BRITISH WEAKNESS ON PACIFIC FRONT TOLD IN COMMONS

Attlee Frankly Admits Japs Have Most Powerful Fleet In Waters of Pacific.

London, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Major Clement R. Attlee, lord privy seal, speaking as Prime Minister Churchill's deputy, told the house of commons frankly today that Britain did not have sufficient resources for complete preparation against the Japanese who, he declared, at present have the most powerful fleet in the Pacific.

House members cheered, however, when he summed up accounts after the first month of war in the Pacific even though they were given little new information about the war effort.

News of further steps to coordinate manpower and munitions of the united nations awaited the return of the prime minister from America.

The first mild criticism of the United States' role in the far east came from Commander Sir Archibald Southby, a conservative, who declared the Russian and African successes do not "offset the loss of Guam and other islands to Japan."

Foresight Criticized

"It might have been better," he told the house, "if the United States had augmented the defense of those vitally important places rather than expend time and material in creation of the bases which we have leased to them in the West Indies and Newfoundland."

In a broad summarization of the war Attlee told commons:

"The fact that the United States has entered the war on our side has determined the result of the war, but does not offset the advantages that accrue to Japan in the beginning . . ."

He declared that even if Britain had increased her own production to the utmost she could not produce enough arms at present for the far east to equal the strong military force of Japan.

Apparently in reply to criticism of the seeming inadequacy of British military preparations in the far east, Attlee said the fact that Britain's Pacific positions were less strongly garrisoned and equipped than might have been wished was not due to lack of foresight.

Rather, he said, it was because it was beyond Britain's resources to be strong everywhere.

Optimistic Picture

But he drew a sharp picture of Britain's utilization of her strength where it was concentrated and gave an optimistic, broad view of the war.

British troops, he declared, already have advanced 600 miles from the starting point of their drive into Libya and are engaging General Erwin Rommel's German forces in "great tank battles."

On the Russian front the "initiative definitely has passed to the Russians" beyond the ability of the German high command to pass off its retreat as a planned maneuver.

From the Malaya front, however, Attlee reported a British withdrawal to a point about 60 miles north of Kuala Lumpur, which is 240 miles from Singapore, and said that altogether the defenders of Malaya had had been forced to give up 15 airdromes.

Wavell In Charge

He disclosed to the house that General Sir Archibald P. Wavell, as supreme commander of allied forces in the far east, will direct operations in a vast area including Malaya, The Netherlands East Indies and the Philippines—but excluding Australia, India and Indo-China

It was explained that United States, Australia and The Netherlands Indies officers will be on General Wavell's staff.

While Lord Addison, labor party leader, declared in the house of lords that Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, recently replaced commander in the far east, was a "nincompoop," Attlee told commons that commanders on the ground must not be blamed for results in Malaya.

The government, Attlee asserted, accepted "full responsibility."

FRANCIS WALKER HONORED BY D.A.V.

Word has been received from national headquarters of the Disabled American Veterans of the appointment of Francis H. Walker, of Medford, as sergeant-at-arms for the national convention to be held at Eugene this year. The appointment was announced by Laurence R. Melton, national commander of the Disabled American Veterans.

Mr. Walker is working on the convention committee for southern Oregon and is trying to get one of the four special trains to Oregon by way of Medford to bring National Commander Melton and his adjutant, Vivian D. Corbly through this city. Mr. Walker and Mr. Corbly are old friends and organized the first chapter of D.A.V. in Montana at Bozeman while attending college there.

Mr. Walker is at present chapter adjutant of Jackson county, No. 8 and past chapter commander of Lewis and Clark chapter No. 3, Helena, Mont.; past chief of staff of Montana. He is also a member of Crater Lake post 1833, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Medford post No. 15, American Legion.

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Closing time for Classified Ads 9 a. m.—Too Late to Classify 12:30 p. m.

JACKSON COUNTY TIRE BOARDS IN OPERATION SOON

Rationing Work To Start First of Next Week, Is Outlook; Advice Is Given.

The tire rationing boards for Jackson county are being set up as fast as possible and the Medford board expects to be in operation by the first of next week. The board will have an office in the Chamber of Commerce building. Although the board members have been designated by Gov. Sprague they are federal employes serving without pay or expense money and as yet they have not received their actual appointments.

Speaking of the local new tire problem the county tire co-ordinator said today:

"We do not think the number of tires to be distributed throughout the county will be more than 55 during any one month. From this small number it will be necessary to furnish tires to all utilities such as Copco, sanitary services, county nurses, doctors, school buses, county trucks used in defense work, road repair machinery, rural mail carriers, ice, food and fuel trucks, freight trucks, as well as for certain sorts of labor to and from places of employment. These defense activities together with a limited inclusion of farm tractors and other farm implements, but not farm automobiles or trucks, are specified by federal law and regulation to be the sole and only activities to which permission to purchase new tires or tubes can be given.

No Alternative

"The board has no alternative in the matter and so those who do not come under one of these classifications will not be able to obtain new rubber.

"Each one of us should at this time realize that there is just so many miles of use left in our weakest tire and then we should decide just how we are going to use the remaining miles left in the way which will be best for our country and for ourselves. We will all be wise to accept the word of our leaders in Washington in regard to the length of the war and make up our minds that as far as we private citizens are concerned there will be no more new tires available.

"The fact that many city people are already leaving their cars in the garage and walking to work should be made a general practice and it would be wise for country people to try to combine their trips to the city in order to save their means of transportation. All of us will find these recommendations will work a certain hardship upon us and it will be necessary for us to slow down our way of doing business but it is much wiser to slow down now than to come to a full stop in the not distant future.

Slower Driving Urged

"One further word of advice has been given to the tire rationing boards which is: much longer life can be gotten from your tires if you will drive slowly and in such manner that you do not have to use your brakes.

"Rationing of inner tubes will be even more stringent than of casings for the present at least because there are approximately 22 percent less tubes available for Jackson county than of tires. This would seem to mean that immediate attention should be given to flats when they occur to your tires. Finally the question of full inflation of tubes at all times is of great importance and any driver who wishes to have the continued use of his car should keep his tires fully inflated. So important is this in tire-saving that the big auto freight lines have daily checks of air pressure on all their equipment.

"At present there are some new 'obsolete' tires not on the rationing program and tire owners can still have casings recapped and retreaded."

At Big Y Market Friday

Lobo, Junior and Queenie, famous trick-performing Pard dogs who appeared for 76 days at the Golden Gate International exposition and have been featured in Ripley's "Believe It Or Not," will give their stunt repertoire at the Big Y market Friday at 2:30 p. m. All boys and girls are cordially invited to witness the wizards of dogdom in their spectacular performance.

The dogs represent three generations of their family Lobo, a pure-bred Belgian sheep dog, is the seven-year-old father of Junior, the clown of the trio, and the grandfather of Queenie who, although only a year old, has mastered many difficult tricks.

Trained to perform in front of the moving picture camera, the dogs do all their stunts at the command of their trainer, Ray Courtwright, by obeying implicitly the signals he gives only with his hands and fingers. They do not need loudly shouted commands.

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

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The report readily admits he outtalked them.

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MOTHER Perkins, the labor secretary, has been bothering herself somewhat in the interest of William H. Davis for the chairmanship of the new war labor board, but no one else has. Mr. Davis, chairman of the disintegrating defense mediation board, has some friends there who say the unanimous distaste for him among the C.I.O., A.F. of L., chamber of commerce and National Association of Manufacturers makes him an ideal candidate for the post.

About 40 other names were in the lists placed a week ago on Mr. Roosevelt's desk. Near the top were James Landis, dean of the Harvard law school, and Lloyd Garrison of the University of Wisconsin.

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NO one could ask for more cooperation than this congress is giving Mr. Roosevelt. Little opposition can be heard publicly, and the only corridor criticism comes mainly from administration leaders, grumbling lightly about the way the war is going. Senate Foreign Relations Chairman Tom Connally, for example, went down to see Navy Secretary Knox to find out "where the fleet is." All he could tell his colleagues on his return was that it is supposed to be out hunting Japs.

But illustrative of the general congressional tone is the case of the iconoclastic Senator Wheeler. The one thing he feared most for this country was the delegation of dictatorial powers to F.D.R. Now he is championing an administration bill allowing Mr. Roosevelt alone to juggle the hours of the nation into daylight savings for one or two hours. Asked about it, Wheeler said: "Well, there is no other way."

In all, the new session marks no change from the old. It has the same leaders, same problems. A foreshadow of possible criticism against the conduct of the war has risen, but not very high yet.

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THE political gas and oil administrator, Mr. Ickes, suffered wing-clipping again in Mr. Roosevelt's orders setting up the office of defense transportation under Joe Eastman. That office will now decide about new pipelines and the Nelson priority division (SPAB) will decide about materials for pipelines.

Mr. Ickes and his merry men have an elegant rationing plan for gas and fuel oil all ready, but may not get a chance to use it. The Henderson auto and tire bans will certainly curtail the use of cars and gas consumption increasingly, without other action. Too bad for Ickes. He tried so hard.

12 LOCAL YOUTHS LEAVE FOR WORK IN BOEING PLANT

The Boeing Aircraft company in Seattle, producers of the Flying Fortress, has taken for employment 12 more local youths who have completed the free course in aviation sheet metal work being given at Medford senior high school, it was announced today by Lewis Ulrich, manager of the Oregon state employment service here. They will report for work Friday of this week.

Mr. Ulrich said there were several vacancies in the classes, instructed by Scott Brill, and that those wishing to make applications for admittance could do so by contacting either him or E. H. Hedrick, city school superintendent. The course lasts 12 weeks, but aircraft factories many times employ enrolles before they complete their classes.

Due to a government order, no youths with a number 1 draft classification will be considered, Mr. Ulrich said.

Leaving to report tomorrow are William Norman Bailey, Miles Brownrigg, A. J. Eiler, R. B. Lamison, F. V. Palmer, Kenneth Robeson, Harvey Thayer, W. A. White, Herbert Roberts, Lee Bechtold, P. P. McNeil and Paul Newcomb.

By a 1940 agreement the U. S. will get half of Bolivia's tin output for five years.

BIG LUMBER BILL BOUGHT BY ARMY FOR NEW CAMPS

Seattle, Jan. 8.—(AP)—U. S. engineers bought 250,000,000 board feet of lumber from northwest mills yesterday for the construction of additional army cantonments. There were more than 160 bidders. Successful bidders were not announced.

C. H. Herman, vice president of Timber Products company, and B. L. Nutting, general manager of the Medford Corporation, and Harry G. Dowson, sales manager, are in Seattle attending the lumber auction which is expected to last the rest of the week.

Mill men here understood that the government planned to purchase close to a billion board feet of lumber in the Seattle market. A bulletin issued by the West Coast Lumbermen's association earlier in the week said that 100,000,000 board feet of the lumber purchased would be earmarked for cantonments at Medford and Colorado Springs, Colo.

MINK FARM PROSPERS

Toledo, Ore.—(UP)—The Julian Smallwood mink farm, which began operations four years ago with one pair of minks, raised 784 this year. More than $8,000 worth of pelts went to market. They bring from $17 to $20 each.

Sailor Son's Letter Best Christmas Gift For Sams Valley Folk

C. L. Hockersmith of Sams valley recalled with pleasure today the "best Christmas present my wife and I ever received."

The gift, he explained, was in the form of a letter they received on Christmas eve from their son, Delmar, an electrician's mate, second class, stationed on a United States destroyer somewhere in the Pacific ocean.

The letter, which was dated "December 17," informed the anxious parents that Delmar was "OK." Mr. Hockersmith said his son wrote that "I could do with about 24 hours of sleep, but I guess I'll have to be content with four."

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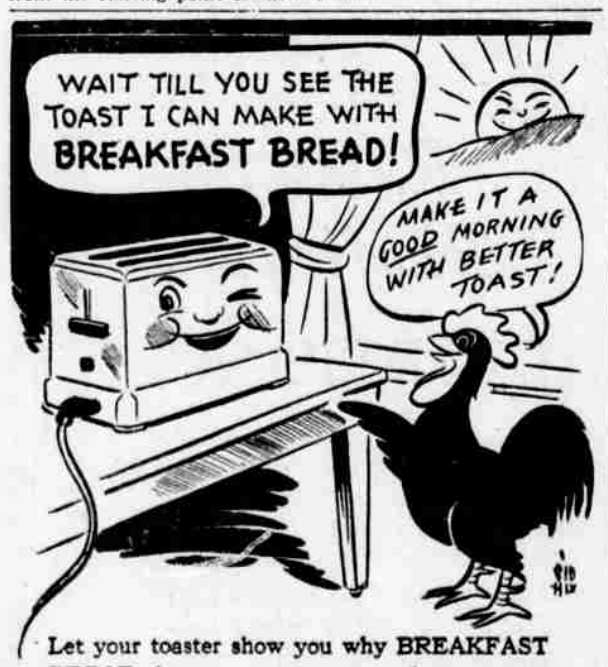

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