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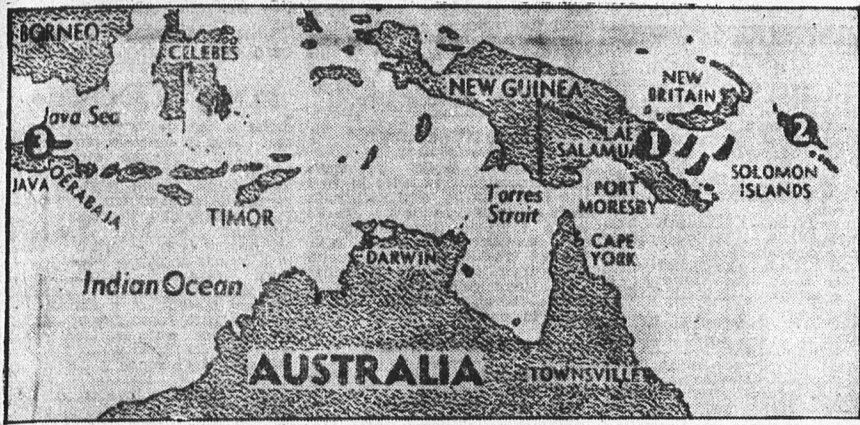
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## CHINESE BREAK JAP ATTACK IN BURMA BATTLE

### British Subs Made Big Haul Off Italy Heavy Fighting Said Underway Since Friday

#### Japs Get Blow For Blow In Air



The fighting in the Australian area is concentrated now on that portion of the island continent and the sea and islands north of it shown on the above map. Yesterday Port Moresby on the southern shores of New Guinea was again a target of enemy bombers which also raided Australian centres. Powerful allied counter-action was credited with damaging or destroying nearly 50 enemy bombers in four days. There was speculation last night that the enemy was concentrating air power in New Guinea as a base for operations against Australia.

#### War Situation Last Night

(By KIRKE L. SIMPSON, Associated Press War Analyst)  
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 air attrition in the south is fought out.  
Current war accounts from Burma and Australia disclose heavy inroads 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 a suicidal move for Tokyo to open another major front—against Russia—unless her planes had secured domination of the skies definitely elsewhere, which clearly they have not.

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 attrition itself. It is increasingly difficult for her to ship supplies to feed her southern fronts, which are nowhere nearer home than 3,500 miles and separated by the 4,000 miles span from Burma to New Guinea.

A hint of that came in a German-inspired broadcast from occupied Oslo urging Norwegian vessels in the Pacific theatre to triple into Japanese or Japanese-controlled ports with the lure of triple pay promises for crew.

#### Two U-Boats & Nine other ships Are destroyed

#### Enemy Strikes With Indifferent Success At British Convoy Elsewhere.

LONDON, March 23—(CP)—British submarines have destroyed two Italian submarines, one troopship and eight other transports within 100 miles of the shores of Italy and Albania. The Admiralty announced today even while Axis forces were striking with indifferent success at a British convoy elsewhere in the Mediterranean.  
The largest individual haul for the four British submarines engaged was credited to Cmdr. J. W. Linton, who sank six large schooners—one of them flying the Nazi flag—and a motorship jammed with troops. Conserving torpedoes, Linton surfaced his submarine and destroyed all seven vessels with gunfire.  
He was cited last year for sinking two Italian supply ships with his submarine Pandora.  
Another British submarine sank the new 1,461-ton Italian submarine Ammiraglio Mollo off Salo Point, Calabria, southern Italy, under the gaze of persons gathered on shore.  
"While His Majesty's submarine was engaged in picking up survivors she was subjected to ineffectual machine-gun fire from land the Admiralty reported.

The second Italian submarine, of 778-ton Arsonata class, was torpedoed and sunk in the southern approaches to the Straits of Messina, which separate the Italian and Balkan peninsulas.  
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#### Heavy Fighting Said Underway Since Friday

#### Italian sources report Japanese Fleet in Bay of Bengal; Air success reported for United Nations in Burma.

LONDON, March 23—(CP)—The Rome radio broadcast a Shanghai report tonight saying a strong Japanese fleet had been sighted in the Bay of Bengal.  
The roundabout account said a landing in Bengal can be expected "at any moment."

NEW DELHI, India, March 23—(AP)—Ten Japanese aircraft were destroyed in a raid Saturday on the Mingaladon airfield, a British communiqué on the Burma fighting said today.

CHUNGKING, China, March 23—(AP)—Heavy fighting has been raging in the Burma front along the Pyu river, 35 miles south of Toungoo, since last Friday when Chinese forces smashed a Japanese attack. Gen. Chiang Kai-Shek's military headquarters announced today.

In this action, reported briefly in a New Delhi communiqué Saturday, the Chinese said their forces counter-attacked along the Japanese flanks and inflicted 200 casualties upon the invaders.

#### U. S. Subs raid Jap waters; Sink 3 Merchant ships

WASHINGTON, March 23—(AP)—United States submarines, making Japanese waters their hunting grounds, have sunk three more of the enemy's merchant ships, attacked and "probably sunk" a combatant ship and damaged two freighters, the navy announced tonight.

The communiqué ran the score of Japanese ships announced officially as destroyed by American and Australian action since the start of the war to 183. Surface ships, airplanes and submarines accounted for them. An undetermined number of vessels also were sunk by Netherlands. Of the American-Australian total of 183, the United States Navy has sunk or damaged 118 vessels.

#### 'H.M.C.S. Queen Charlotte' has New Captain

#### Local R. C. N. V. R. Barracks Now A Commissioned Ship.

Lieutenant M. G. McCarthy, London, Ont., official assumed command of the "H. M. C. S. Queen Charlotte" in Charlottetown yesterday. The "Queen Charlotte" is the new title of the local Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve Barracks, recently commissioned as a ship. The new Captain succeeds Lt.-Comdr. E. S. Cope, Ottawa, who leaves on return for Upper Canada on Wednesday.

Lieut. McCarthy joined the Canadian Navy through the Port Arthur Division at the outbreak of war and received his training at the East Coast. On completion of this course, he was attached to the H. M. C. S. "Proserpine" at London, Ont. He was transferred from that ship to the "Queen Charlotte" about a month ago and took charge yesterday.

The name of the new ship "H.M.C.S. Queen Charlotte" is very appropriate situated as it is in Charlottetown, the city which was named after Queen Charlotte, founder of the local headquarters of the navy was christened after a Marine corvette which took a prominent part in guarding the vital supply line up the St. Lawrence River and the Great Lakes during the war of 1812. An appropriate Commissioning Ceremony for the new ship will be held in the near future.  
This sketch of the historical background considered in choosing the name "H. M. C. S. Queen Charlotte" should prove of interest.

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MARRIY IN HASTE  
BRISBANE, March 23—(CP)—The wedding of more than 20 Australian girls to United States servicemen in the last few weeks has led to talk in some quarters of actions to discourage the tendency to marry in haste. Religious leaders are inclined to depreciate the marriage because of extremely brief courtships.

#### No More Tires Until After War, Howe Says

Appeals to motorists to help out critical situation by conserving all possible gasoline and rubber.

OTTAWA, March 23—(CP)—Munitions Minister Howe, announcing a 40-miles-an-hour speed limit would become general throughout Canada to conserve gasoline and rubber, told Canadian motorists tonight that "when the tires you have now are worn out, your motoring is over until some considerable time after the war ends."

Mr. Howe, who spoke over a national network of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, said that while confiscation of tires on non-essential cars is not an immediate prospect "the government will not hesitate to commandeer tires from private owners of non-essential vehicles whenever that rubber is needed."

He announced retreading of tires would be restricted to commercial vehicles and buses and for transportation of workers in war plants with no alternative means of transportation.

The conservation of rubber and gasoline was a matter of vital concern, Mr. Howe said.

"If I tell you frankly that we are likely to lose the war unless we can get enough oil and enough rubber, you will understand how very serious our position is and why the conservation of these two essentials is causing us so much anxiety," he added.

Crude oil which Canada imports provides not only gasoline for automobiles but high grade gasoline for aviation use and light and heavy fuel oils and lubricating oil essential to the army and navy.

"We are depending upon the United States and a few other outside sources to supply us with more than 80 per cent of our petroleum requirements," Mr. Howe said.

Canada's only major oil-producing field, Turner Valley in Alberta, could meet only 1-16th of the country's present needs. The flow from Turner Valley wells was a natural gas, Mr. Howe said, and to increase it pumps would be required and a drop in the output would result. Experts were generally agreed that the present Turner

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#### News Briefs

LOS ANGELES, March 23—(AP)—Evacuation of southern California's huge Japanese population began in earnest today as 1,000 were moved with military escort to a new home and a new life far from this vital zone.

OTTAWA, March 23—(CP)—Dispatch of at least "a token force" of Canadians to aid in defence of Australia was urged in the House of Commons tonight by Howard Green (Con. Vancouver South) speaking in debate on Finance Minister Isley's \$125,000,000 supplementary war appropriation for the current fiscal year.

OTTAWA, March 23—(CP)—No wage rate has been set for women farm workers and legislative authority in this respect rests with the provinces, G. K. Fraser (Con. Peterborough West) was informed in a return tabled in the House of Commons today.

OTTAWA, March 23—(CP)—Corvettes are being built in 11 Canadian shipyards, said a return tabled in the House of Commons today for Angus MacInnis (C. C. F. Vancouver East). The average cost of a corvette is \$699,000, the return said.

LONDON, March 24—(Tuesday)—(CP)—The military manoeuvres in northern Sweden are a screen for complete mobilization of the Swedish army in the face of heavy German concentrations along the Baltic coast, the Daily Express foreign editor, Charles Foley, wrote today.

CHUNGKING, China, March 23—(AP)—Supplies of all kinds now are moving over the tortuous overland route between Sikiang province and the Soviet Union which, for the time being, is China's main road link with the outside world, it was disclosed today.

#### Both sides Seek control Of Burma skies

LONDON, March 23—(CP)—Strong Japanese plane reinforcements were being rushed into Burma today as blow and counter-blow against airmen simplified the vast importance attached by both sides to control of the skies.

The British command reported that for the second successive day heavy Japanese bomber formations dealt damage to a British flying force in Central Burma, while the Royal Air Force pounded down on a Japanese base on Mingaladon. Ten of 12 Japanese planes were destroyed over or on the airfield 10 miles north of Rangoon.

Informed sources in London said the Japanese were speeding more planes into Burma in a determined effort to wrest air superiority from the R.A.F. and the American Volunteer Group.  
These sources said, however, that it could be assumed the defenders also were getting reinforcements and declared that the Japanese still were far from the goal of supremacy.

#### Dominion Debt Is \$3,648,691,478

OTTAWA, March 23—(CP)—Net debt of the Dominion of Canada at March 31, 1941, was \$3,648,691,478, said a return tabled in the House of Commons today at the request of Tom Reid (Lib. New Westminster).

This compared with \$3,271,259,647 in 1940 and \$3,182,559,314 in 1939.  
Total new cash raised through bills, Dominion bonds, treasury bills, notes and non-interest bearing certificates since Sept. 1, 1939, was shown at \$2,297,591,328.

Sales of war savings certificates to last Feb. 23 totalled \$126,326,436 which, with receipts of \$3,820,022, left \$122,506,414 outstanding.

#### One-time head Of Legion passes

OTTAWA, March 23—(CP)—Capt. William Patrick Grant, one-time president of the Canadian Legion's Ottawa branch died in hospital today after a three-week illness. He was 80.

Born in Edinburgh, Scotland, Capt. Grant came to Canada 60 years ago and for some years was manager of the National Cash Register Co. at Saint John, N.B.

He joined the 237th battalion in Halifax during the First Great War and went overseas with the Queen's University Highlanders. After the war he took a keen interest in the activities of veterans' associations, particularly the Canadian Legion.

Norah and John Grant of Halifax are grand-children.

#### Statement on Manpower today

OTTAWA, March 23—(CP)—The office of Prime Minister Mackenzie King announced late today the Prime Minister's statement on manpower will be made shortly after the House of Commons meets tomorrow at 4 p.m. A.D.P.

At the week-end it was anticipated Mr. King would speak in the House this afternoon but just as the House adjourned at 5 p.m. for the dinner recess it was announced the address would not be made before tomorrow.

#### Enemy hurls Bombers at Australia

By C. YATES Mc DANIEL  
Associated Press Staff Writer  
MELBOURNE, Australia, March 23—(AP)—In the face of heavy losses inflicted by powerful allied counter-action that had damaged or destroyed nearly 30 enemy planes in four days, the Japanese command hurled its bomber squadrons today at the whole of the northern Australian defence periphery. Allied pilots repelled with far-ranging attacks upon enemy bases north of the mainland.

Wynham, on the Western Australian mainland, was under assault for 10 minutes by a medium force of enemy bombers and to the east Port Moresby on southern New Guinea, an advanced allied position which the Japanese for days had sought in vain to reduce, was attacked by 19 heavy bombers which dropped 67 bombs.

Again, it appeared, the Port Moresby airbase was the target of 200 Japanese fighters dipped to 200 feet with their machine-guns and cannon blazing, and ran into a steel barrage. One plane swerved sharply crashed a hill and bounced 20 yards on its side. The pilot was hurled more than 40 feet. A second plane was believed destroyed.

Immediately before, bombers had attacked their objectives in two waves of 10 and nine machines. Many by explosives and scattered bombs were dropped but the damage was believed slight.

The extent of the raid, together with the heavy loss of heavy bombers have suffered in recent weeks, indicated the enemy had placed extensive air power in New Guinea and might be expected to use it for an air base against the mainland.

Earlier, the rear gunner of an allied reconnaissance plane over the

#### Lull returns to Philippine front

WASHINGTON, March 23—(AP)—An apparent lull returned to the Philippine fighting front today after two days of intensive Japanese attacks which prompted the defenders to brace for a full-scale enemy offensive.

From Lt.-Gen. Jonathan Wainwright came no further reports of aggressive enemy (air) attacks or siege hammering of the Manila Bay forts following his disregard of a demand that the American-Filipino defenders surrender "or suffer the consequences."

Official observers were without an explanation but noted that Gen. Wainwright had not revised the report he made Saturday that a renewed assault on the Batan peninsula positions appeared probable.

#### Gift to Britain Passes second Reading in House

#### Impressive Tribute Given J. S. Woodsworth Leader Of C. F. Party.

OTTAWA, March 23—(CP)—Two of the government's major financial measures advanced a stage in the House of Commons today when the \$1,000,000 gift-to-Britain bill received second reading and first reading was given two bills arising from the transfer of income and corporation tax collection from the provinces to the Dominion for the duration of the war.

The gift-to-Britain bill passed on second reading without comment or division since it had been debated last week. It went at once to the committee stage where discussion is continuing.

Mr. Isley obtained consent of the House to dispense with the usual day's notice for introducing money bills to get the income tax measures before the House. There was a brief debate on the distribution of war industries among the provinces.

One of the most impressive tributes accorded a deceased member in recent years was given J. S. Woodsworth, leader of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation who died in Vancouver Saturday.

When the sitting opened Prime Minister Mackenzie King led off in a series of speeches which testified to the admiration of members of all parties for the man who was once a storm-centre of many debates.

Joining in the tributes were Conservative House Leader Hanson, New Democracy leader Blackmore, Mrs. Dorise Nielsen (Unity North Battleford), Resources Minister

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#### Flare-up in air War over Channel

ON THE SOUTHEAST COAST OF ENGLAND, March 23—(CP)—The air war over the Channel flared up again tonight as German raiders stabbed at coastal areas in the south and southeast of England by moonlight.

A stick of bombs caused considerable damage and some casualties in one town on the southeast coast as one group of dive bombers came in for a swift attack. Many of the bombs landed on a business section.

There was a sharp five-minute attack on another area.

The German raiders followed a foray by British fighters on the French coast earlier in the day.

#### Coming Events Convert Eritrea Into Arsenal

ASMASA, Eritrea, March 23—(AP)—Hundreds of United States engineers and craftsmen and thousands of Italian and native laborers are busy at work on the job of making this conquered Italian colony into an arsenal to turn out the tools of war in this part of the world.  
The project still is in a preliminary stage. No production has been started, but the program is of such an extent that the appearance and tempo of this barren land already have changed.  
In some ways the project is reminiscent of the Panama Canal construction. Public health measures are comparable to those taken in Panama except that they are 30 years more advanced.  
The harbor is formed by a series of islands which the Italians linked by causeway. Harbor traffic is impeded by the ships the Italians scuttled when they lost this country to the British.

#### BAN SPRING TRAVEL

BERLIN (from German broadcasts), March 23—(AP)—The newspaper Zwölf Uhr Blatt published today a proclamation of the minister of communications banning spring travel for pleasure by civilians.

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