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Jan. 13, Colombia, Mexico and Venezuela formally requested other American republics to sever diplomatic ties with Axis. Gen. Sir Alan Hactley appointed Commander-in-Chief in India.

Jan. 17, Prime Minister Churchill arrived in Britain after having arranged nucleus of Allied command and supply services with President Roosevelt.

Jan. 18, Russia agreed to permit 25,000
Poles to leave Soviet territory
to join Polish forces fighting
with British Middle East
Command.

Jan. 19, U Saw, Premier of Burma, arrested for conspiracy with Japanese. Brazilian Foreign Minister, following Axis threats, stated that Brazil could no longer be neutral.

Jan. 26, U.S. troops landed in Northern Ireland. Prime Minister King announced extension of Canadian troops overseas to full army; Fourth Division to be converted to an armoured division.

Jan. 27, Dominions accorded representation in Empire War Cabinet. Mr. De Valera, Prime Minister of Eire, protested landing of U.S. troops in Northern Ireland.

Jan. 28, Canadian liner Lady Hawkins sunk by submarine in West Indian waters; 250 missing.

Feb. 4, Reorganization of British Cabinet, with Lord Beaverbrook as Minister of War Production.

Feb. 6, Combined Chiefs of Staff Board set up at Washington to direct joint Anglo-American action.

Feb. 7, Anti-British rioting in Tangier.
Germans arrested 200 persons in Rouen for attempt to bomb German army building.

Feb. 11, U.S. troops garrisoned Netherlands West Indies islands of Aruba and Curação.

Feb. 16, Opening of Riom war-guilt trials.

Feb. 20, Changes in Churchill Ministry, with reduction of War Cabinet from 9 to 7 members and appointment of Sir Stafford Cripps as House Leader and Lord Privy Seal.

Feb. 24, Allied and neutral shipping losses in second half of 1941 totalled over 1,000,000 tons. Total losses since outbreak of war: 8,300,000 tons for Allies and neutrals; 5,000,000-6,000,000 tons for enemy. Secret session of Canadian House of Commons.

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Feb. 27, Canada ordered removal of all persons of Japanese origin from protected areas on Pacific Coast; Commission to supervise such removal appointed. Pending removal, dusk to dawn curfew imposed.

Mar. 2, French police announced that 230 attacks had been made upon German persons or works in past 8 months.

Mar. 6, Prime Minister King announced Canadian approval of construction of Alaska highway.

Mar. 7, Cairo reported Japanese mission making surveys on Madagascar.

Mar. 9, British press called for offensive action against Japanese. Japanese in British Columbia began to surrender firearms, cameras and motor-vehicles.

Mar. 10, Further contingent of Canadian soldiers and airmen reached Britain.

Mar. 11, Prime Minister Churchill announced sending of Sir Stafford Cripps to India to confer with Indian leaders on question of Dominion status.

Mar. 12, Anti-Axis riots in Rio de Janeiro, following sinking of 4 Brazilian ships.

Mar. 15, Associated Press reported warship losses since outbreak of war as 203 British, 77 Allied and 195 enemy vessels.

Mar.16-17, First sinkings of Chilean and Uraguayan ships by Axis submarines followed by riots in Santiago and Montevideo.

Mar. 19, Richard G. Casey, Australian Minister to Washington, appointed British Minister of State in Middle East. Herr Hitler recalled to active service generals retired on his assumption of command in December.

Mar. 24, Canada raised age limits for compulsory service for home defence to 30 years and announced a national selective service plan in regard to civil employment, including a list of restricted occupations. House of Commons passed \$1,000,000,000 material-aid given to United Kingdom.

Mar. 25. Prime Minister King announced that Canada had requested representation on Pacific Defence Council and that 2 new divisions were to be formed.

Mar. 28, H.M. the King, in a broadcast calling the peoples of the Commonwealth to a Day of Prayer, urged a speeding-up of war-time work.