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Billion in Three Years

Canada's Greatest Peace-Time Program of Defence

OTTAWA (CP)—The government proposed last night to double Canada's air power as a dominant force in the \$5,000,000,000 three-year defence program, dwarfing anything in this country's peacetime history.

Minister Claxton in the House of Commons a 15-minute speech that would raise the number of squadrons; send 11 of Europe; raise manning of the regular forces from 115,000; post an army of 100,000; and a three-squadron wing of planes to Europe soon as the initial contribution to the Eisenhower's integrated defense.

Navy would double manning to about 20,000—and 100 ships, or more than twice the present fighting strength.

It would remain at about present fighting strength, but equivalent to a division of 100 men, and would go on anti-aircraft strength.

The plan on air power involved everything else in a 10-minute, 7000-word speech. Claxton's statement indicated that the third of the air power in the free world, and probably the second in training nation.

More than 3000 Canadian and American airmen will be in Europe annually, 1900 of them Canadian.

At the coal pile at Prince Rupert Health Unit was extinguished this morning before any damage was caused.

ing to the furnace room to the furnace on her arrival about 9 a.m., Miss Freda, senior public health nurse, was met with a blast of gas and coal gas. She shut down quickly and called the fire department.

arrival at the scene, fire-discovered sacks containing burning. They were stacked to the furnace. The coal was not yet burning. The furnace was put out quickly but left a cloud of gas in the building for several hours.

TODAY'S STOCKS

(Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co. Ltd.)

VANCOUVER	TORONTO
American Standard	Aumague
Alcan	Beattie
B. X.	Bevcourt
Bojbo	Bojbo
Buffalo Quartz	Buffalo Canadian
C. M. & S.	C. M. & S.
Conwest	Conwest
Donalds	Donalds
Eldona	Eldona
East Sullivan	East Sullivan
God's Lake	God's Lake
Hardrock	Hardrock
Harriana	Harriana
Heva	Heva
Hosco	Hosco
Jackknife	Jackknife
Joliet Quebec	Joliet Quebec
Lake Rowan	Lake Rowan
Lapaska	Lapaska
Little Long Lac	Little Long Lac
Lynx	Lynx
Madsen Red Lake	Madsen Red Lake
McLeod Cockshutt	McLeod Cockshutt
Negus	Negus
Noranda	Noranda
Louvoult	Louvoult
Pickle Crow	Pickle Crow
Regicourt	Regicourt
San Antonio	San Antonio
Sherritt Gordon	Sherritt Gordon
Steep Rock	Steep Rock
Sturgeon River	Sturgeon River
Silver Miller	Silver Miller
Upper Canada	Upper Canada

Date For Mail Service Asked

The Postmaster General, having intimated in a recent communication that Prince Rupert was very close to meeting the requirements for street mail delivery, the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce last night decided to request E. T. Applewhite M.P. to seek from the department at Ottawa a definite date as to when the inauguration of the service might be expected.

The Chamber passed a vote of thanks to the Junior Chamber of Commerce, the work of which on putting up street signs was one of the factors making it possible to have the street delivery service in Prince Rupert. It was suggested that the city might be asked to give assistance in this matter.

Paving Of Road Out

Conflicting communications from the deputy minister of public works, E. S. Jones, concerning the prospects of hard-surfacing the highway between Prince Rupert and Terrace have been received and came before the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce at its meeting last night.

On November 24 Mr. Jones wrote to the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce and said: "I wish to advise you that it is our intention next year to carry out paving on Route 16 east of Prince Rupert at which time we will make every endeavor to also pave the balance of the arterial highway within the city of Prince Rupert. We realize that certain preparatory work will be necessary in this connection before paving can be undertaken and we are taking this matter up with our divisional engineer in order to prepare a program that will not impede the surfacing work we hope to carry out next year."

IMPOSSIBLE NOW

A new communication on the subject (to the Associated Boards of Trade of Central B.C.) was read at last night's meeting of the Chamber of Commerce in which Mr. Jones announced "regret that it will not be possible for us to give favorable consideration to the hard surfacing of the Prince Rupert-Terrace Highway this year. A great deal of work is necessary on this section of the highway before hard surfacing is undertaken and this work will be undertaken as the funds at our disposal permit. I wish to advise that the Department hopes to be able to hard surface the main streets in some of the towns along Highway 16 this season."

In view of these statements, the Chamber decided to follow the matter up in the meantime with the request that the preparatory reconstruction work east of Galloway Rapids Bridge be expedited as soon as possible and that more specific information be given as to what program is planned for the coming year.

Rail Strike Nearing End

CHICAGO (CP)—The crippling railroad strike ended in the New York area today, a spokesman for the major carriers said, and the week-long walk-out appeared nearing an end in several other cities although the return to work was by no means general as yet.

New York Central, Pennsylvania, New York-New Haven and Hartford railroads said there was a general back to work movement on their lines.

There were similar reports of switchmen returning to work in large numbers in Philadelphia, Boston, Washington, Baltimore and a dozen or so other cities.

But in Chicago, one of the country's main rail centres, a spokesman said there was no indication of the walk-out nearing an end.

United Nations Forces Within 25 Miles of Old Parallel 38 Frontier



FREEZING WEATHER—A South Korean soldier who acted as guide for Canadian troops hunting guerrillas is shown being examined for frozen feet by Lieut. D. G. MacLeod of Vancouver. The Patricia's and their guides spent four nights sleeping on mountain slopes or in haystacks while seeking the guerrilla hideout. This is a Canadian Army photo. (CP PHOTO)

Los Angeles Feels Bomb Blast; Oakland Sees It

LAS VEGAS (CP)—Windows were shattered in this southern Nevada city today as two separate shocks from the fifth atomic test in 11 days rocked the city. The Atomic Energy Commission announced this was the last test.

Police reported that big show windows in two automobile agencies were splintered by the sound waves.

There were no reports of injuries, residents having been forewarned of the possibility of glass-breaking shocks.

In Los Angeles, some 300 miles distant, windows rattled in residences and on the campus of the University of California at Los Angeles, at 6:12 a.m. (PST)—24 minutes after the flash. Sound travels about 1000 feet per second.

Television cameras picked up the flash through fog in Los Angeles and relayed it to their watchers.

Las Vegas Police Captain George Thompson called today's shock the "worst yet."

The white light was seen in Oakland, on the edge of San Francisco Bay, where one witness described it as terrifying.

Oakland is some 450 air miles from Las Vegas.

LAKE SUCCESS (CP)—Russia will try to have the United Nations tag the United States an aggressor against Red China today.

The move is doomed to failure—it is doubtful if any but her four satellites will vote with the Soviet Union—and Western diplomats have labelled it "transparent propaganda."

Charges before the 60-nation political committee are that President Truman's order to the Seventh Fleet to seal off Formosa and the bombing in Manchuria by American planes constitute aggression.

Capt. Phelps New Guild President
VANCOUVER.—Capt. A. R. Phelps was last night elected president of the Canadian Merchant Service Guild, organization of master mariners and mates. He succeeds Capt. W. A. Gosse.

Referendum on Alternate Vote

The Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce is giving study to the controversial question of systems of voting and last night asked its national affairs committee to report to the executive with a view to participating in a province-wide referendum being conducted by the B.C. Council of Associated Boards of Trade on the subject of the single alternative vote.

The possibility of B.C. adopting the system known as the Single Alternative Vote has been hinted at recently and there has been some difference of opinion heard in regard to it.

Supporters of the Single Alternative Vote claim that, with the emergence of third and fourth parties, the system now used makes it possible for a candidate to be elected by less than a plurality of the votes cast. At the present time seven of the 43 members of the B.C. Legislature and 116 of the 262 members of the Federal House of Commons hold their seats with less than 50% of the votes cast. It is claimed that the Single Alternative Vote ensures that the candidate with the lowest degree of support is rejected. The system, they also claim, operates satisfactorily in Alberta and Manitoba.

The opponents of the Single Alternative system maintain that it is too complicated, results would be delayed, and that there are other bad features about it.

The view of all Boards of Trade and Chambers of Commerce will be collected by the B.C. Council of Associated Boards of Trade and presented to the Provincial Cabinet. The referendum closes February 24.

Attlee Is Not Visiting Moscow

LONDON (CP)—Prime Minister Attlee today turned down a suggestion in the House of Commons that he should visit Moscow at once to discuss problems of world peace with Premier Joseph Stalin. Attlee said he did not think such a visit would be useful at the moment.

Heavy Snow At Prince George

During the week-end there were exceptionally heavy snow conditions in the Prince George-Giscombe area of the central interior but the railway line has been kept open by hard-working snow fighting crews. It was reported today by Divisional Superintendent C. A. Berner.

Twenty inches of snow fell inside of 48 hours which gave the snow plows a busy season.

Since Sunday weather has turned colder and McBride and Giscombe reported overnight temperatures of 22 below. Coming west, however, it was milder with 10 below at Prince George and 10 above at Smithers.

Fairview Road Bids Invited

Federal Department of Public Works is now calling for tenders for the roadway and level crossing to connect the new fishermen's floats at Fairview Bay with the road leading to the city, long unfinished gap in this waterfront communication system.

A message received today by the Daily News from E. T. Applewhite M.P. advises that February 14 is the final date for closing of tenders.

Tightening On House Loans

OTTAWA (CP)—In a move to keep house building activity within the capacity of a Canada gearing for war, the government yesterday announced withdrawal of second-mortgage assistance to persons wishing to build their own homes. A down payment of \$2500 instead of \$1500 will now be required for a \$5000 home.

Resources Minister Winter, whose department administers the National Housing Act, announced in Commons that effective at once, loans will be limited to 80 percent of lending values prevailing in January 1950.

This means suspension of the provision by which an additional one-sixth of the original loan could be obtained as a second mortgage under the NHA. This provision was implemented in 1949 to help meet rising costs which boost the amount of required down payments.

To Study Dentistry

Smithers Practitioner To Observe At Edmonton University

SMITHERS (Special to Daily News)—Smithers dentist, Xavier Weber, has left for a week's observation work in pre-medical sciences and examinations at the University of Alberta.

Mr. Weber, a Swiss dairy farmer immigrant, obtained a permit to practice dentistry from the Dental Association last year when the entire Bulkley Valley area was left without a dentist.

Dr. Jens Munthe, Prince Rupert dentist, formerly made trips through the valley every two months, but the work became too much for him. Through co-operation of Dr. Munthe and the Smithers Chamber of Commerce, a permit to practice was obtained for Mr. Weber when he offered his services.

Mr. Weber was educated and practiced dentistry in Europe, but came to Smithers as a dairy farmer. He still owns and manages his farm but has brought in extra help.

(Dr. Munthe, contacted in Prince Rupert, said medical and dental students from foreign countries nearly always have to write special examinations before they can attain their degrees in Canada or in the United States. It is a question of scientific standards, Dr. Munthe explained.)

Tories In High Favor

LONDON—Conservatives would be swept into power if a general election was held in Britain today, says a poll the result of which has been announced. The climbing cost of living has reduced the Labor Party to its lowest ebb of popularity since 1935, the poll says.

Terrace Railway 'Logical'

So Says Vice-President of Aluminum Co. of Canada
Appreciation of the local interest being taken in the proposed establishment of a huge aluminum manufacturing industry at Kitimaat, down the coast from Prince Rupert, was expressed in communications received at last night's Chamber of Commerce meeting.

Mr. E. T. Kenney, minister of lands and forests, wrote that "Prince Rupert... would benefit greatly" from the project. He mentioned, particularly in the case of Prince Rupert, the shipping traffic in Douglas Channel which would, undoubtedly, entail the use of Prince Rupert dry dock from time to time.

M'Arthur May Bring Chiang Into Battle

Red Resistance on New Year's Day

TOKYO (CP)—General Douglas MacArthur is believed to have recommended to Washington that Chinese Nationalist troops be used against the Communist Chinese forces in Korea and elsewhere, it was reported today. Some months ago, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek offered to put Nationalist troops into battle against the North Koreans.

On the battlefield today Allied tank columns chewed into the main Red defence lines to a point 25 miles south of parallel 38 and ground ahead against Chinese resistance that stiffened with the dawn of their new lunar year.

United Nations air, naval and artillery barrages paved a fiery path for the attackers. Allied foot soldiers slogging behind the tanks wiped out nests of Reds.

The Chinese threw tanks into battle for the first time in this phase of the Korean war. They rushed up reinforcements south from Seoul over a plank bridge spanning the Han River. There were indications that this was a big effort to salute the outset of the "Year of the Rabbit."

On the western front a day-long battle raged northwest and southwest of Anyang, a town nearly nine miles south of Seoul. On the central front, American troops blasted a hole through a Red battalion on the Hoengsang-Hongcheon road. Then South Korean regulars rolled through a gap to a point only 25 miles from the old parallel 38 border.

WEATHER

Synopsis
The storm which has been developing in the Pacific for the past few days is now moving toward the coast and is expected to have a marked effect on British Columbia weather in the next 48 hours.

Gales have been forecast for most coastal waters as the storm moves in and strong southerly winds will also persist after the storm moves inland tomorrow.

Rain, mixed with snow, is expected over the coast this afternoon. With warming ahead of the disturbance the snow will disappear. Showers are expected along the coast tomorrow.

In the interior where cold polar air has brought temperatures to or below zero at many points sharp increases in temperature are expected by tomorrow. Snow will fall overnight and through tomorrow in most regions.

Gale Warning
Increasing cold this morning. Rain and wet snow beginning this afternoon, changing to rain this evening. Intermittent rain tomorrow. Milder tomorrow. Winds increasing in exposed areas to southeast gales (40 to 60 miles per hour), shifting to southerly (40) tomorrow morning and decreasing slowly thereafter. Lows tonight and highs tomorrow—At Port Hardy and Sandspit, 35 and 42; Prince Rupert, 32 and 40.

MEDICAL PIONEER
Homeopathy, the treatment of diseases by drugs, was introduced by Samuel Hahnemann, German physician who died in 1843.

Basketball TONIGHT
6:45—Cook's vs Manson's
7:30—Merchants vs Thunderbirds
8:45—Senior—
Co-Ops vs Brownwoods