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Kitimat And Skeena Hold Key To Defence Of Northwest Continent, Rail Man Asserts

Development of Area Of Prime Importance

Canadian National Railways Chief of Development Sees Vital Role Here
MONTREAL.—It took the recent large scale war in the Pacific to make inhabitants of North America conscious of the existence and potentialities of the continent's North Pacific region, M. W. Maxwell, chief of development, Canadian National Railways, said here today when he addressed the Electrical Club of Montreal at its noon luncheon.

Trace of Lost Plane

Yellow Objects and Long Boards are Spotted
LONDON (CP)—Rescue aircraft, searching the Atlantic for a United States Air Force transport plane, missing with 53 persons aboard, have sighted a "number of small yellow objects" some 600 miles southwest of Ireland, United States Air Force London headquarters said today.
The American Globemaster disappeared on Good Friday on a flight from the United States to Great Britain.
The yellow objects and "some long boards" were spotted approximately 35 miles southeast of the position at which a charred duffel bag belonging to one of the passengers of the plane was picked up by a ship Saturday night. The bag had been the only trace so far of the missing transport.
Surface ships have been ordered to the area but no further information has been received here.

Princess Pats in Action As Koreans Push North

TOKYO (CP) — Canada's Princess Patricia's Light Infantry went back into action today on the western sector in Korea after 14 days' rest. They made a 2000-yard advance from one hill to another in the sector northeast of Seoul—mountain climbing actually meaning about five miles of travel overland.

WEATHER

Synopsis
Coastal barometers were falling today as two moderate Pacific disturbances complicated the weather picture. Rain is falling on the north coast and along the western side of Vancouver Island and this is expected to spread to the lower mainland tonight. Showers will accompany the passage of these systems through the interior tomorrow. Today's temperatures will be considerably milder than yesterday's in the Kootenays but little change is expected elsewhere. Gales will develop on the north coast today and winds will freshen on the south coast this afternoon. Westerly winds and showers will follow tomorrow.
GALE WARNING
North coast region — Gale warning, rainy today, cloudy with showers tomorrow. Occasional sunny periods tomorrow afternoon. Little change in temperature. Winds — South (45) over open water and south (30) elsewhere, shifting to westerly (25) this evening. Lows tonight and highs tomorrow — at Port Hardy and Sandspit, 35 and 45; Prince Rupert 35 and 42.

Rain on the still frozen river made the going treacherous and slippery and the Canadians needed five hours to reach the mountain. The job was completed just before nightfall.
Meantime American artillery today poured heavy fire into massed Communist units on the rain-swept central Korean front. The aim appeared to be two-fold — to clear the way for advancing Allied infantry near the North Korean border and to stall any Red attempt at a counter-offensive.
On the east coast, South Korean troops advanced behind a rolling barrage of naval gunfire to a point six miles north of the 38th parallel. They occupied Yangyang.
South Korean forces have occupied one border village and four North Korean towns since their drive began Sunday.
On the western front, Allied forces north of Seoul pushed to within seven miles of the 38th parallel. They had full control of the road leading northwest from Allied-held Unjonjbu to Munsan.
United Nations commanders had an unprecedented conference on the field today.

ALDERMEN AROUSED— City Demands Tightening Of Traffic Regulations

With many strong expressions from aldermen, city car drivers and police came under fire last night at the city council meeting.
"Flagrant examples of traffic violations are in evidence every day," said Ald. T. B. Black, with special reference to "double-parking."

He cited instances where trucks, buses and cars double-parked "all over our main thoroughfares" with not the "slightest concern to police passing by."
"The police are very lax in enforcing our traffic bylaws and checking upon traffic in general," said Ald. H. S. Whalen, "and this is developing into a great hazard."
Ald. Douglas Frizzell, chairman of police and licensing committee, said he had come to realize "this condition for some time."
"It's no use passing traffic bylaws if they're not going to be enforced."
Ald. Whalen also wanted to have something done about "jay-walking across our streets," and suggested the traffic committee should draw up a bylaw as soon as possible "prohibiting jay-walking."
City Clerk R. W. Long was instructed to write a letter to the police department demanding "a more rigid enforcement of traffic rules according to the Motor Vehicle Act and city traffic bylaws."

Elevator Pays City Tax Grant

Prince Rupert's "white elephant" grain elevator has finally paid off. The city has received notice that the federal government will pay a \$12,746 grant to the city in lieu of taxes.
For several years Prince Rupert "has been fighting for this," said City Clerk R. W. Long.

Prince Rupert Going Government in Case of Housing in City

Prince Rupert will go "straight to the government" for satisfaction to its housing problem, city council declared last night while discussion of the "horrible situation" reached a boiling point at meeting.
Aldermen's voices were raised in protest and indignation over a "brush-off" letter from the Housing and Mortgage Commission, which intimated 45 new apartments—from conversion of the Army administration building—would satisfy this housing needs.
The council has tried end-to-end to get 150 new homes declared Mayor G. W. Graham. "This letter certainly doesn't answer our problem," he said.

Jack McRae, MLA, in Victoria, and government ministers to see if "we can't get government support" for low-rental homes.
Ald. Frizzell leaves Thursday for Victoria.
E. T. Applewhaite, MP, now in Ottawa, also will be asked to present the city's case to the federal government.
CHMC LETTER
CHMC said in their letter that, with the 55 new apartments to be made available through conversion of the administration building and the new homes to be built under the National Housing Act, "the housing situation in Prince Rupert should be greatly alleviated."
But the council learned only 10 homes are allotted each year to be built here under NHA and these allotments had "long since been filled."

MILL HEAD HEARD
W. C. R. Jones, mill manager of Columbia Cellulose Co., said in his letter to the council that "the housing for permanent employees of the company has reached an absolutely impossible situation," and because of this "the start-up and continued operation of the mill will be hampered and made inefficient."
"It will definitely influence the company's opinion as to whether this is a desirable place in which to operate or contemplate increased operations," the letter ended.
"If we would have had a little more co-operation from the company, we might have been further ahead," said Ald. T. B. Black, pointing out that they (the company) had made no commitments on their housing need until "just recently."

Winnipeg MP Is Resigning

WINNIPEG.—Ralph Maybank, veteran member of Parliament and parliamentary secretary to the minister of resources and development, announced to his constituents of Winnipeg South Centre yesterday that he had decided to resign. He will devote himself to his legal practice.
Mr. Maybank has been MP since 1935.

To Keep Open on Friday Evenings

A petition, presented by men's clothing dealers, to extend late opening of stores on Friday nights to June 1, was accepted by city council last night.
The bylaw, granting permission to men's stores to stay open the one night a week, was amended, but stores will now close at 8 p.m., instead of 9, as formerly.

Skeena Road Still Closed

Although the Kwinitsa snow slide has been cleared by road gangs, the highway is officially closed because of the hazard of further slides, E. S. Love, superintendent of public works, said this morning.

Ask Govt. To Resign

VANCOUVER (CP) — Greater Vancouver Labor Council (GVC) has demanded that the coalition government resign from office because of its handling of the hospital insurance scheme.
Bitter protest followed recent action of the government in increasing hospital premium rates and the Labor Council last night endorsed a resolution calling for the government's resignation.
Decision was taken to circulate a petition throughout the province for signatures of labor and non-labor citizens who support the recall action.

Flash!

AMERICANS FIRED ON BERLIN—East German Communist police opened fire today on American tourists in downtown Berlin. United States authorities demanded an immediate audience with the Russians for an explanation. The tourists were making a bus tour and were exactly on the border between the two zones. A window in one of the buses was hit but none of the occupants were struck.

AURIOL IN U.S. NEW YORK—President Vincent Auriol of France arrived today for the first visit ever made to the United States by the French chief executive. Later in the day he will go to Washington and, following a visit there, plans a trip to Canada.

Thrilling Landing

LONDON (CP)—Twenty-six passengers spent a tense ninety minutes circling over London airport tonight before their crippled plane landed safely.
The pilot radioed that his landing gear was stuck and he would try a belly landing. He circled to use up fuel and thus reduce the danger of a fire.
Finally, he poured a thermos of drinking water into the hydraulic landing mechanism and pumped up pressure by hand. It worked and the wheels came down.

Col. Stone is 'Pox Stricken'

WESTERN SECTOR, Korea (CP)—Lt. Col. J. R. Stone, commander of the Second Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, in Korea, has been evacuated to Japan suffering from smallpox. Major Henry Tighe of Victoria has taken over command of the battalion.

Prince Rupert in B.C. Public Works

VICTORIA (Special to Daily News)—Hon. E. C. Carson, minister of public works, yesterday announced his 1951 program which includes the following for Prince Rupert:

Child Dies on Way to Hospital

Baby Barbara Auckland was taken to the Prince Rupert General Hospital this morning, but was found dead on her arrival. An inquiry will be held by M. M. Stephens in the court house this afternoon.



FIRST CASUALTY — Lieut. Alfred S. Wagstaff of the New Westminster Regiment, is Canada's first disclosed casualty in the Korean war. He was wounded in both legs while in action with the Patricia's on the west-central front. He was wounded and captured at Dieppe in the Second World War. (CP PHOTO)

City is Opposing Hike in Power Rates—Asks Hearing

Application for increase in power rates by Northern British Columbia Power Company will be opposed by Prince Rupert city council.
Recommendation of utilities committee that the application be investigated by the Public Utilities Commission and the hearing held publicly in Prince Rupert was endorsed last night at council's meeting.
Brown & Harvey, city solicitors, will be asked to make an immediate investigation of the proposed rates following which application to Victoria will be made for a public hearing.

TODAY'S STOCKS

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

VANCOUVER		TORONTO	
American Standard	.29	Athona	.08½
Bralorne	6.50	Aumaque	.20½
B R X	.04	Beattie	.55
Congress	.08	Bevcourt	.42
Hedley Mascot	.53	Bobjo	.14
Indian	.22	Buffalo Canadian	.23½
Pend Orelle	7.80	C M & S	139.00
Pioneer	2.35	Conwest	2.40
Premier Border	.13¼	Donalds	.49
Privateer	.07½	Eldona	.22
Reeves McDonald	4.00	East Sullivan	8.10
Reno	.05½	Giant Yellowknife	7.00
Sheep Creek	1.60	God's Lake	.38
Silbak Premier	.31	Hardrock	.23
Taku River	.06½	Harricana	.11
Vananda	.15	Heva	.10
Salmon Gold	.03¼	Jackknife	.05¾
Spud Valley	.04½	Lapaska	.05
Silver Standard	2.45	Little Long Lac	.81
Western Uranium	1.80	Lynx	.15
Anglo Canadian	6.00	Madsen Red Lake	2.20
A P Con	.41	McKenzie Red Lake	.50
Atlantic	3.05	McLeod Cockshutt	2.87
Calmont	1.32	Moneta	.33½
C & E	12.00	Negus	.90
Central Leduc	2.35	Noranda	78.00
Home Oil	16.00	Louvicourt	.19¼
Mercury	.15	Pickle Crow	1.70
Okalta	2.75	San Antonio	2.47
Pacific Pete	9.50	Senator Rouyn	.21
Princess	1.50	Sherritt Gordon	3.25
Royal Canadian	.11	Steep Rock	8.60
Royalite	12.75	Sturgeon River	.15
		Silver Miller	1.57

Assassination Plot Foiled

TEHRAN, Iran (CP) — Police sources said today that the authorities have seized a member of a fanatical religious sect Fedayan Islam, who was armed with a revolver which he intended to use today to assassinate Premier Hussein Ala.
Police said that Islam was assigned by a sect to kill the Premier, apparently in accordance with a braud plot against the lives of the Shah and high officials.

TIDES

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High	4:11	21.0 feet
	17:28	16.9 feet
Low	10:58	4.0 feet
	22:50	8.5 feet

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