

ARMISTICE DECLARED "WAR" ON SINGAPORE

SIGNED BY SOVIET AND JAPAN TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING FRONTIER

MOSCOW, Saturday. An armistice over the Manchukuo Border "war," which has been waged sporadically for a number of years, was agreed on early today by Japan and Soviet Russia, the official Soviet News Agency announces.

The agreement, says the Agency, was reached between Mr. Togo, the Japanese Ambassador in Moscow, on behalf of Japan and Manchukuo, and M. Molotov, Soviet Premier and Foreign Commissar for the U.S.S.R.

M. Molotov and Mr. Togo are continuing their conversations today, according to reliable but unofficial sources, who state that no aggression pact is the subject of the negotiations.

The armistice, which is stated to be the outcome of recent negotiations between the two parties, was issued in the following terms: (1) Japanese, Manchukuan and Soviet Mongolian troops to cease all hostilities at 2 a.m. Moscow time (midnight, B.S.T.) on September 16th.

Frontier Commission In addition, it was agreed in the course of the negotiations between Mr. Togo and M. Molotov that a Commission consisting of two representatives of the Japanese, Mongolian and Soviet Governments, and two representatives of the Japanese Manchukuo side, should be appointed at the earliest possible date in order to establish the precise frontier line between the Japanese People's Republic and Manchukuo in the area of the recent conflict.

The Commission will commence work as soon as it is formed.

The "cease fire" sounded this morning in the Manchukuo frontier region, according to a Hsinching despatch received here. According to the Hsinching chain of newspapers, General Abe, the new Japanese Prime Minister, instructed Mr. Togo to seek a settlement with the Soviet Government on all questions pending between the two countries.

The papers predict that the Japanese Government will henceforth direct attention to settling all pending economic questions with the Soviet Union.

M. Constantin Smetanin, the former Soviet Charge d'Affaires in Tokyo has appointed Soviet Ambassador to Japan, it is officially announced in Moscow.—Reuter.

TOKIO COMMENT ON AGREEMENT TOKIO, Saturday. Commenting today on the agreement reached between Japan and the Soviet Union, the Japanese Government has expressed its efforts towards a settlement of various questions pending between Japan and the Soviet Union.

The Governments of Japan and the Soviet Union have recognised that a settlement of the dispute in the kind of Nonoman, along the boundary between Manchukuo and Outer Mongolia, would contribute towards restoring normal relations between Japan and the Soviet Union (the spokesman advised).

Mr. Togo, the Japanese Ambassador in Moscow, and M. Molotov, has recently had several conversations for this purpose in view, and the agreement to cease hostilities is the outcome of these talks.—Reuter.

WEDDING OF MISS JOYCE SHARPLEY

SEARGEANT-PILOT O. N. MASSEY MAER CEREMONY



The marriage took place at Maer Parish Church today of Miss Joyce Sharpley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Sharpley, of Toft, Hanchurch, and Sergeant Pilot Oswald Norman Massey, of the Royal Air Force.

The bride's father, Mr. E. B. Sharpley, of Toft, Hanchurch, Trent and A.R.P. and Food Controller for the City. Sergeant-Pilot Massey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. Massey, of Holly Cottage, Maer.

The wedding took place at a few hours' notice, advantage having been taken of a bridegroom having been granted a short period of leave from his unit. The bride and bridegroom had been engaged for some time.

Sergeant Pilot Massey has been serving in the Royal Air Force since the outbreak of the war. He is associated with his father in the business of Messrs. W. Massey and Son, Ironmongers, Newcastle.

The bride is a radiographer at the Royal Hospital, Derby. The bridegroom's leave is long enough to permit of the bride and bridegroom to be married in the home town where when her husband rejoins his unit.

EXPERT PILOT The bridegroom, who is known to a wide circle of friends in North Staffordshire, is a pilot of considerable experience.

Before the announcement last night that the petrol rationing scheme was postponed for a week, garages and petrol filling stations in North Staffordshire were besieged by thousands of motorists, who desired to have their tanks filled before this morning, when the rationing was originally due to start.

Generally speaking, suppliers were dumfounded, and in many cases demand, either because their stocks ran out, or because there was no end to the stream of motorists.

At one large garage in Stoke-on-Trent the two-way entrance system had to be withdrawn and one-way traffic past the pumps introduced.

The work of filling tanks went on until the black-out restrictions made it impossible to serve any longer.

The demand had grown steadily as the day progressed, and in many cases pumps were exhausted by early evening. Not one tank in the Stoke area was left by 9 p.m.

HOARDERS WARNED OFFENCE TO STORE PETROL WITHOUT LICENCE A strong warning to petrol hoarders was issued by the Manchester Emergency Committee following a meeting held at Wykeham Church, yesterday.

Mr. R. H. Adcock, the Town Clerk, speaking on behalf of the Committee, said that in the public interest and in anticipation of petrol rationing, people had been seen collecting petrol in drums and other containers.

WORK STARTING AT ONCE ON SCHOOL SHELTERS

EFFECT OF CITY'S PROPOSED "DOUBLE SHIFT" SYSTEM



Mr. George Marsh with the Longton Park Inn Aynsley Bowling Cup he won last night. Mr. George Bath was the runner-up.

Work on the 291 school shelters in respect of which the Stoke-on-Trent Education Committee accepted tenders at their meeting last Monday is to begin at once.

Each of these shelters will accommodate 50 children and one teacher. They are to be built on land already in the possession of the Education Committee. No elementary schools are now open. The question of reopening will be considered at the next meeting of the Education Committee.

Because of special difficulties, which make the erection of shelters at Hanley High School and Longton High School, unless the boys at these schools will attend the two other secondary schools in the Stoke-on-Trent area.

The Emergency Education Committee which recommended the introduction of the "double-shift" system comprised the Chairman (Alderman Miss F. A. Farmer), the Vice-Chairman (Alderman A. Dale), Mrs. F. Hutchinson, Mr. A. Austin, and the Chairman (Mr. W. Hancock) and Vice-Chairman (Mr. D. Davies) of the Sites and Buildings sub-committee.

What to Do AIR RAID WARNINGS TO PLACES OF AMUSEMENT

Advice to the staffs and audiences attending places of amusement is given by the Chief Constable of Stoke-on-Trent (Mr. F. L. Bunn) in the following statement issued today.

As it will not be possible to give warning by telephone, it is necessary for a member of the staff of each place of amusement to be stationed constantly in the street, or at some other point where he can see the public warning signals.

When a warning signal is shown, the manager or other responsible person present should see that the audience is made clear to the audience that the warning does not necessarily mean that raid will take place, and that, in any case, it is not likely to occur for at least five minutes.

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Provision for grants for civilians injured in air raids and other warlike operations and pensions for dependants of such persons, which has been decided by the Minister of Pensions.

CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAUX IN NORTH STAFFS. Good progress has been made with the plans to establish Citizens' Advice Bureaux in various parts of North Staffordshire, and on Monday offices will be opened at the following centres:— Art School, Queen-street, Burslem; Central Hall, Stafford-street, Stoke-on-Trent; Community Centre, Uttoxeter-rd., Meir; Victoria Church Institute, Church-street, Stoke-on-Trent; Foster-street Council School, Stoke-on-Trent.

ROAD FATALITY AT STROKE

WALL OF FLAME



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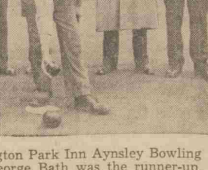
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Cheery Spirit Of The New Army Class

"MILITIA" JOIN UP SINGING



War Office reports of yesterday's call up of the new Army class, formerly known as the Militia, revealed the spirit of cheerfulness with which the men are taking up their fresh duties.

At the majority of the depots the full complement of men had arrived at the time.

The machinery for their reception was efficient. The men had had a meal, they drew their kit and were fitted with respirators.

At an Aldershot depot, the most interested observers of the new arrivals were the first batch of militia "old soldiers"—now of two months' standing. They commented on the arrival of the new lot with all the confident assurance of veterans.

STATION RECEPTIONS At the railway stations there were N.C.O.s with shields bearing the names of the units which the men were to join. It was obvious that the second batch had profited by the errors of the first as none brought sweethearts or wives with them this time.

SMILING KHAKI-LED YOUNG WOMEN greeting the A.T.S. were very numerous at the various depots in the Northern Command area.

The formation of reception committees, handed round cups of tea and provided a friendly feminine atmosphere, which was further enhanced by the presence of N.C.O.s stayed in the background.

At one depot the Commanding Officer told the new arrivals that if they were as responsible as Lady Millicent they would soon become first-class soldiers.

"BOOMPS A DAISY" Singing "Booms a Daisy" and "The Merry Wives" catches tunes which may be the "Tipperary" and "Pack Up Your Troubles" of 1939.

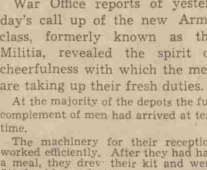
The first man reporting in the Western Command arrived in a car driven by his sister wearing A.T.S. uniform which five chains from Manchester's member, and N.C.O.s arrived on bicycles at a Lansdowne depot.

Many attacks have been made and a number of U-boats have been destroyed.

Survivors have been rescued and captured when possible.

EMPLOYEE OF COUNTY COUNCIL

MEMBERS SERVING WITH FORCES



At a special meeting of the County Council considered recommendations from the Finance Committee concerning the payment of employees engaged in the armed forces or in Civil Defence.

Following a discussion the Council decided that action be taken to meet the needs of the situation.

A report was presented to the committee which has been dealing with the question of the absence of employees, and that a loss of emoluments or increments upon absence.

BASIS OF PAYMENT Payment, the sub-committee proposed, should be made on the basis of the employee's normal basic salary.

MARRIED MEN—Salary not more than £300 per annum, such as to be made up to full salary or wages, up to £500, up to four months' absence, to three months' absence.

UNMARRIED PERSONS WITH DEPENDENTS—Each case to be considered on its merits.

UNMARRIED PERSONS WITHOUT DEPENDENTS—Salaries to be one-half, but this to be allowed in the case of those who are deemed to be dependents' allowances, the report of the sub-committee also recommended that dependents' allowances should be taken into account in the case of those who are deemed to be dependents.

CIVIL DEFENCE DUTY In the matter of Civil Defence duties, the sub-committee reported that, having regard to the depletion of the County Council's staff, it was recommended that the department to decide on any particular member of staff who was engaged in work of importance, should be undertaken voluntarily.

It was also proposed that the staff who married should be on the staff.

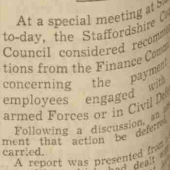
CONSIDERATION BY COUNCILS' ASSOCIATION Before the County Council Finance Committee met on Monday, the County Councils' Association, doing anything, even to a ship arrival.

Mr. H. J. Bostock seconded the motion.

NATIONAL SAVINGS Planning Great Campaign for Stoke-on-Trent At a fully representative meeting of the Stoke-on-Trent Central Committee, the National Savings Movement, to plan a great campaign for Stoke-on-Trent, was held at the Town Hall, Stoke-on-Trent, on Monday evening.

TRAGIC DEATH OF BUCKNALL MAN

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