

# BRITAIN WITHDRAWS OFFER TO IRAN

## Russia in on Pearl Harbor Plan

### Communist Spy Ring Influenced Sneak Attack

WASHINGTON (CP)—A Japanese official swore Monday that a Communist spy ring helped to influence Japan to attack United States in Second World War and had tipped off Russia before Pearl Harbor that plans would bear fruit.

This testimony was given by Mitsusado Yoshikawa, director of special investigations for Japan's attorney-general, at surprise meeting of the senate internal security sub-committee.

Yoshikawa, speaking through an interpreter, said that he learned the story from the confession of Richard Sorge, head of spy ring, hanged in 1943 for espionage by Japanese.

## Combines Report May End Fixed Retail Price

OTTAWA (CP)—The four-man MacQuarrie committee nearing an end to year-long deliberations on Canada's combine laws, may recommend to the government that Canada should halt the practice whereby a product's retail price is sometimes maintained at the manufacturer's request.

The committee headed by Mr. Justice J. H. MacQuarrie of the Nova Scotia Supreme Court has been concentrating on the problem of retail price maintenance as one aspect of a long-range study to find means to tighten combines legislation.

Its recommendations, perhaps including one to convert the combines commission from a one-man show into a board of two or three members, likely will be prepared and sent to Justice Minister Garson next October. The committee's report then would likely be tabled in the House of Commons almost immediately.

Under the Act, the Combines Commission is made up of the commissioner and two deputies, but in practice it is the commissioner who makes decisions on investigations and who has authority to make anti-combine recommendations to the justice minister.

Some experts believe that if the resale price maintenance practice is eliminated by federal law, it might invite the possibility of a price war among retail stores, perhaps a miniature sample of the big price war that raged in the United States some months ago.

**U.S. PRICE WAR**

The U.S. fight, concentrated mostly in New York, was ignited by a Supreme Court decision that non-signers of an agreement, to keep retail prices of products moving in inter-state trade at fixed levels, did not have to abide by that agreement.

Prices of quality merchandise were cut immediately. One New York store began to compete with another and the result was that some goods were sold at half-price. Buyers stormed the stores in search of bargains.

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## Train Passes Over Small Squamish Boy

VANCOUVER — Small son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Patterson of Squamish is in a serious condition in hospital here after the harrowing experience of having a Pacific Great Eastern Railway engine pass over him as he lay between the tracks. Extent of injuries is not yet known.

CITY REMEMBERS—Mayor Garnet Coulter of Winnipeg presents Brig. R. E. A. Morton, who directed the Army's operations during the disastrous 1950 Winnipeg floods, with a plaque on behalf of the city. While Brig. Morton directed relief operations in Winnipeg, his brother, Maj.-Gen. R. O. G. Morton, directed relief work at fire-swept Rimouski, Que. (CP PHOTO)

## Margaret Showered With Gifts

BALMORAL (CP) — Princess Margaret, vivacious sweetheart of the British Commonwealth, came of age today. Her 21st birthday was greeted by Britons everywhere but the celebration at Balmoral Castle was a quiet family affair. Present, telegrams and letters showered on the princess. Gifts ranged downward from an automobile with value reaching possibly \$200,000.

Grandmother Queen Mary telephoned from Sandringham, where she is holidaying. Court circles reported her gift to the princess was a diamond tiara. The king and queen gave another pearl for her matched string. Princess Margaret and Elizabeth each get a pearl a year from their parents. The king and queen also gave Margaret a pair of turquoise bracelets and later this week they will give her a sporty green car.

## Specific Proposals By Mossadegh Lacking

TEHRAN (CP)—Britain's representative exploded a surprise in the British-Iranian oil talks today by withdrawing Britain's proposal for settlement of the grave dispute. A brief statement from the British embassy gave no hint as to whether talks had actually broken down.

One source said that it appeared the chief British negotiator, Richard R. Stokes, was trying to force Premier Mohammed Mossadegh to advance specific counter-proposals to the British offer. The previous offer provided for the setting up of a new purchasing agency and what amounted to a virtual 50-50 split in oil profits.

**NEW OFFER**

Later, Stokes said that he had given the Iranians until tomorrow noon to accept a new plan which would cover employment of Britons in the oil refinery at Abadan. "If the Iranians don't accept, there's nothing left for me but to go home," he said.

## Earthquake In Hawaii

HONOLULU (CP)—An earthquake knocked down some buildings and cracked a highway in Kona-coast area of volcanic Hawaii island today. Police said that first reports of quake indicated that no one was injured. The mild tremor was felt in elevated areas of Honolulu about 1 a.m. Hawaii Island, southeast of here, is largest of the Hawaiian Island group.

## Hurricane In Mexico

MEXICO CITY (CP)—Reinforced tropical hurricane with 130-mile-an-hour wind stormed through southwest Gulf of Mexico today toward central Mexico coast and its oil field. Overnight it had regained most of the force with which it had raked Jamaica last Friday and took 155 lives.

Along Mexico's tropical eastern shore on Gulf, Tampico and Vera Cruz, the country's two biggest ports, took precautions.

## Jet Crash—Eleven Die

FORT DIX, N.J. (CP) — A jet training plane, fighting for altitude, roared into a truck full of soldiers at Edge McGuire air base Monday, killing eleven men and injuring twenty-two.

The plane bounced off the truck and plowed into woods where soldiers were training. Both truck and plane caught fire.

Army authorities said that the two air force officers in the plane were killed.

Eight soldiers died of the more than fifty who were in the clearing where the 9th Division has an outdoor training school. They had just finished the day's work.

The cause of the crash is not known but some witnesses said that the plane was on fire before it crashed.

## South Koreans Hitting Hard

TOKYO (CP)—South Korean troops attacked strongly held ridges north of Yanggu behind curtain artillery fire today but made little headway.

Front line dispatches reported South Korean troops seized one hill but were swept off two others by Red counter-attacks.

On the east-central front battles raged throughout the day northeast and northwest of Yanggu.

## Submarine Collision

HMCS Artful and Fishing Vessel Hit Off Nova Scotia

HALIFAX, N.S. (CP)—British submarine Artful, sister ship of Affray, which sank several months ago with loss of all aboard, collided with a Nova Scotia fishing vessel off Lockport today. Apparently, there was no serious damage to either craft.

The Artful rammed into the fishing vessel Edith Eva. The wooden fishing vessel remained afloat and was being towed to Lockport 100 miles south of Halifax. The crew was taken aboard another vessel.

The Artful was cruising on the surface in light fog when the accident occurred. The submarine is on a training trip from Glasgow, Scotland, and the USA.

## Canadian Efficiency Medal Awarded Capt. H. C. Flood

A veteran of the First World War who served the Canadian Army "faithfully and with merit" for more than 20 years has been awarded the Canadian Efficiency Decoration medal here and Capt. H. C. Flood says the medal "brings back a host of memories."

Now in charge of the naval fuel depot in Prince Rupert, Capt. Flood came here five years ago to teach school and for two years taught health and physical education at Booth Memorial High School, where 13-year-old son Dick now is a student.

The soldier's teaching days go back a long way for, with time out from the active Army, he held for another 20 years the position of supervisor of physical education in Calgary, and as military instructor there.

It was only when major wounds he received late in World War I began to bother him too much that the former army captain gave up his work in Calgary and moved to the West Coast in 1934 on his doctor's advice.

With Mrs. Flood, he "took things easy" for a while around Horseshoe Bay and Fishermen's Cove, on the North Shore of Vancouver. Then, in 1939, when war broke out once more, Capt. Flood offered his services again.

"Well," the soldier laughed silently, "they told me there was not quite enough room for me in the active list, but they felt they could use me."

At Duncan, Vancouver Island, the army was training cadets, and that's where the captain remained chief instructor for four years.

**OVERSEAS**

Early service with the 50th Battalion of Calgary took gunnery officer overseas shortly after 1914 and subsequently to France. In 1917 he was wounded—"just scratched"—by shrapnel, and in a few months time was back on the front lines.

In 1918, at Canal du Nord, it was "seemingly all over for me—at least so everyone thought," but recalls today that he told the King's surgeon, "I can't afford to die—I've got a wife and four children."

It was nearly two years later, after a hard fought siege in the Third General Hospital, London, that the athlete, whose physical prowess had paid off, walked out feeling none the worse minus a lung and a couple of metal plates inside.

And back he went to Calgary to continue where he left off—teaching young men how to keep their bodies in good condition, and until he left there remained chief instructor of Army Cadets.

Today, the captain—for he's known by that rank in many parts of Canada—still keeps himself in the best of physical condition and says, "that's the answer to a happy, long and healthy life."

His age is anybody's guess and that's a point on which he does not talking. "How old do you think I am," he counters. "Well, there are many men of 60 who look much older than the Captain does today."

Always jovial and friendly, that is one quality he says is "quite easy" to develop. "Look on the bright side of life—it's always there if you look hard enough," and this attitude, coupled with a thorough knowledge of his work in the past and efficient administration has won him recognition by his government which joins the citizens of Canada and Prince Rupert to say, "Well done, Captain Flood."

## Forest Closure Being Resumed

VANCOUVER—The forest closure in parts of Vancouver district which had been partially reopened recently has been resumed, throwing 4000 men out of work again. The forest fire hazard is as bad as ever.

## St. Laurent Not Retiring

OTTAWA—It is unlikely that Prime Minister L. St. Laurent will announce his retirement on his seventieth birthday in February. He is enjoying excellent health.

## Terrace-Kitimat Road Surveying

H. M. Buncombe, chief engineer for Kitimat Constructors, and party have arrived here to start surveys of the road which will be built from Terrace to Kitimat in connection with the Alcan development. A second party is working north from Kitimat and a third will be in the centre.

## Hardy Walker

BEAR RIVER, N.S. (CP)—Former man Hardy, 88, of Bear River, isn't the type of man who lets old age catch up to him. He recently walked from here to Smith's Cove, a distance of 14 miles.

## Union Ships Doing Better

VANCOUVER — Union Steamships Company of B.C. and subsidiaries report a net profit of \$22,828 for the year ended January 31, 1951.

The company subsidiaries are Union Estates Limited and Frank Waterhouse & Co. They operate a fleet of 15 passenger and freight carriers, and three resorts at Bowen Island, Sechart and Whytecliffe near Vancouver.

Capital position of the company was improved. Assets exceeded liabilities by \$204,573, an improvement of \$214,028 in the working capital position of the previous year, when liabilities exceeded assets by \$10,355. Earned surplus at January 31, 1951 stood at \$597,018, compared to \$577,568 brought forward from the previous year.

A number of vessels were bought, sold or converted during the year. The motor tanker Argus was bought; the withdrawn steamer Southolm was converted to a barge. The Lady Rose and Cassiar were sold and the Blue Peter II was bought and is being renamed Cassiar.

## Says Pact Inadequate

CHICAGO (CP) — Rt. Hon. Anthony Eden, formerly British foreign secretary, said Monday that the Atlantic Pact is inadequate to protect the western world from communism.

Eden, who served in Winston Churchill's wartime cabinet, called for "something much wider and more general" which takes account of the demands of every front, estimates resources and allocates them according to need.

He assailed Russia for failure to accept authority of the United Nations.

Tonight's train, due from the East at 11:15 daylight time, is reported this afternoon to be on time.

## Stanley Park is Being Set Afire

VANCOUVER — Arson is suspected in three small fires which occurred in the Stanley Park area yesterday.

## — TIDES —

Wednesday, August 22, 1951 (Pacific Standard Time)

High	4:42	17.9 feet
Low	16:56	19.5 feet
Low	10:37	6.4 feet
Low	23:29	5.8 feet

## Government Aid On Mining Trails

VICTORIA — The government has agreed to participate up to, but not exceeding, 50 per cent of the cost of the Big Four trail to Bonanza mountain in the Omineca mining division, Canoe Creek trail to Mutch Group in the Omineca mining division, and the Driftwood Creek road to the Harvey Group in the Omineca mining division.

## Babine River Slide Blocking Salmon

rock slide in a canyon on the Babine River is blocking the main portion of the Skeena River salmon run, it is reported following an aerial survey. The slide is about 40 miles north of Hazelton and approximately 10 miles up the Babine River from its junction with the Skeena.

Plans for clearing the slide are under way. It may be necessary to send a party in by either helicopter or pack train.

The survey was ordered following reports that battered and dying sockeye were coming down the Skeena River to Hazelton about two weeks ago.

## Weather

Synopsis

are some clouds along northern coast of British Columbia today and in the interior the Cariboo northward. A weak Pacific disturbance moving inland over these areas may cause more than a few clouds in the southern part of the province where the warm dry weather should persist.

Forecast

coast region — Cloudy, with sun in the after-noon. A few fog patches over the coast. Winds from the north-northwest 15 to 20 mph. Highs Wednesday 63; Sandspit 62; Prince Rupert 52 and