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Festival of
Britain is
Under Way

WASHINGTON, D.C. (CP) — General Douglas MacArthur said today that he does not believe Soviet Russia is in a position to "launch any predatory attack from the Asiatic continent."

The deposed Far Eastern commander gave that estimate to the Senate armed services and foreign relations committees inquiring jointly into the MacArthur dismissal and Far Eastern policy.

MacArthur testified behind closed doors but a censored transcript of his testimony was given to reporters.

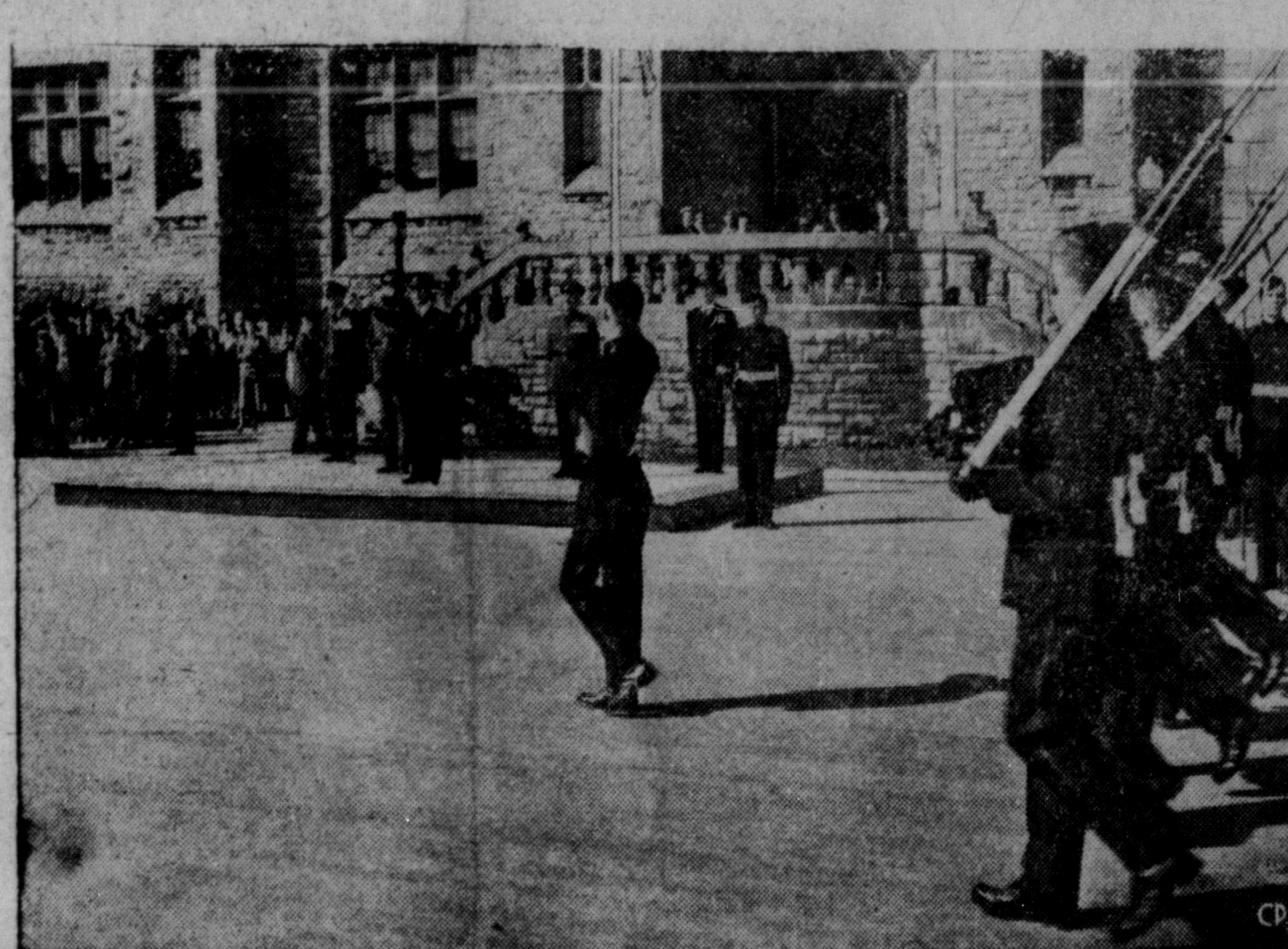
The general said he believes Russian forces in Siberia "are largely defensive."

In this connection, MacArthur observed: "I believe the Soviet has so often repeated incorrect statements that we are planning to attack him that he has finally begun to believe it himself."

Senator Russell, chairman of the combined committees, called for an estimate by MacArthur of the strength of Soviet forces in the Far East but what MacArthur might have had to say about that was deleted from the transcript given reporters.

In that connection Senator Hugh Butler, on leaving the hearing earlier, had told reporters that MacArthur also said he does not believe Russia could move troops eastward because the Trans-Siberian Railway was already taxed to the limit.

The transcript recorded Russell as asking MacArthur: about the hazard of having removed all United States garrison troops from Japan to Korea when war broke out last June.



CLOSING CEREMONY—End of the academic year at the Canadian Services College at the Royal Military College, Kingston, Ont., was marked by colorful closing ceremonies. Vice-Admiral H. T. W. Grant, Chief of the Naval Staff, is shown taking the salute at the march past. He also gave the closing address. It was the first time a naval officer had officiated at the ceremony.

Up to noon today some 78,000 pounds of halibut had been landed at Prince Rupert since the opening of the 1951 fishing season.

Following the arrival yesterday morning of two company packers with 63,000 pounds of "camp" fish the Azurite arrived later in the day with 8,000 lbs. for Prince Rupert. Fishermen's Co-operative.

Two vessels of the fishing fleet were forced in since yesterday and brought catches with them.

The Invercan III, coming in with pump trouble, landed 5,280 pounds for the Bacon Fisheries, the price to be determined after the Fish Exchange goes into action.

The Isa, Capt. H. Hansen, bringing in a member of the crew with a slight foot injury, landed 3,000 pounds to the Co-operative.

It is expected that the board at the Fish Exchange may get its first listings tomorrow.

PEACE OR WAR
CROYDON, Surrey, England (CP)—A peace committee here organized a meeting which had anything but peaceful results.

Men and women attending became involved in a free-for-all that resulted in a number being sent to hospital.

LONDON (CP)—The King spoke, crowds cheered, church bells rang as the Festival of Britain officially began today.

Months of preparation came to a climax when the King and Queen rode through the streets of London to St. Paul's Cathedral in an open carriage. They were escorted by glittering household cavalry.

Throngs had waited all night for a glimpse of Their Majesties.

"This is no time for despondency" said the King in a broadcast from the steps of St. Paul's.

"I see this festival as a symbol of Britain's abiding courage and vitality."

From now until September the country will make merry with exhibitions, pageants, sports and fun fairs.

Planners of the festival have had two motives.

1. To celebrate the centenary of the great exhibition of 1951.

2. To show the world that Britain has faith in herself and the future.

AT A PORT IN SOUTH KOREA—Brig. John Rockingham, commander of the 25th Canadian Army Brigade shortly to arrive in Korea, said today that his troops will go into action almost immediately.

The general was welcoming a second Canadian battalion which arrived today.

Rockingham said that Lieut. Gen. James Van Fleet, United States Eighth Army commander, had asked the Canadians to be ready to go to the front as soon as possible after arriving.

"I promised General Van Fleet that we would be ready," he added. "The way everyone has been working and, with the co-operation we have been receiving from the Eighth Army and American logistical officers, there is no doubt about it."

The Canadians, their commander said will go into action as an independent unit before the British Commonwealth Division (increased from a brigade) come into being.

The Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry—veterans of nearly five months in Korea—would join the main Canadian force as soon as it got into the forward area.

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More Halibut Being Landed

Documents of Wake Is. M'ARTHUR WAS NOT FEARFUL

WASHINGTON, D.C. (CP)—Administration's Wake Island documents quote General Douglas MacArthur as having told President Truman that there was "very little" chance for intervention in Korea by Red China or Russia.

But the question was raised immediately as to whether MacArthur was talking about the chance there would be of such intervention or about the chance of success the Reds would have if they did come in.

The text of the account of what went on in the island conference last fall, prepared afterwards from the notes, was made public on the eve of hearings today in Truman's removal of MacArthur from command in the Far East.

The text, given out yesterday, showed this question from Truman: "What are the chances for the Chinese or Soviet interference?"

"Very little," MacArthur replied.

The documents went on without break, quoting him on the difficulties an intervening force would have to meet at that stage.

"Had they intervened in the first or second months it would have been decisive. We are no longer fearful of their intervention. We no longer stand hand in hand," said MacArthur.

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With speakers emphasizing the value of this expanding annual cultural event, the fourth annual Prince Rupert and District Music and Drama Festival was officially opened last night before a large audience which stayed until almost the midnight hour to hear a diverting and interesting evening of vocal and dramatic presentations.

The Festival is continuing morning, afternoon and evening through to Friday with sessions at Civic Centre, Capitol Theatre and First United Church.

C. W. Graham, inspector of schools, opening the Festival, expressed his appreciation of the privilege. He complimented the chairman, committee members, organizations and contestants who were working together for the success of the Festival. He felt that the committee had made an excellent choice in their adjudicators — Burton Kurth for music, and Mrs. Phoebe Smith, for the drama. He said that this festival was local, though it was happy to welcome those from out of town. Its purpose was two-fold.

First, to encourage contestants in their art and to provide public performances for the expression of this art.

Second, to provide the opportunity for young people to have expert adjudication from adjudicators who give help and build up the spirit of the contestants.

Mrs. Earl Becker, president of the Association and announcer for the evening's program, asked for constructive criticism. The Association, though young, had taught a lot, but there was much more to learn. She explained (Continued on page 3)

Living Cost At New High

OTTAWA—The cost of living index in Canada advanced 2.1 points during March to a new record high mark of 181.3 from 179.7 at March 1.

Announcement was made in the House of Commons today by Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe, minister of trade and commerce.

Rail Award Unchanged

OTTAWA (CP)—The CCF party tried unsuccessfully yesterday to force the government to reconsider the controversial railway strike settlement of last September.

Though supported by other Opposition groups, the House of Commons vote went 134 to 59 against the motion which would have required the government to consider the advisability of such a step.

Specifically, the motion sought to revise the railway strike award to grant to approximately 9000 hotel and water transport workers the same settlement terms given 125,000 railway workers generally by Mr. Justice R. L. Kellock, government-appointed arbitrator.

Prime Minister St. Laurent, opposing the motion, said he would not ask Parliament to intervene in the award.

Attlee Government Weathers Storm Over Elimination From Health Service

LONDON (CP)—Great Britain's Socialist government fought off revolt within its own ranks today and pushed through its bill ending free spectacles and false teeth under the public health service.

Only three of a long list of opponents backed their protests by voting against the government in the final showdown.

The government measure was approved by 262 votes to three. Many members did not vote.

The bill provides that Britons must now pay half of the cost of glasses and dentures which they have been getting for nothing since 1947.

Nine Dead in Family Tragedy

LENOIR, North Carolina (CP)—An unemployed sawmill worker shot his eight children to death and then ended his own life with a shotgun blast here last night.

The bodies of Ralph Cragg, aged 34, and his children, ranging in age from three to 15 years, were discovered in their blazing home.

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