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BRITISH FORCES DRIVE TO JOIN CHINESE ALLIES

People Aroused By Story Of Hong Kong

Japanese Commit Frightful Crimes

Outrages At Hong Kong Reported By Reliable Eyewitnesses; Enemy Must Be Defeated.

(By William B. King, Associated Press Staff Writer)

LONDON, Oct. 10—(AP)—The Government indicted Japan today for barbarities at Hong Kong paralleling those which shocked the world during the 1937 sack of Nanking, and accused the occupying forces of such outrages as the bayoneting of 50 helplessly bound officers and soldiers and the indiscriminate rape and murder of Asiatic and European women.

Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, told the House of Commons the charges were based on statements of reliable eyewitnesses who escaped from Hong Kong after the island Crown Colony and its garrison of British and Empire troops capitulated last Christmas Day. They were withheld out of regard for the victims' relatives until they were "confirmed beyond any possibility of doubt," he said.

Now, Mr. Eden assured the nation, the "widest publicity" in all languages will be given to these atrocities." In reply to a question, he agreed emphatically that responsibility for the outrages lies at the door of not only the troops themselves but also "the Emperor, the government and the whole Japanese people."

"I am sorry that I have had to make such a statement," he said. "— — — two things will be clear from it, to the House, to the country and to the world. The Japanese claim that their forces are animated by a lofty code of chivalry —'bushido'—is a nauseating hypocrisy. That is the first. The second is that the enemy must be defeated."

Eden's Indictment

In brief Mr. Eden's indictment included these counts:—

Fifty British military prisoners, officers and men, "were bound hand and foot and then bayoneted to death."

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Famous Soldier Defends India

(Canadian Press)

The last soldier to leave Dunkerque—Lt.-Gen. Harold Alexander—defends today the gates of India, commands the new British line in Burma. His motto is "attack, attack and re-attack."

In the First Great War he went over the top 30 times before he was wounded. At Dunkerque, his story is best told in the last paragraph of Commander-in-Chief Viscount Gort's official despatches:—

"... By midnight on the 2nd-3rd June, all the remaining British troops had been embarked, Maj.-Gen. Alexander, with the senior naval officer (Capt. W. G. Tennant, R.N.) made a tour of the beaches and harbor in a motor boat, and on being satisfied that no British troops were left on shore, they themselves left for England."

Coming Events

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"Mt. Stewart Friday. Big time at Legion Hall. L-838-3-10-3i.

"Talkies—Montague Saturday. L-838-3-10-3i.

"Concert and Dance at Afton Hall, Thursday 12th. If not fine Friday. L-861-3-11-1i.

"Loading hogs at Montague Thursday, March 12th and every Thursday until further notice. J. J. Beck. L-793-3-7-4i.

"Receiving live hogs for winter months as usual. Albany Station Thursday afternoons, Emerald Friday A. M. until 11 o'clock. Signed A. C. Green, Albany, G. C. Green, Emerald. L-557-1-15-16 then t w t tf

"A meeting of the Uigg Farmers Institute will be held in the Uigg Hall, Thursday, March 12th for the purpose of ordering seed and other business of importance and full attendance is requested. By order of Directors. L. Robbins, Secretary. L-840-3-10-2i.

"Loading hogs Thursday, March 12, Summerside till 1 p.m.; Kensington till 3 p.m. Bulman and Bagnall, Hunter River, Friday till noon. Arthur Haslam, Breadalbane, Friday till 11 a.m. Signed McEwen and Campbell. L-876.

Bitterness In Britain Over Jap Atrocities

By Foster Barclay
Canadian Press Staff Writer

LONDON, March 11—(Wednesday)—(CP Cable)— London's morning newspapers, echoing the bitterness and resentment of a public aroused by Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden's disclosure of Japanese atrocities at Hong Kong, today called unanimously for revenge and appealed for redoubled efforts to ensure victory.

Mr. Eden's statement that soldiers had been bound and bayoneted and women raped after the fall of the colony was carried on front pages under headlines such as that of The Express, "Remember Hong Kong," the Daily Mail's "Hong Kong's horror arouses Allies" and the Herald's "This is message of Hong Kong."

A Daily Mail cartoon captioned "Bushido—Way of a Warrior" showed an apelike Japanese soldier clutching a handful of women in a hairy right paw, crushing others under a dangling left hand and trampling the dead and wounded scattered on the ground or tied to the stake.

Must Get Blood Up

In a bitter editorial the newspaper said: "The people must get their blood up" and suggested that when all the details are known the government should issue a white paper.

"The Japanese have performed prodigies because we were unprepared," the Mail concluded. "Give our forces a fighting chance and they can smash this menace. We must show the enemy what sort of people we really are."

Avenge Hong Kong

"The task is to avenge Hong Kong." The Express said as it called on the people to stand firmly behind their leaders.

"Give them their chance," it exhorted. "Encourage them by our confidence to interpret the public mood, to prepare for a great attack. It can, it will, come if we all do our duty....attack, attack, attack in relation to production can soon be translated into attack, attack the enemy."

Mr. Eden's statement, the News Chronicle said editorially, "discloses the perpetration—the organized perpetration—of bestialities hardly paralleled by the worst excesses of the middle ages....let the anguish of Hong Kong spur us to hotter and more desperate resolve that these things must be ended and ended quickly."

"There will be two answers to this record of atrocities practised on helpless victims," the Times said. "First, a sense of horror and detestation will unite all civilization, free or subjugated, and the memory of it will cleave to the Japanese name until it has been purged.

"Second, in this and all Allied countries there will be a newly-forged resolution to spare no suffering, no sacrifice, no exertion for complete overthrow of this power for evil. The horrors of Hong Kong define aim and duty with a force that must touch the deepest springs of passion and imagination."

Evening newspapers carried Mr. Eden's statement in full, under blazing headlines, and editorials were revised to contain comment on the disclosures.

A group of Midland members of Parliament, after a hurried meeting, sent a resolution to Prime Minister Churchill appealing to him to develop an "intensive campaign throughout the country on the peril confronting the "whole field of modern civilization."

The BBC began almost immediately to tell the world of Japanese outrages and officials said the substance of the statement would be included in 120 news bulletins broadcast in 46 languages during the next 24 hours.

Ship Sinkings Occur Close To N. S. Shores

OTTAWA, March 10—(CP)—Ships have been sunk "not far distant from the Nova Scotia coast" Navy Minister Macdonald told the House of Commons today.

He was replying to a question from Clarence Gillis (C.C.F. Cape Breton South) who asked if it was true there had been recent sinkings "within sight of the Nova Scotia coast," and what steps were being taken to protect the coast and shipping lanes.

Mr. Macdonald said the question regarding defence steps was one that could not be answered publicly but he assured the House that "steps are being taken with every facility the navy service has and with the assistance of the Royal Canadian Air Force, to protect the coastal waters."

Report Hitler Planning Early Spring Drive

LONDON, March 10 — (CP)—Haunted by the muddy spectre of spring thaws and fearful that a Soviet push from Leningrad might penetrate German soil, Hitler was reported today to be calling up his ultimate reserves for an all-or-nothing offensive in Russia as soon as possible.

Reliable sources described as "almost certainly accurate" confidential advices that the Nazi Fuehrer had abandoned earlier plans for a defensive campaign in the north while concentrating on a big drive in the south

Instead, they said, he evidently had determined on attacking all along the line.

This was said to be due to his fear that defeat of a defensive force on the Leningrad front would let the Red army into the Baltic States, behind the German army and with a clear path to invade Germany itself.

Red army successes around Staraya Russa and a weakening of the Finnish forces were said to have raised this fear.

After Java, What Is Next Jap Objective?

Australia Seems Most Likely Target Some Observers Believe; Tokyo May Have Considered Alaska And Canada.

By Glenn Babb
Associated Press Staff Writer

NEW YORK, March 10 —(AP)—Conquest of Java ends the first phase of the war in the Pacific.

Except for a few mopping up jobs, the Japanese have gathered in all the areas they had declared definitely belonging to their "greater East Asia co-prosperity sphere."

This conquest of one of the world's richest empires has been accomplished in little more than three months.

For weeks it has been obvious that the general staffs in Tokyo have been wrestling with the question, "where next?"

Three choices obviously take precedence: the invasion of Australia or New Zealand, or both; a drive into India and across the Indian Ocean to Aden and Madagascar and East Africa; a smash at the an-

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War Situation Last Night

(By KIRKE L. SIMPSON, Associated Press War Analyst)

Another step in United Nation preparations to strike a crushing blow eventually at Japan's vital communications lines in the China Sea has been taken, this time in China.

An American army officer, Lt.-Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, in China as President Roosevelt's personal representative, has been named Chief of Staff under Gen. Chiang Kai Shek for operations on the Chinese front. And it is in the great eastern bulge of China, south of Shanghai, that some of Japan's most important land bases lie. These bases protect the Nipponese sea traffic that sustains the enormously extended threats to Australia and to India.

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The possibility that swarms of American planes may be based in China within close striking range of Japan's Formosa stronghold and of the teeming China Sea war traffic is an alluring one.

Bracketed with widening American naval sorties into the island-studded "hornets' nest" of enemy bases in the north Pacific far west of Hawaii, the pattern of a future Sino-American pincer squeeze on Japan's China Sea conquest life line is obvious.

A Japanese claim says that Truk Island, southeast of lost Guam and 3,000 miles west of Hawaii, was the objective of such an American sortie. That is unconfirmed from any American source as is the Tokyo claim of a United States plane carrier sunk and a destroyer fired.

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Truk is another of the many "stationary plane carriers" Japan developed in preparation for her wanton attack on the United States. It is less than 2,000 miles due east of the Pacific shore of Mindanao in the southern Philippines.

American naval forces which may be operating in that area of the lower North Pacific are roughly two-thirds of the way from Hawaii to the Philippines. The Japanese claim indicates a task force similar to that which wrought havoc with an enemy air bombing fleet west of the Gilbert Islands.

Like the Tokyo report of a frustrated bombing attack on Marcus Island, 1,000 miles north of Truk in the Bonin group, the Nipponese account of the Truk episode is subject to suspicion. Both might be designed to draw out information as to American fleet dispositions.

Middle East May Be Hot Spot In Spring

Some Signs Point To Axis Plans To Attempt To Conquer Mediterranean Area.

By Larry Allen
Associated Press Staff Writer

NEW YORK, March 10 —(AP)—The Eastern Mediterranean may become one of the hottest and most decisive battlefields of the war this spring.

Germany, with the aid of her faltering axis partner, Italy, is expected by foreign military and naval observers to make an all-out attempt to smash British power and destroy one of Britain's last lifelines of communication with her far-flung empire.

The Nazis' strategy, according to these observers, contemplates a heavy thrust from Libya into Egypt and a drive toward the Suez Canal, simultaneously invading Turkey or high-pressuring the Turks into letting German troops pass through to attack Syria, Palestine and eventualy the canal defences.

If this plan is put into operation, Field Marshal Erwin Rommel, commanding the German-Italian forces in Libya, probably will get a lot of help from parachute troops.

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Call For Big Food Production Increase Here

(By R. J. Carnegie, Canadian Press Staff Writer)

OTTAWA, March 10 — (CP)—With legislation now before Parliament implementing the Dominion Governments agricultural policy, the combined forces of the federal and provincial agricultural departments move into a drive to assure the greatest farm production in Canada's history.

The major appeal is for all-out production of live hogs to meet the agreement with the United Kingdom to provide 600,000,000 pounds of bacon and hams. The agreement, which started last autumn reaches the half way mark in two weeks and Canada by that time will have supplied 300,000,000 pounds in addition to providing the domestic requirements for pork products.

Agriculture Minister Gardiner announced in the House yesterday that Canada had undertaken to supply Britain with 125,000,000 pounds of cheese in the 12 months beginning April 1, as compared with last year's agreement for 112,000,000 pounds which will be somewhat exceeded.

A call has gone out to all provinces to increase certain lines of vegetables by 25 per cent. The canners will be asked to pay 25 per cent more than last year for tomatoes, peas, corn, and green beans.

For use as fresh and dehydrated products the gardeners will be asked to produce 25 per cent more turnips, onions, beets and cabbage.

A campaign has been going on for weeks to increase egg production with remarkable results and Canada is preparing to dry 30,000,000 dozen eggs for shipment to Britain this year. This is a new job for Canada.

MAIL IS LOST

OTTAWA, March 10 —(CP) — The post office department announced tonight that word has been received of the loss, due to enemy action, of a westbound steamship expected to reach Canada with 906 bags of mail.

Rommel, Hitler In Conference

LONDON, March 10 — (AP)—Marshal Erwin Rommel, commander of the German forces in Libya, is believed to have gone to Hitler's headquarters in Russia to confer with the Fuehrer and German military attaches from the Balkan countries, an Istanbul dispatch to the Daily Herald said tonight.

"Hitler is apparently trying to make up his mind about which way he should attempt to drive through to the Middle East—across Egypt or through Turkey," the dispatch said.

To Complete Alaska Highway In Year

WASHINGTON, March 10 —(AP)—The interior depratment announced today that present plans call for completion of the contemplated highway between the United States and Alaska within one year.

In a statement accompanying the announcement, Secretary Harold Ickes, head of a cabinet committee studying the highway plans, declared the highway "must be constructed in a hurry."

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Another Great Troop Convoy Reaches Britain

(By Allan Nickleson, Canadian Press Staff Writer)

A BRITISH PORT, March 10—(CP Cable)—Another great convoy bearing reinforcements for the Canadian forces overseas, American technicians, nurses, and fighting men of the occupied countries, has arrived in Britain following a smooth, swift voyage marked by a brief brush with U-boats.

Depth charges dropped from the escorting destroyers and exploding with vast mountains of spray dealt speedily with the U-boat threat and provided the only exciting moment in a voyage marked otherwise by routine exercises and drills, and one emergency appendectomy.

I lined up with the passengers

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Madagascar Is Prize At Stake

LONDON, March 10 — (CP)—A quiet, strategic race was reported to be either under way or imminent tonight between the Axis powers and the United Nations for control of the big French island of Madagascar.

In the hands of the Japanese, who are reported to have had a pressure mission there for the last six weeks, the island would give the Axis a naval base on the western end of the Indian Ocean littoral and multiply the complications of getting allied armies and material to both the Middle East and the Orient.

Adding to the growing list of reported manoeuvres aimed at the island flanking the east coast of Africa, the Turkish radio said today that six light naval units of the Vichy French fleet had been dispatched from Dakar to Madagascar.

This reported Vichy gesture came in the midst of dicussion in unofficial London quarters on the possibility that allied troops might soon move on Madagascar with the intent of beating the Axis to the jump in order to hold the western Indian Ocean from the enemy which has sealed its eastern end with the conquest of Malaya and the Indies.

Long Range Guns Begin Firing

SOUTHEAST BRITISH COAST, March 10 —(CP)— The German long range guns in the Cape Gris Nez area of the French coast began firing tonight and explosions shook the Kent coast.

Explosions were heard from the French coast after the German guns began firing.

LONDON, March 10 — (CP) — The German-operated Paris radio went off the air during the 9 p. m. news broadcast tonight—possibly for security reasons.

Sask. Airman Dies In Crash

HALIFAX, March 10— (CP)—A Royal Canadian Air Force pilot was killed today when his plane crashed into Bedford Basin during manoeuvres with another machine from the station at Eastern Passage, across the harbor from here.

The flier was identified tonight as Sgt. Glen Herbert Isralson of Hanley, Sask. Next of kin is his mother, Mrs. Evan John Isralson. Announcement of his identity was delayed pending notification of the relatives.

War—25 Years Ago Today

(By The Canadian Press)

MARCH 11 1917—British captured Baghdad after victorious 100-mile thrust up the River Tigris; Kazimain also taken as troops pursued retreating Turks. Soldiers called on to restore order as food riots continued in Petrograd.

NEW YORK, March 10 —(AP)—An axis submarine torpedoed the 6,776-ton gulf oil tanker Gulftrade at 12:40 a. m. today a few miles off Barnegat, N. J., in the closest approach undersea raiders have yet made to the eastern United States coast.

Slash Through Enemy Trap In Southern Burma

Royal Air Force Strikes Blow At Jap Airdrome; Statement On India Expected Soon.

By Drew Middleton
Associated Press Staff Writer

LONDON, March 10—(AP)—British Empire forces, abandoning the southern tip of Burma, have slashed through a Japanese trap and were driving tonight into central Burma toward their first mass rendezvous with their Chinese allies in the Shan states for the supreme defence of India.

These manoeuvres were announced almost simultaneously with a disclosure that Prime Minister Churchill would make a statement at the next session of Commons, probably on Wednesday, of the government's intentions toward India's demand for concessions toward independence as the price for her all-out co-operation in the war.

Construction of this policy was complicated by the threat uttered by Mohammed Ali Jinnah that the Moslem minority of India would revolt if the plan were opposed to its interests, particularly if it denied Moslem autonomy.

Operations on the Burma front indicated meantime that Britain was staking everything on the belief that the battered army of Burma could, with Chinese aid, make a prolonged resistance.

A communique from New Delhi announced that the Royal Air Force, despite the British retreat and readjustment to new bases, had struck a heavy blow at a Japanese airdrome at Moulmein, dropping sticks of bombs among 14 scattered planes and setting two fires. Fighting planes, too, lifted a shield over the retreating troops. A Japanese air raid upon Tharrawaddy, however, killed some Burmese civilians.

Govt. To Control All Forms Of Motor Transport

OTTAWA, March 10 —(CP)— Broad powers of control over all forms of commercial motor transportation have been conferred upon James Stewart, administrator of services under the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, the board anounced tonight.

"Plans are already well under way," the statement said, "drastically to cut down empty running or running without full loads, and to concentrate equipment and give priority to essential services."

The order, prepared in collaboration with the wartime industries control board in the department of munitions and supply, has for its main objective the maximum conservation of rubber, oil and automotive equipment, and to ensure the maintenance of essential services.

It covers all forms of commercial truck and transport services and facilities, ordinary taxicabs and "drive yourself" cabs.

The only exception to the control is buses licensed by provincial or municipal authorities to carry passengers on a defined route.

Canadian Army Is "Spearhead"

WASHINGTON, March 10—(CP) —The United Nations will let no opportunity slip by to take the offensive against the Axis, Lt.-Gen. A.G.L. McNaughton, commander of the Canadian Corps, declared here today.

At a press conference, sandwiched between discussions with high-ranking American and British military officials, Gen. McNaughton said the Canadian army in Britain was designed for offensive action, as a spearhead against Axis formations and is "itching for action."

In a quick survey of the western hemisphere, he said it would not surprise him if the Japanese attack Alaska or the Panama Canal zone but he regarded an invasion of northern Canada by the Hudson Bay route as the idea of a man "with a maggot in his brain."

At the same time the General took a strong stand against immobilizing the Canadian Army in Canada to meet the demands of people who anticipate nuisance value raids, particularly on the west coast. He said we "must not dissipate our forces" but continue the policy of building up an offensive force to be used in Europe.

He told his press conference the one limiting factor on the size of the Canadian army in Britain was shipping in the North Atlantic.

Krupp Works Given Second Heavy Raid

LONDON, March 10 —(CP) — Attacking the giant Krupp munitions works at Essen for the second time in 24 hours last night, British bombers kindled fires which the Air Ministry declared wrought such extensive havoc that production would be slowed considerably for some time to come.

Fires visible for 100 miles multiplied rapidly, participating pilots, including a number of Canadians, related, and even before the attack reached its climax the target was a beckoning beacon to succeeding waves of bombers.

Today's German high command communique from Berlin acknowledged the attacks on western Germany but omitted its usual claim that no military damage was done.

Near the end of 1941 more than 1,000 workmen were reported busy at the Krupp works repairing damage resulting from R. A. F. air raids before wintry weather halted them.

And now with the British spring offensive going full blast, British air authorities declared grimly their task would be multiplied manyfold, since the Ruhr area is a natural target only 350 miles from R. A. F. bomber stations.

Commons Shocked By Report Of Jap Outrages

OTTAWA, March 10—(CP)—Retribution "in full measure" will follow Japanese atrocities on British prisoners at Hong Kong, Prime Minister Mackenzie King told a tense House of Commons today, adding stern warning that vengeance must not be taken against Japanese residents of Canada.

To an unusually quiet chamber Mr. King read the text of a statement made earlier today in the British House of Commons confirming "beyond any possibility of doubt" reports of barbarities committed by the Japanese against helpless military prisoners and civilian population.

Resentment and indignation expressed by the Prime Minister and other leaders in the House of Commons today summarized feelings in Canada earlier when details of the atrocities were revealed in the British statement, made public in London and also by the External Affairs Department here.

In Winnipeg Lt.-Col. J. N. Semmens, officer commanding the reconstituted first battalion of the Winnipeg Grenadiers, one of the two Canadian battalions which served at Hong Kong, said the announcement would become "a wild tornado to fan the flame of

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