



INSPIRING SIGHT—This graphic photo of Niagara Falls was taken as Buffalo District, Engineers were making the first accurate soundings of the Niagara River bed in the only means of surveying the river from the crest of the falls upstream for a turbulent waters washed anything floatable over the falls. A line with sounding and target attached are dropped from the helicopter. When the weight reaches bottom, take readings on their transits from the river bank to determine the depth. (CP PHOTO)

# Four Percent Sales Tax Mooted

## To Meet Big Hospital Loss

### Either Higher Tax Or Higher Premiums

VICTORIA (CP) — It was reported today there is a possibility that increasing the three percent sales tax to four percent to bail out the financially-pressed hospital insurance scheme will be debated by the provincial government.

Gen. Pearkes—  
**Is Opposed To Conscription**

OTTAWA — The military spokesman for the 43-man official Progressive-Conservative opposition yesterday declared his opposition to compulsory military training in Canada's reserve forces.

Wartime commander on Canada's Pacific coast, Gen. Pearkes, now represents the riding of Nanaimo. He won rounds of applause from Liberal and CCF members, as well as from his own party as he made his points.

General Pearkes was speaking on a motion, sponsored by a 10-man Social Credit party, calling for compulsory reserve training of young Canadians for home defence. It was introduced last night in a throne-speech debate.

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The report said the problem may be placed before the caucus when legislature meets, as a means to avoid a stiff boost in premium.

Soaring costs have brought deficits amounting to \$7,000,000 in two years to operation of the hospital scheme.

They earlier speculated Mao had gone to Moscow to confer with Stalin on the Korean war and Asiatic development.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, England — Because of recent raids by dogs on sheep, Hertfordshire farmers and their wives are keeping all-night vigils with shot-guns.

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HEADS WHOLESALERS — J. Gordon Bowers, prominent Vancouver business man, was elected president of the Canadian Fruit Wholesalers' Association at the annual meeting in Quebec City. A top-notch golfer, Mr. Bowers is vice-president of the Canadian Golf Association. (CP PHOTO)

### Fighter Crashes And Pilot Killed

OTTAWA — An experimental Mustang fighter plane used for supersonic research crashed yesterday in the rugged, isolated bush country near Richmond, Ontario, 15 miles southwest of Ottawa.

The single-seat plane was seen to crash by farmers in the area. Bits and pieces of the Mustang were found by main part of the wreckage could not be immediately located.

Nor was there any trace of the pilot, identified as Flying Officer Jack A. Ryan, 29, DFC, Toronto.

## Huge Edmonton Plant To Use Prince Rupert Pulp

Construction is about to start of a chemical plant seven miles east of Edmonton for Celanese Corporation of America. It will be supplied with pulp by the company's pulp mill at Prince Rupert which is nearing completion. Cost of the Edmonton plant will be in excess of \$50,000,000.

### Murder Try And Suicide

NORTH VANCOUVER — A fire call yesterday disclosed an attempted murder and suicide in a North Vancouver home.

Mrs. Tony Casano, 39, mother of four children, was shot and wounded, and Ramon Xandri, 76-year-old pensioner, died of self-inflicted wounds. Police said he slashed his throat with a straight razor. Motive was unknown.

Police said Xandri used a .32-calibre pistol to shoot Mrs. Casano and then set fire to her suite in a converted store.

Fire burned out one room and spread to the hallway before it was extinguished.

## UN Forces Hold Fast

TOKYO — An Allied relief column smashed through a Chinese Red ring today to reinforce American and French forces holding the Chipyeong anchor on the central Korean warfront.

The relief force battled eight hours before breaking through to the Chipyeong perimeter. Action began five miles south-southwest of the town. Hard-hit Chinese finally broke and ran. Chipyeong is 35 miles east-southeast of Seoul.

Red casualties were counted at 10,593 on all fronts Wednesday. It brought to nearly 100,000 killed, wounded or captured since the allied limited push began January 25.

In other sections of the frigid front, allied forces are making limited counter-attacks.

## Recommend Upward Pay

Cancellation Board Between CP and Guild Reports

OTTAWA — A three-man conciliation board, under chairmanship of Judge Archibald Cochrane, Brampton, Ontario, has proposed upward salary adjustments for editorial workers of The Canadian Press.

The report, made public today, contained suggestions for settlement of the 10-month collective bargaining dispute between Canadian Press, national news gathering agency, and the American Newspaper Guild (CIO-CCL).

The majority report suggested, in light of living costs, a five per cent increase in salaries with a \$3 week minimum, retroactive to January 1, 1951. It excluded office boys and messengers.

The Guild sought a \$23-\$30 scale for office boys and a \$30-\$90 range for editorial men. CP told the board its editorial salaries, based on merit, run from \$30 to \$100 for those within the bargaining unit.

No. 1 proposal in the Guild's suggested contract — a "Guild shop" — was turned down in both majority and minority reports.

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**MANSON'S CHINA SHOP**  
Last TWO Days of SALE  
FRIDAY and SATURDAY

## Vote Crucial

Government Facing Showdown

OTTAWA — Prime Minister Mackenzie King today faces its most crucial test as Left Wing members threaten to bolt a no-confidence vote against the government's handling of the armament program.

It comes tonight in a vote on non-confidence introduced last night by the opposition.

Former Prime Minister Churchill, in a bitter attack on the government's decision, said today British Columbia made a target for the creation of an atomic base in east-

ern Canada. The government for its part, said today, was not producing atomic energy since the end of the war was promptly accepted by the Minister of Atomic Energy.

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## Protection From Japs

Applewhite Raises Question In House of Commons

OTTAWA — In the House of Commons Wednesday afternoon, Edward T. Applewhite, Skeena, asked the question: "Is any action being taken by the Canadian authorities similar to that reported from the United States to assure that, when the Japanese peace treaty is being drawn up, adequate protection will be afforded our Pacific Coast fisheries against encroachment by Japanese fishermen?" In the absence from the city of the minister of fisheries, J. W. MacNaught, parliamentary assistant, promised that the question would be brought to his notice and a reply given as soon as possible.



DRAMA ADJUDICATOR — Robert G. Newton of London is regional adjudicator of the 1951 Dominion Drama Festival. Drama adviser to the Middlesex County Council in London, he has had considerable experience as adjudicator for British festivals. (CP PHOTO)

## Derailment Near Jasper

JASPER — Several cars of the Canadian National Railway eastbound passenger train were derailed in the Jasper Park area yesterday. The cars remained upright on the track but the derailment caused delay to other trains.

## Mad Gunman—Terrorized Idaho Town

WALLACE, Idaho — A frenzied prowler, apparently a stranger in town, terrorized the main street for almost five hours yesterday with rifle fire which killed one man and wounded two others.

He was shooting from a hardware store. Police machine-gun bullets and tear-gas bombs finally subdued him. Officers crept inside and found him lying on the floor, unhurt. He made a sudden move, police fired, and he died an hour later without giving a motive for his behaviour.

Papers on the body carried the name of John Stoddard, 48, and indicated he once lived in Oakland, California.

HISTORIC CITY — Edinburgh, capital of Scotland, has a municipal area of 33,183 acres and a population of nearly 500,000.

## Are Afraid Of Inflation

OTTAWA — Canada's organized farmers told the government today that increased inflation is a danger and urged every means be taken to block it before it chews up still more the shrinking consumer dollar.

A brief presented by the 400,000-member Canadian Federation of Agriculture, said there must be no discrimination if the government decides to wield price controls as an anti-inflationary weapon.

No group, it said, should be exempt.

## More Yanks For Korea

WASHINGTON — The United States plans sending four additional army divisions to Europe, Defence Secretary Marshall disclosed today.

The United States already has about two divisions in European service.

## TODAY'S STOCKS

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

VANCOUVER		Aumaque	
American Standard	33	Beattie	70
Bralorne	6.75	Bevcourt	52
B R X	.04	Bobbo	19
Cariboo Quartz	1.20	Buffalo Canadian	33
Congress	.08	Consol. Smelters	152.50
Hedley Mascot	.68	Conwest	2.35
Pacific Eastern	.05	Donalda	58 1/2
Pend Oreille	9.00	Eldona	29
Pioneer	2.25	East Sullivan	9.25
Premier Border	12 1/4	Giant Yellowknife	7.55
Privateer	.9 1/2	God's Lake	.48
Reeves McDonald	4.20	Hardrock	.33
Reno	.06	Harricana	.17
Sheep Creek	1.63	Heva	14 1/4
Silbak Premier	.37	Hosco	.07
Taku River	.08	Jackknife	5 1/2
Vananda	11 1/2	Joliet Quebec	.90
Salmon Gold	3 1/2	Lake Rowan	.07
Spud Valley	4 1/2	Lapaska	5 1/4
Silver Standard	2.50	Little Long Lac	.94
Western Uranium	1.80	Lynx	.15
Oils—		Madsen Red Lake	2.60
Anglo Canadian	6.45	McLeod Cockshutt	3.70
A P Con	.41	Moneta	.40
Atlantic	2.95	Negus	1.10
Calmont	1.12	Noranda	32.65
Central Leduc	2.55	Louvicoourt	.24
Home Oil	17.50	Pickle Crow	1.80
Mercury	.15	San Antonio	2.90
Okalta	2.90	Senator Rouvry	12 1/2
Pacific Pete	9.60	Sheritt Gordon	4.05
Princess	1.55	Steep Rock	9.70
Royal Canadian	.12	Sturgeon River	.14
TORONTO		Silver Miller	1.43
Athona	.08	Upper Canada	2.05
		Golden Manitou	6.90

# Princess Pats On Korean Battlefront

## Record Catches of Flatfish

### Local Plants All Filled To Capacity

Surpassing her own record catch of 90,000 pounds of flatfish, the Vinetta Prince, Capt. Adolph Prince, had so many fish yesterday she had to continue on to Vancouver for unloading.

The biggest catch of recent years, over 120,000 pounds of flatfish, were caught by the Vinetta Prince in Skidegate Inlet.

After two and one-half days' fishing, the vessel phoned in to the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-Operative to say that between 120,000 and 125,000 pounds of flatfish had been caught.

"There are too many fish! all plants are filled to capacity," said Kenneth Harding, Fishermen's Co-Operative manager. He explained that the Vinetta Prince should arrive in Vancouver Friday to unload at the co-operative there. She caught her last record catch Feb. 9 in the same fishing grounds.

Capt. David Moore, Santa Maria, caught over 100,000 pounds of flatfish for the B.C. Packers in a record catch last year.

Also continuing to Vancouver is the Combat, Capt. N. J. Nelson, which caught 80,000 pounds of flatfish at Skidegate yesterday for the B.C. Packers.

The sister ship to the Vinetta Prince, the Violet P., Capt. Ray Prince, son of Adolph Prince, brought a 75,000 pound load here Monday. Another Co-Operative boat, the Morris H., Capt. Oscar Giske, caught a capacity load of 30,000 pounds of flatfish at the same time.

## THE WEATHER

Synopsis

A slowly moving disturbance which crossed over the coast late yesterday is now drifting through the interior. Snow flurries are quite general near the disturbance but clearing skies are expected after the system moves into Alberta.

Skies are clear at most coastal points but more cloud is expected as a weak disturbance enters the coastal area this evening. Very little precipitation is expected from this new system and winds will remain relatively light.

Mild weather is expected to continue over the province.

Forecast:

North coast region — Cloudy

## Action In Mountains

WITH CANADIAN TROOPS IN KOREA (CP)

—Canadian troops moved toward the Korean battlefront today. Rifle companies of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry were leading the way.

They headed for the front at dawn, travelling in United States army troop-carrying vehicles which were sent back to get them.

There may be little or no news of activity of the Canadians during the next few days because of censorship regulations which permit reports to be sent only when firm contact has been established with the enemy.

Area to which the Patricia's are heading is mountainous, extremely cold and has snow on the ground. The front is two days road travel from their South Korean camp.

with a few clear periods today and tomorrow. A few showers this afternoon and overnight. Winds light, becoming southerly (15 miles per hour) this afternoon and shifting to westerly (15) tonight. Lows tonight and highs tomorrow — At Port Hardy, Sandspit and Prince Rupert, 36 and 42.