of Finschhafen. Two attacks from that area were repulsed by the Australians.

Enemy air attacks were no more successful. Thirty-five planes were sent against shipping in Oro Bay. Allied fighters intercepted and shot down 24 and probably destroyed six others. Four Allied fighter planes were lost.

Today's communique told of another attack on Wewak, a Japanese base some 300 miles northwest of Finschhafen, in which 15 grounded planes were destroyed and four Japanese fighters were shot down.

In the northwestern sector, Allied bombers for the first time raided Ternate, an important port on Halmahere Island in the Molukka Sea. Pilots who flew the 2,200-mile round trip said the heart of Ternate was left in ruins.

Heavy and medium bombers hit Buin hard. Ballale airdrome was attacked from tree-top level at night and Kara airdrome was bombed by daylight. Fires and explosions resulted.

Fighter planes destroyed a barge, loaded with troops, and a coastal vessel in Tonolet harbor, Bougainville Island.

Brig. Macklin On General Staff; Others Appointed

OTTAWA (CP)—Defence headquarters today announced appointment of a new brigadier-general staff in the Pacific Command, a new brigadier in charge of administration in the command, commanders for three tactical brigade groups and a commander for a combined operations school.

The appointments:

1. Brig. W. H. S. Macklin, 44 a permanent force officer from Scarborough, Ont., who has been brigadier in charge of administration at Pacific Command, as Brigadier General Staff, Pacific Command. He succeeds Brig. W. N. Bostock, 40, of Kamloops, B.C., who is returning overseas.

2. Brig. A. H. W. Landon, M.C., 54, a permanent force officer who formerly served in the British army and has been officer commanding Vancouver defences, as brigadier in charge of administration, Pacific Command, succeeding Brig. Macklin.

3. Brig. H. W. Foster, 41, of Picton, Ont., and Halifax, commander of the Canadian forces which combined with U.S. troops earlier this year to occupy Kiska in the Aleutians, as officer commanding a tactical brigade group.

4. Lt.-Col. R. H. Beattie, B.C., 48, of London, Ont., commander of a regiment on coast defence duty and a member of the Canadian Kiska force, as officer commanding a tactical brigade group.



INSPECTS CANADIAN SCOTTISH—Maj.-Gen. J. P. MacKenzie, D.S.O., inspector-general for western Canada, stops to chat with Pte. C. Lam of the 3rd Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment, as he conducts his first inspection in Victoria. This is Gen. MacKenzie's first inspection trip to the West Coast, and in addition to the 3rd Battalion he also inspected the 114th (Inf.) Res. Coy. Veterans' Guard of MacKinnon, M.C., aide to Gen. MacKenzie; Capt. David Fyvie, in the background; Gen. MacKenzie, Lt.-Col. F. Brooke J. Stephenson, officer commanding the 3rd Battalion; Pte. C. Lam, and Pte. H. L. Williams. The units lined up for the general salute, after which the general inspected the men while they followed the regular training syllabus.

Canadians Among 5,000 Prisoners In Exchange for Disabled Nazis

OTTAWA (CP)—An External Affairs Department spokesman has disclosed that approximately 50 Canadian soldiers and airmen will be among the more than 5,000 British Empire and United States prisoners of war being exchanged for Nazis held captive by the Allies in a three-way movement across the North Sea and the Mediterranean.

The announcement said the Allied prisoners, all disabled men, are being repatriated in two batches—more than 2,000 of them returning across the North Sea to Britain from Sweden, and more than 1,000 others going from Spain to the Middle East. The Canadians will be in the North Sea movement with 17 United States men returning. The balance of the Allied prisoners, both those on the North Sea route and in the Mediterranean transfer, will be men from the United Kingdom and other Commonwealth countries.

The defence department will advise next of kin of the Canadians as soon as their names are available.

The announcement here said the Canadians will be sent back to their homes in the Dominion.

after any necessary hospital treatment in the United Kingdom and when they are considered physically able to make the journey.

The first of the Allied prisoners of war now are being embarked at Göteborg, Sweden, for the voyage home, said the statement.

800 NAZIS MOVED

By JOHN F. CHESTER

A SCOTTISH PORT (AP)—More than 800 German prisoners of war, many of them hopelessly maimed or ill, moved slowly across the quays of this port one day last week to board the hospital ship Atlantis en route to the first Allied prisoner exchange with Germany in this war at Göteborg, Sweden.

There were women and children among them.

Six newspapermen representing the entire British Canadian and United States press stood for hours seeking some common denominator among the varied groups.

If there was one it was the lack of facial expression—the deadpan mask.

Canadians Chained Till Month Ago

By EDWIN SHANKE
ABOARD EXCHANGE SHIP DROTNINGHOLM, GÖTEBORG, SWEDEN (AP)—Two Canadian soldiers and a group of Britons "for the first and only time," ran after German guards instead of away from them when they feared they would be lost and left behind in the exchange of war invalids and protected medical personnel now underway.

The Canadians, two of the more than 1,400 eager, happy British, Canadian and U.S. veterans who trooped aboard this ship, were David Thistle of Toronto, 21-year-old private in the Royal Regiment of Canada, and Charles Lambert of Montreal, 22-year-old member of Les Fusiliers Mont-Royal.

It happened this way, Thistle said: "We arrived at Sassnitz (Ger-

many) on a 600-ton ocean liner looked forward to their homes and families after years of isolation in prison camps. They included fusiliers from Northumberland, Scottish privates, gunners from Lancashire, Cockney ambulance drivers, Australians and Canadians.

They wore proud smiles and were filled with confident hope for the future, even though many hobbled on homemade peg legs, dangled empty sleeves or squinted at the autumn sunshine through one good eye.

MANY QUESTIONS

Out of touch with the world for so long, the men asked more questions of their interviewers than they answered themselves. Behind them was bitter, bloody fighting—some at the beaches of Dunkerque and Dieppe, others at Boulogne, or Crete or Greece. Before them was only one objective:

Reply to Charges Truth Serum Used On Sick Soldier

OTTAWA (CP)—Defence headquarters said today that intravenous injection of drugs like sodium amytal to produce semi-consciousness or sleep in the treatment of anxiety and hysterical states is used in both British and U.S. armed forces and is "thoroughly accepted as sound practice by both American and British authorities."

The departmental statement was issued in reply to a complaint by Lt.-Col. John Wise of Vancouver, executive secretary of the Disabled Veterans' Association, that a "truth serum" had been injected in a soldier overseas who was believed by military authorities to be malingering.

"Intraavenous injection . . . is extensively and very successfully used by the British and Americans as well as ourselves," the statement said.

"Its purpose is to induce a degree of relaxation which will make it possible for the patient to discover the fears which he has repressed and are causing his disability. There is no reference to malingering in the treatment."

1,500 Freed By Japs Homeward Bound

By PRESTON GROVER

MORMUGAO, Portuguese India (AP)—Like holiday pick-nickers but with much deeper joy, 1,500 U.S. citizens, Canadians and nationals from other countries in the western world today marched off the Japanese ship Teia Maru here and boarded the exchange liner Gripsholm, which will carry them home after months of internment in Japanese hands.

Again free men, they stepped into the hot sunlight shouting jokes and wisecracks.

A file of stony-faced Japanese, being exchanged, 10 yards away contrasted with them as they marched off the Gripsholm.

For 21 months, the men and women had been either under the watchful eye of the Japanese or

Smuts Prep Grand Assault On Reich N

LONDON (CP)—Jan C. Smuts, President of the Union of South Africa, today predicted a grand assault on Hitler's Europe next year, troops may have a decisive part.

"In view of the longed strain and demands upon the British Empire, American been rightly look grand strategic west for the final war," the soldier in a speech at the

"While therefore will go all out to final climax," he U.S.A.—latest, free potent newcomer may have to play part in the conflict great war drama.

Prime Minister such a role in the best just: all-important part stined to play in tations and the world.

"For no nation so great and so tiny been marked course of events, so high a missile good will. On n high hopes been

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Looking back months of 1943, Smuts disclosed Nations already ther and achieved had planned to do

The Prime Minister only briefly to the tion, but he made would be fighting

"We may continue, still further said, "especially in southeastern Europe coming winter w closed in upon Fortress of Europe ing our disposition assault by all arms

EPOCHAL EVEN

The real turning war, he said, were El Alamein.

The speaker admitted contribution been immense, but been no greater than the success strategy in the Me

"I say with all nothing comparable importance has been this war," he said

The address enormous complement ister Churchill.

African leader said found a leader Clemenceau (Gec ceau, Premier of the First Great will lead you to "sive and fruitful that of the last wa

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The Prime Minister "The passive ag under the Nazi hee changing over to guerrilla resist boat campaign fo has been countermeas have been c New Guinea is in being cleaned up

"The change w months is indeed s the enemy had rea Caspian line in t had taken Egypt and from both poi on to join hands w ing westwards fro a mortal blow w struck at our pri