

MANCHESTER SERVICES ARE DISRUPTED

Counter Attack Staged by UN Troops In Korea

TOKYO (CP)—Allied troops and planes today smashed back the fresh waves of screaming Reds in a furious battle for the Sobaek mountain passes in northern Korea.

American, French and Dutch troops of the U.S. Second Division smashed five attacks in a zero-cold on the middle and rear flanks of the 15-mile front north of Wonju.

They were supported by more than 80 fighters and bombers that seared the snow-covered hills with tons of fire bombs and rockets. It was the fifth day of the battle for the two vital passes leading to the main route from the southeast of the port of Wuan to Taegu and Taejon. The Eighth Army moved down the route from abandoned Seoul.

Paper Says 200 Killed in Mine

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (CP)—Yugoslav press dispatches announced today 200 men were killed in Hungary's Tatabanya mine disaster December 30 instead of 11 as announced officially.

The newspaper Politika said in a dispatch datelined Budapest that Matyas Rakosi, vice-premier and Communist chief in Hungary, was threatened with physical violence by the outraged populace when he came to inspect the wrecked workings.

The Politika article said the Communist government is trying to hush the immensity and scale of the disaster, which is attributed to poor safety conditions, about which engineers vainly warned the regime. Crews are still digging in the clogged mine shafts for the victims, the dispatch said.

Canadians Staff Ethiopia School

By HOMER SMITH
ADDIS ABABA (CP)—Canadians are staffing what is perhaps the world's loftiest normal school. It is Emperor Haile Selassie's teacher's training college in the northern outskirts of Addis Ababa. Its elevation is 9,000 feet above sea level.

A 41-year-old Winnipeg man, Stanley A. Steinman, is the headmaster of Ethiopia's only normal school. Native of Oxford County, Ont., he was educated at the University of Manitoba and Winnipeg teachers training college.

He served in the R.C.A.F. in the second world war and before coming to Ethiopia in 1949 was teaching science and mathematics at the Winnipeg Junior High School. He was invited here by the Ethiopian ministry of education.

The first of those educated under the Department of Veterans Affairs at Manitoba University, he holds a Bachelor of Education degree.

Yellow-Canadians make up most of the staff. They are Earle Armstrong of Peterborough, Ont., Walter Schmidt of Kitchenburg, Ont., William Peters of Steinbach, Man., and Mrs. Steinmann. Also on the staff are an American, Samuel Arukian, and an Ethiopian, Terefe Negaro.

BASKETBALL TONITE

6:00 Junior - 6:45 Intermediate
EXHIBITION
7:30 High School vs G & A
8:45 Co-Op vs Brownwoods

\$500,000 Fire Hits Chicago

CHICAGO (CP)—A \$500,000 fire and explosion roared through a five-storey building down town yesterday, killing three firemen.

Five other firemen and one civilian were injured. Anthony J. Mullaney, chief fire marshal, said other persons may have been trapped in the office and warehouse building, but there were no reports of anyone missing.

The explosions, apparently caused by 55 gallons of inflammable lacquer thinning fluid on the top floor, blew the fire wall over onto a group of firemen on the ground floor.

Stricken Ship Calls For Aid

PERTH, Australia (CP)—The crippled liner Liguria, with 950 displaced persons and 130 crew members aboard, radioed for urgent help again tonight.

She said she was being battered by heavy seas and was making only two knots, 190 miles off Western Australia.

The Liguria, carrying displaced persons from Bremerhaven, Germany, to Australia, first sent out her distress messages yesterday saying her position was precarious. The Liguria's agents estimated a tug would take from two to three days to reach the liner's present position.

operations and, with installation of a new turbine, will have a reserve for future expansion. It is operated by Consolidated Smelters.

In the Camsell Portage area, caterpillar roads are ready for major operations. Ore, or eventually concentrates, can be loaded there on Northern Navigation Company barges and taken to Waterways, 350 miles southwest across Lake Athabasca, where there is a railroad.

Native trappers, turned prospectors, now are as familiar with the Geiger counter, the gadget which buzzes in the presence of radioactive ore, as they are with dogs, rifle and trap line.

The prospecting trenches run 15 feet deep and more. They are filled with rock shattered by dynamite blasts. Parts of them have a smudgy, rusty color. That is uranium oxide. There is also a glittering yellow—that's copper.

Listed for departure for Vancouver on Union ship Chilcotin, Capt. H. E. McLean, Sunday night are M. H. McLean, Edward Poulson, D. Underhill, E. Jensen, Dr. Elsey, Richard Wesch and Mr. and Mrs. F. Abbott.

The Box mine's power plant today supplies several uranium



OFFER EYES—Ray Gorley, left, and Bernard Munroe, Ottawa printers, both have offered to sacrifice an eye if it will help save Carolyn Joan Purcell, 4, of Atlanta, Ga., from death or blindness from eye cancer. The possibilities of grafting new eyes for the girl are being studied. (CP PHOTO)

British Press Welcomes Premier's Declaration

LONDON (CP)—The declaration issued by Commonwealth prime ministers was warmly welcomed by today's press.

The prime ministers urged in the name of humanity last night that the heads of the Big Five powers hold frank talks in a supreme effort to avert

nine leaders also pledged themselves "to retain mastery of our own affairs" and strengthen defenses while the fear of aggression lasts.

The Times said the conference's work and influence for peace in the East had made the meeting memorable.

The Liberal Manchester Guardian says the conference suggested "necessary twists and turns" in the policy by which "the American ideal and our own ideal" may be best approached.

The Conservative Yorkshire Post termed the declaration an impressive statement of principles, whose most heartening passage was that urging Commonwealth defenses be strengthened with all speed.

Premiers Seek 'Arrangement'

LONDON (CP)—The Prime Ministers of the British Commonwealth announced last night they would welcome any feasible arrangement for an exchange of views with Prime Minister Stalin or the Chinese Communist leader, Mao Tze-Tung.

In a joint declaration issued at the end of a nine-day conference here, the Prime Ministers said, "We do not seek to intervene in the affairs of the Soviet Union or China or any other country; we are simply determined to regain mastery of our own affairs without the fear of aggression."

Copies of the current Canadian Geographical Magazine, a special number, have been received here. The chief feature is called "Industry in Action in Quebec" and gives prominence to the enterprises that come from utilization of wood pulp, plastics and cellulose.

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'Flu Epidemic Unabated In Northwest England

MANCHESTER, England (CP)—About 12,000 persons in Manchester are estimated today to be suffering from the influenza epidemic now sweeping the north of England. Manchester's population is about 700,000.

The epidemic, the worst since 1918, has thrown the cotton city's services into chaos. More than 1000 post office engineers, telephone operators, postmen and sorters, with about 400 bus drivers, are off sick.

In the northwest of England as a whole, sickness benefits claimed under the national health scheme already total 200,000 and more claims are arriving at a rate of 20,000 a day.

Many national insurance offices are working overtime to handle the flood of benefit claims. Workmen in Manchester cemeteries are working throughout the weekend. Twenty-two burials took place today and another 31 are booked for Monday.

Manchester's southern cemetery has reported 141 deaths so far this month compared with 86 for the same period last year.

Most Manchester doctors are working 15 and 16 hours a day. Many have themselves fallen sick with 'flu.

Gillanders New Board President

TERRACE.—Alex Gillanders, manager of the Terrace Co-operative Association store at Terrace was elected Friday night as president of the Terrace and District Board of Trade. Harry Phillips was elected vice-president with John Kill as secretary and Morris Wightman as treasurer.

Speaker of the evening was E. T. Applewhite, M. P. for Skeena, who dealt with the international situation.

Guests at the meeting besides E. T. Applewhite were W. J. Scott, president of the Associated Boards of Trade of Central British Columbia, and G. A. Hunter, who brought the greetings of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce.

Charles To Meet Walcott In March

NEW YORK (CP)—Ezzard Charles will defend his world heavyweight boxing title for the seventh time, meeting Jersey Joe Walcott in Detroit March 7.

They met once before. Charles defeated the veteran Camden, N.J., boxer for recognition as the world champion in Chicago June 22, 1949.

The match was completed today by the International Boxing Club.

Jury Finds Boy's Death From Unnatural Causes

VANCOUVER (CP)—A coroner's jury decided last night that two-year-old Jimmy Bailey died an unnatural death from severe head injuries New Year's Day. The boy died shortly after he was alleged to have toppled from a kitchen chair.

The foster mother, Mrs. Marie Rees, who cares for five other children from the Catholic Children's Aid Society, said she did not know how the boy fell.

Doctors said he had several bruises on his body. Police described the small, two-storey home as "unfit to live in." Fire department officials said it was a fire "hazard."

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St. Laurent To Meet French

PARIS (CP)—Prime Minister St. Laurent arrived today by train from London for a two-day visit, during which he is expected to discuss the Far Eastern situation and President Vincent Auriol's proposed visit to Canada.

The Prime Minister received a chief-of-state welcome at North Station, where his train arrived an hour late.

On hand to greet the Prime Minister, who will confer on a wide range of topics with French officials, were Premier Rene Plenen, Foreign Minister Robert Schuman, Defence Minister Jules Moch and a representative of Auriol.

Minister Replies To Legion Heads

OTTAWA (CP)—Defence Minister Claxton said last night the government has placed orders for more than \$425,000,000 worth of war planes and ships.

He said compulsory training in reserve forces is "a matter for the government and Parliament."

Claxton issued the statement in reply to the Canadian Legion charge that there is a "serious shortage of ships, planes and equipment—even boots and clothing." Mr. Claxton said, "there are no shortages of equipment that would affect the position."

WEATHER

Synopsis
Skies are cloudy over the province today with showers along the coast and snow flurries in the interior. Some clearing is expected along the coast overnight as colder air moves over the region from the Pacific. Little change is expected in conditions over the interior for tomorrow.

Forecast
North coast region, southern section: Cloudy with showers today and tomorrow. Little change in temperature. Winds southerly 15 today, becoming west 15 this evening. Light tomorrow. Lows tonight and highs tomorrow at Port Hardy 35 and 43.

Remainder of region: Cloudy with scattered showers and occasional snow flurry today and tomorrow. A little colder tomorrow. Wind southerly 30 becoming west 25 during morning. West 20 tomorrow. Low tonight and high tomorrow at Sandspit and Prince Rupert 32 and 40.

Cariboo, Prince George, Bulkley Valley regions: Cloudy with snow flurries today and tomorrow. Little change in temperature. Wind southerly 15 today, light tomorrow. Low tonight and high tomorrow at Quesnel 10 and 25; Prince George 15 and 25; Smithers 15 and 25.

Northern B.C. region: Cloudy with snow flurries today. Clear and cold tomorrow. Wind light. Low tonight and high tomorrow at Telegraph Creek, zero and 10.



WINTER VISITOR—Viscount Alexander took time off to visit Niagara Falls in its winter dress, accompanied by his sons, on vacation from their schools in England, and some of their friends. The Governor-General described the scene as "a marvellous spectacle." Identifiable are Viscount Alexander, centre, and Mayor Ernest Hawkins of Niagara Falls, left. Shane Alexander is seen behind his father and Brian at his father's left, almost hidden. Others include Anthony and Johnny Milbank, sons of the comptroller of Rideau Hall, in foreground. Marion Bevin, Ann Harcourt and James Morrison. (CP PHOTO)