

DEADLINE EXPIRES BUT TALKS GO ON

Liberation Of Fliers?

United States Government Agrees To Pay Fines to Hungarian Authorities

VIENNA (CP)—Four American fliers, jailed by Communist Hungary since Russian fighters forced down their unarmed cargo plane 38 days ago, were expected to be set free today although there was some uncertainty as to their liberation.

The United States government has agreed to pay fines totalling \$120,000 to save them from the alternative of three months in prison.

A Hungarian military court secretly convicted them four days ago of deliberately crossing the border with intention of dropping spies later.

The American explanation is that they got lost on a routine flight and had no idea of flying a cloak-and-dagger mission.

Christmas Here Quiet

Prince Rupert's public walked and drove carefully over the festive holidays. No serious accidents were reported and only one man—an old-age pensioner—was admitted to hospital due to a fall.

In Prince Rupert General Hospital, with facial injuries is Andrew Johnson, of the Pioneers' Home, after falling down some steps.

Driving, however, was treacherous and few vehicles ventured out Christmas Eve and the following day. Some cars were abandoned in various parts of the city after they slithered into wash-filled ditches.

Even some taxi companies thought it wiser to keep their cars off the road and closed down for at least a day. Police said it was one of the quietest Christmases in their experience.

New Envoy To Russia

WASHINGTON, D.C. (CP)—Russia has agreed to accept George Kennan as new United States ambassador to Russia, almost at the same time is denouncing him as a foe of the Soviets.

President Truman announced the selection of the 47-year-old career diplomat, credited with being the principal author of the present American policy of containment, to the counter-threat of Communist aggression.

Admiral Alan G. Kirk whose request for retirement, presidential secretary Joseph Short said, had been accepted with reluctance.

Spends Cold Christmas Trying Trek From Naas River Village

Christmas was not a very happy event for one man who spent the day wondering if he would ever see civilization again after failing to trek out of a northern native village in an attempt to get to Prince Rupert.

But today Art Curfman, construction engineer, is a happier man, on his way to the city in a native fishing vessel.

Curfman was in charge of waterworks' installation at the Naas River village of Greenville. His job finished last Saturday, he set out early Sunday with an Indian guide for Kincolth to board a southbound Union Steamship Monday, according to word received by Indian Agent P. E. Anfield.

But the pair did not make the 20-mile hike through ice and snow, and the guide left the engineer in an unheated cabin at Red Bluff, 10 miles up the Naas, to seek the aid of a fishing vessel for further transportation.

Meanwhile, Curfman waited for two days without food while several boats made futile attempts to buck gales and ice floes to reach him.

Christmas night Mr. Anfield received word of the man's plight and a Queen Charlotte Air Lines plane was dispatched yesterday. But it could not land nearby and returned.

A top-flight river boatman of Kincolth, Ernest Angus, reached Red Bluff yesterday. He brought the exhausted, shivering and half-starved engineer to the Kincolth nursing station, from where he left today.

Curfman is employed by the Northwest Construction Co. and was loaned to the Indian Department to supervise installation of the Greenville water system which was started in the fall.

California Xmas 'Quake

LOS ANGELES (CP)—The serenity of Christmas in Southern California was rent in late afternoon by an earthquake that was felt in six counties.

No damage was caused in Los Angeles.

The quake lasted between 20 and 30 seconds.

Progressive-Conservative Attempt to Upset Prix Legislation Voted Down

OTTAWA (CP)—The House of Commons today voted 122 to 28 against a Progressive Conservative attempt to kill the government's prices legislation and consider, instead, establishment of a fair trade board.

Prime Minister St. Laurent felt that the ban on resale price fixing would tend to lower the cost of living.

Progressive Conservative leader Drew reiterated belief that the ban would have the result of putting small merchants out of business.

Rotarians Lunch Aboard Steamer

Rotarians, Rotariannes and guests, all numbering some 130, enjoyed a seasonable Boxing Day luncheon Wednesday in the spacious dining saloon of the steamer Prince George.

A reception in the recreation room of the ship preceded the luncheon over which President Fred Seaden was in the chair.

Entertainment, arranged by committee chairman George Mitchell, was provided by members. Feature attraction was a Rotary-Gyro chorus group contest. Rotarians claiming their team shouted down the rivals. Tunes were "Jingle Bells," sung by the Gyros, and "Three Blind Mice," by the Rotary chorus.

Cuisine staff of the steamer excelled themselves with the meal provided.

- TIDES -

Friday, December 28, 1951

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| High | 1:18 | 19.6 feet |
| Low | 12:51 | 23.5 feet |
| Low | 6:51 | 7.7 feet |
| Low | 19:39 | 0.8 feet |

Farouk Arouses Egyptians

CAIRO (CP)—Police fired on rioting Egyptian students today as protest demonstrations broke out for the second day in Cairo and Alexandria over apparent entry of the palace into power politics.

Buckshot was fired from police riot guns and injured 15 students at Alexandria.

Several students and police were reported injured at Cairo.

Students overturned and set fire to a street car near the Parliament Buildings and police waded in with clubs.

Yesterday King Farouk appointed two new ministers to key posts both being known to be pro-British. This is believed to have set off the new anti-British demonstrations.

King Farouk picked two pro-western sympathizers as his top advisers as signs grew that he may try to settle Egypt's deadly quarrel with Britain over the Suez Canal and the Sudan.

The pro-western banker, Hafiz Afifi Pasha, was chosen chief of the royal cabinet.

He also called in Abdel Fattah Amir Pasha, ambassador to London, to act as his adviser on foreign affairs.

MacArthur And Pearson Tops

TORONTO (CP)—For the second year in a row, General Douglas MacArthur and L. B. (Mike) Pearson were the newest figures on pages of the Canadian daily newspapers.

Telegraph editors, who in 1950 chose MacArthur as the world's chief news figure for his leadership in the Korea war, picked him again in 1951 as a result of the controversy that swirled around his dismissal by President Truman last April.

External affairs concerning Hon. L. B. Pearson, Minister of External Affairs, topped the poll among Canadian figures. Mr. Pearson continued prominent on the home stage and in the world forum of the United Nations.

Fire Cause Not Known

Inquiry Into Cause of Danish Ship Proceeding

ASTORIA (CP)—Testimony failed Wednesday to disclose the cause of the fire which swept the motorship Erria here last week, with the loss of eleven lives including five Canadians.

Captain Nels Agge, first witness in the coast guard hearing, said smoke from a waste paper basket was the first indication of fire aboard the ship. Captain Agge said the waste paper basket and contents were thrown overboard.

Within five minutes though there were other calls of fire from the same section of the ship, the crew's quarters.

Captain Agge said the second mate reported lights were out there.

The electrician who had been sent to the scene, came back saying smoke still was rising.

Heavy Snow Hits Power

Heavy snowfall on the day before Christmas plagued Northern British Columbia Power Co., repeated snow flurries, the like of which had not previously been experienced here, causing a series of brief interruptions. For some time supply from the Falls River plant was cut off because of transmission line troubles and the city was entirely dependent on the dry dock diesel and steam plant.

While it was a case of touch-and-go for some time, service was maintained without too much inconvenience.

The Daily News was working against time to get the paper out early on Christmas Eve and, interruptions notwithstanding, made it about an hour ahead of the usual time so the staff could get an early start on the long holiday.

Russia Building 1000 Subs

Also Battlewagons, Cruisers And Destroyers

LONDON (AP)—A British naval yearbook reports that Russia—believed to have no fewer than 370 submarines in service—has drafted plans to build 1000 speedy new subs.

Jane's Fighting Ships said in a new edition that 120 of the new craft are already under construction.

The sub fleet will include one mine-laying type with a submerged speed of 25 knots, Jane's said.

The new subs were reported being equipped with German-developed Schnorkel breather tube, which will permit them to operate for indefinite periods without surfacing.

Jane's said data from reliable sources indicates the Soviet ship building program also includes three battleships, 20 cruisers and 120 destroyers.

Again the yearbook "presented with reserve" what it termed persistent reports that the Soviet navy in recent years has been building from "one to four battleships of a new powerful type."

It said the new battleships were reported to be of 42,000 to 45,000 tons, 785 feet long, and carrying two batteries of guided missiles in addition to six to nine 16-inch guns and two dozen 5.5-inch guns of a new model.

Jane's said the ships are "said to be equipped with one or two catapult towers for firing radio-controlled aerial torpedoes, also rocket-firing apparatus and radio-controlled guns."

The yearbook said the Russians are believed to have rebuilt the former German aircraft carrier Graf Zeppelin for use as a guided missile test ship.

It said they also have resurrected a 1350-ton British frigate, the Lark, which the Royal Navy abandoned as beyond repair after she was torpedoed on the Arctic convoy run February 17, 1944.

Britain, which now has only 53 submarines, has been forced by the Russian underwater menace to concentrate on the development of submarine killer ships, Jane's said.

As part of this program she has converted two destroyers into anti-submarine escort frigates, has started converting five more, and plans in all to convert 45.

The Royal Navy also has ordered 41 minesweepers of new design and is experimenting with a light vessel which can be used either as a torpedo boat or gun boat.

Today's Stocks
(Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co. Ltd.)

| VANCOUVER | |
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| American Standard | 28 |
| Bralorne | 6.00 |
| B. R. X | .04 |
| Cariboo Quartz | 1.15 |
| Congress | .06 |
| Cronin Babine | .50 |
| Giant Mascot | .99 |
| Indian Mines | 24½ |
| Pioneer | 1.90 |
| Premier Border | .33 |
| Privateer | .07½ |
| Reno | .04 |
| Sheep Creek | 1.68 |
| Silbak Premier | .65 |
| Vananda | 15½ |
| Silver Standard | 2.45 |
| Western Uranium | 4.10 |
| Oils | |
| Anglo Canadian | 8.80 |
| A. P. Con | .57 |
| Central Leduc | 2.60 |
| Royal Canadian | .19 |
| TORONTO | |
| Athlona | 68½ |
| Beattie | 20 |
| Bevcourt | .77 |
| Buffalo Canadian | .19 |
| Consol. Smelters | 177.75 |
| Conwest | 3.80 |
| Donalda | .49 |
| Elsona | .22 |
| East Sullivan | 9.05 |
| Giant Yellowknife | 10.75 |
| God's Lake | 36½ |
| Hardrock | .13 |
| Harricana | 14½ |
| Heva | .11 |
| Joliet Quebec | .43 |
| Little Long Lac | .78 |
| Lynx | .13 |
| Madsen Red Lake | 2.07 |
| McLeod Cockshutt | 2.85 |
| Moneta | .33 |
| Negus | .66 |
| Noranda | 80.75 |
| Louvicourt | .32 |
| Pickle Crow | 1.62 |
| San Antonio | 2.63 |
| Senator Rouyn | .16 |
| Sherrit Gordon | 4.05 |
| Steep Rock | 6.70 |
| Silver Miller | 1.30 |
| Upper Canada | 1.70 |
| Golden Manitou | 6.70 |

More Uncertainty Now As to Peace in Korea

MUNSAN (CP)—Truce negotiators will meet as usual again today 11 hours after expiration of the 30-day Korean cease-fire deadline for an agreement although there is no indication here that the deadline will be extended.

King Talks To Empire

LONDON (CP)—The King, in a voice still weak and hoarse, made his customary Christmas Day broadcast to the Commonwealth and Empire. He thanked God for his recovery and the many blessings conferred on his people in this "hard and cruel age."

The King, who was operated on September 23, said he had come through his illness by the grace of God and through the faithful skill of his doctors, surgeons and nurses.

"I have learned once again," said His Majesty, "it is in bad times we value most highly the support and sympathy of our friends."

Floods in Montreal

MONTREAL (CP)—Fire broke out in the flooded community of Riviere des Prairies today and at least three homes were destroyed.

Eight other houses, flooded by several inches of water from the rampaging river, were in the path of the fire.

No casualties were reported.

Engineers studied the possibility of blasting ice jams on the choked-up river.

More than 500 homes and summer homes in the suburbs at the north end of Montreal Island are affected by flood waters which receded a foot overnight although the level remains at 10 to 15 feet above normal.

Post Office For Kemano

Edward T. Applewhite, member for Skeena, announces that authority has been given for the establishment of a post office at Kemano to be placed in operation as soon as the postmaster has been appointed and arrangements have been made for the mail service.

It is understood that the district inspector will shortly advertise for a postmaster in Kemano and the surrounding area.

Claxton, Lapointe Off to Korea

OTTAWA (CP)—Defence Minister Claxton and Veterans Minister Lapointe left Ottawa today in a Royal Canadian Air Force plane for a visit to Canadian forces in the Far East.

Reds Execute 220,000 People

HONG KONG (CP)—A Chinese newspaper has reported, in a Canton despatch that the Reds executed 220,000 people in Kwantung province in the last half of 1951. It said further, another 50,000 got death sentences.

Alcan Men City Bound

Happy To Get Back To Civilization For Holiday Season

It was Christmas at sea for at least two Vancouver-Prince Rupert running passenger vessels. CNSS Prince George was halfway on her way to Prince Rupert, arriving Wednesday morning, while CPSS Princess Louise was at Kitimat-Kemano Bay area Christmas Day, taking on a few remaining Alcan workers bound home for the holidays.

These Alcan site employees—some have been away from civilization for as long as six months—really appreciate even the first hint of "city life" when they step aboard ship, officers report.

First of all, they swamp the new stand and buy practically everything readable in sight. They don't get much newspaper reading in the bush, they say, and, when they do get it, the paper is usually several weeks old.

A two-day old paper to them is hot-off-the-press news.

The Princess Louise arrived in port Monday morning, with 70 passengers, most of whom embarked at Kitimat and Kemano Bay. Quite a few of them wore beards, some four or five inches long.

Many of them are musical and keep up steady sing songs throughout their voyage home. One bearded companion, in rough outdoor garb, "took over" the ship's piano.

"His playing was beautiful. He was an artist," an officer reported.

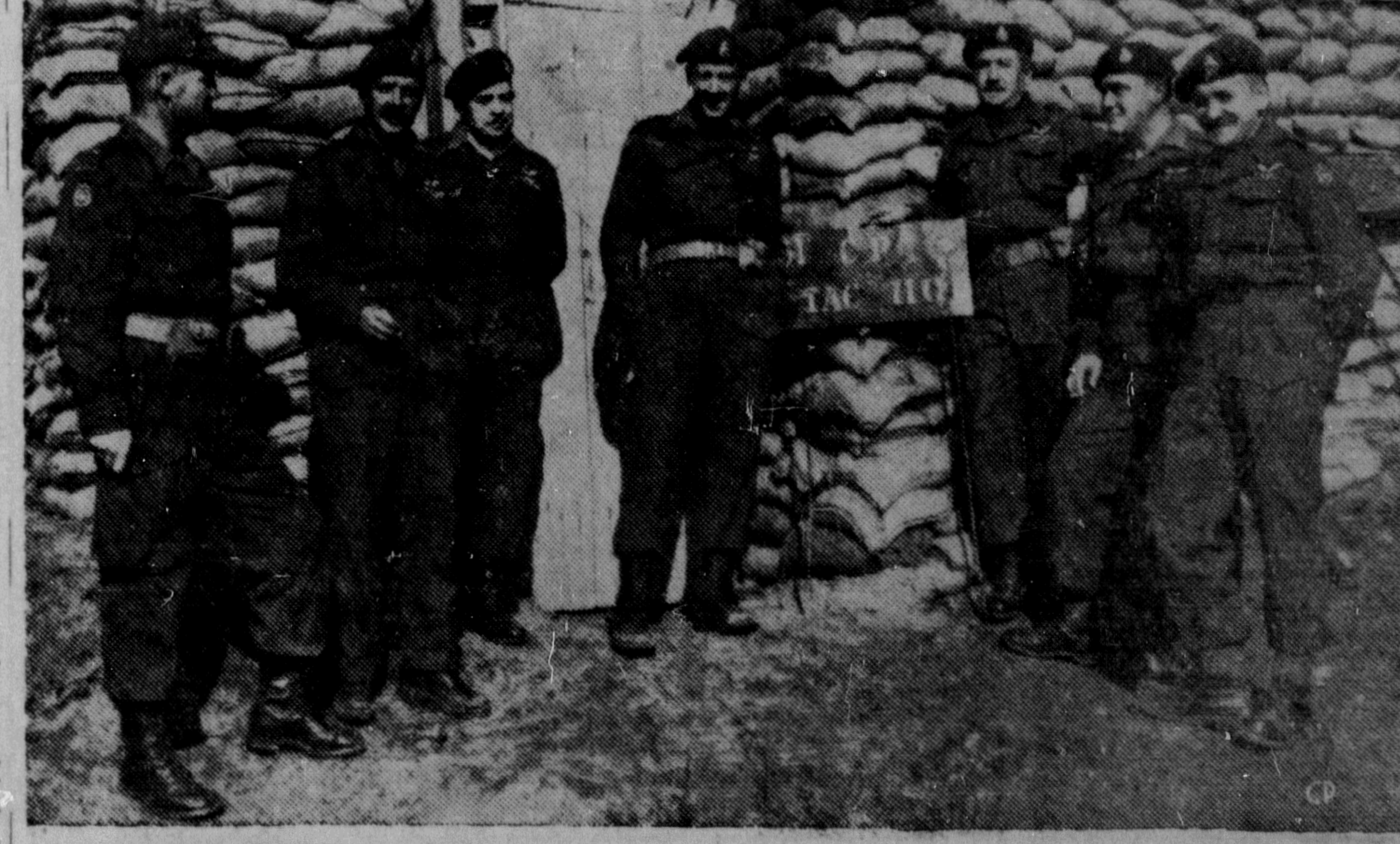
Many of the Alcan workers took plane to Vancouver, provided weather conditions permitted flying. Others took trains, east-bound. Their fares home are prepaid and they're not leaving because the food isn't good, either.

An example of food shipment to Kitimat-Kemano coming off the ship runs something like this: Leg of lamb, shrimp meat, frozen strawberries, geese, turkeys.

A "skeleton" crew remains behind. Their companions will begin the return trek after New Year.

Plane Missing, Eight Aboard

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE, California (CP)—An Air Force plane with eight men aboard, is missing today and believed down in storm-blown Northern California.



COMMANDS IN KOREA—Lt. Col. Norman G. Wilson-Smith, centre, Winnipeg, Commanding Officer 1st Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry confers with his Company commanders in Korea on the battle situation. They are, left to right: Maj. J. George, Edmonton; Maj. R. G. Cross, Calgary; Maj. R. B. Mainprize, Calgary; Col. Wilson-Smith; Maj. C. O. Huggard, Fredericton, N.B.; Maj. S. L. Dymond, Toronto, and Maj. J. Williams, Calgary. (CP from National Defence)