

North Swoops on Enemy Aliens

ARRIVING simultaneously at private houses and hostels, Manchester, Lancashire County, and Cheshire County police to-day made a surprise raid on enemy aliens.

Over a hundred—many in the Manchester district—were arrested as they prepared to have breakfast, and within a few hours all had been turned over to the military authorities for internment.

The raids were part of a nation-wide drive. They were ordered by the Home Secretary, Sir John Anderson.

Hitherto Exempted

Early to-day he instructed the temporary internment throughout Great Britain of all male Germans and Austrians between 16 and 60, who though hitherto exempted from internment, have been required to comply with special restrictions.

All the men arrested were in category B, which restricted their movements and made it necessary for some to report to the police every day.

Aliens were arrested in Manchester by the City Police C.I.D. officials. Other raids were made at:

Liverpool (about 50),
Salford (one arrest),
Oldham,
Sale,
Marple,
Wilmslow,
Widnes,
Preston.

In the Manchester suburbs, which are controlled by Lancashire County police.

Although most of the authorities refused to disclose numbers, it is believed that between 50 and 60—some of them youths—were arrested in the immediate Manchester district.

Some were due to appear before the Aliens Tribunal in Manchester next week.

"It Seems Sad"

An official of the Jewish Refugee Committee in Manchester told the *Manchester Evening News*:

"One boy, who was arrested in the Manchester district, was 16 only last week.

"His father is in Class "C," which means he is free to go about. We have had no opportunity to bring the boy before the Aliens Tribunal.

"It seems sad that he should have been involved in the internment drive."

2,000 Are Refugees

There are just over 3,000 "B" category male enemy aliens in the British Isles, of whom more than 2,000 are refugees.

The restrictions hitherto applying to enemy aliens in category "B" were that they must not own a motor-car without police permission, must not have a camera, and must not travel more than four miles from their homes or change their address without police permission.

Some of the three thousand may have been interned during the week-end under the Home Secretary's previous order, which affected all male enemy aliens between the ages of 16 and 60 living on or near our southern and eastern coasts.

SCHOOLS TO OPEN FOR EVACUATION PLANNING

By Our London Correspondent

FACED by the possibility of a further evacuation of school-children if bombing commences in this country the Board of Education has warned school authorities in all parts of the country to open on Saturday, so that final arrangements can be made to carry out the plan speedily.

This order is also to apply to every Saturday until further notice.

This is purely a precautionary measure, and it does not mean that there necessarily will be any further evacuation of children.

If bombing starts, however, this will, of course, follow.

Promptness Urged

Instructions were received in Manchester to-day from the Board of Education to open all day schools at 9 a.m. on Saturday.

An official of the Education Department said it was essential that all teachers and children should be at

The Board of Education feels that the Friday to Monday break means too long a time out of touch.

Narvik Germans Doomed

BBRITISH and French troops are playing a leading part in the offensive on Narvik. Before the determined onslaught of French mechanised units the Nazis have had to retreat.

A wedge has been forced between them and the town.

The town is being bombed from the air and shelled from the sea.

Reports received in Paris say the Allied troops are expected to enter the Norwegian port at any moment.

About 200 German parachute soldiers have been dropped near Bjoernfjell, on the Swedish frontier east of Narvik, state reports reaching Stockholm to-day.

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