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China's Cease-Fire Proposal Under British Consideration

Laurent of Canada Taking Hand In Korea

LONDON (CP)—The British cabinet went into emergency session today to consider Communist China's new cease-fire offer in Korea.

Laurent had asked for clarification of Red China's previous proposal of a seven-power conference, however, disagree on the latest Peiping note on the way for a cease-fire.

R. Austin, American representative to the UN, said at Lake Geneva that "it is a transparent effort to divide the free world and postpone, delay and procrastinate."

Controls On Everything

CALGARY (CP)—H. H. Hannam, president of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, said today if price controls are imposed by the government, it should be made effective "clear across the board on all prices, profits, fees, salaries and wages."

He told the Federation's annual meeting that no one should be favored or exempted.

Build Hospitals For Peacetime

VANCOUVER (CP)—Lloyd F. Detwiler, hospital insurance commissioner, said here yesterday that hospital construction in British Columbia should not be dictated by needs of civil defence.

He told a meeting of Progressive Conservatives construction should continue on a peace-time basis but always keeping in mind the possibility of an emergency.

The commissioner made only brief mention of the proposed rate of increase, saying it was up to the legislature.

He did say, however, that total hospital operating costs in B.C. jumped from \$15,800,000 in 1948 to \$22,000,000 in 1950.

C. A. Berner, C.N.R. divisional superintendent, returned to the city at the week-end from a ten day trip over the line on inspection duties.

Old Plans Only Hope

TORONTO (CP)—Paul Hoffman, Marshall Plan chief, said today that the old program of political, economic and social activity is democracy's greatest hope for lasting peace.

Hoffman said that "although I don't believe in a preventive war is any more to our present dilemma."

His train, due from the city at 10:15, was reported this morning to be on time.

Big Fire In Fairbanks Four Thousand Persons Are Dead In New Guinea Volcano

FAIRBANKS (CP)—Firmen laboring in 50-below zero temperatures battled flames in downtown Fairbanks early today. They estimated damage at \$500,000.

A bakery and drug store were destroyed before the fire was brought under control.

PORT MORESBY, Australia (CP)—Officials said today 4000 persons were killed, injured or missing in the wake of a mighty volcanic eruption which blasted out the entire side of Mount Lamington, New Guinea's extinct volcano.

Eruption, which spread seething lava and red-hot ash over a wide area, may have caused the century's worst disaster in this section.

Mount Lamington began to erupt Thursday. Six major blasts appeared to have taken place Sunday.

At least one European was killed and 34 others—traders, missionaries and government officials—were missing.

Terrified natives had taken shelter in the humid jungles in attempts to escape the fiery blasts.

The volcano is a four-peaked mountain, 100 miles northeast of Port Moresby in the heart of the jungle, and at its base were a few dozen New Guinea villages.

U.S. Needs More Troops

WASHINGTON (CP)—Defence Secretary Marshall said today United States troops under Gen. MacArthur needs 15,000 replacements every month and it will be April before his divisions are built up to normal strength.

"Military manpower goal is 3,462,000 by June 30," and Marshall said "we will have to increase our forces beyond this strength if the situation worsens."

Jet Air Fight Biggest Yet

TOKYO (CP)—American Thunderbirds, streaking over north-west Korea, shot down four Russian-made MIG-15's today in history's biggest jet air battle.

F-84's also scored on probable kill and damaged four more Russian speedsters with back-swept wings. All American planes returned safely.

On the ground, Allied combat teams today re-occupied central Korean road-rail hub of Wonju and its airstrip. They also seized two nearby hills, ousting a force of nearly 100 Communists from one hill with an artillery barrage. United Nations forces were reported "in control of all Wonju."

Thirty-one miles southeast, Allied forces are battling Red Koreans in Yongwol. Heavy fighting also raged southeast of Tanyang.

In an air fight, thirty-three U.S. Thunderjets tangled with 18 to 28 MIGs over Sinuiju, just across the Yalu River from Manchuria. For 30 minutes the air battle flamed before the enemy planes streaked back to Manchurian sanctuary.

In a companion raid, 46 F-86 Shooting Star jets screamed down on flak defences of Pyongyang to clear the way for a massive B-29 stroke on the Red Korean capital.

Attlee Hopeful Of Korea Peace

LONDON (CP)—Prime Minister Attlee declared today Britain refuses to give up hope for a peaceful settlement with Communist China in Korea.

In apparent reference to American demands that United Nations formally brand the Peiping government as an aggressor, Attlee told Commons:

"We are of the opinion that the United Nations should not at this stage take a new and important decision. We have not lost hope of negotiating a settlement in Korea. Nor have we lost hope that China may live on friendly terms with other members of the world community."

Cellulose Predicament On Housing Is Before Council

The city council at their regular meeting last night was waited upon by a large delegation from Columbia Cellulose Company in regard to housing.

Following the report of the housing committee on what was being done, Ray Jones, mill manager at Watson Island, spoke on behalf of the delegation.

Mr. Jones said the company had brought key men to Prince Rupert and that it had been embarrassed by lack of housing.

It was becoming increasingly difficult all the time. In answer to a statement by Ald. T. B. Black that the council had only Monday received the first written request from Columbia Cellulose Company for additional housing accommodation, Mr. Jones said the company had been in the place for three years and that the city should have realized that some day there would be people here to run the plant.

Mr. Jones said he appreciated what the city was doing toward obtaining additional housing. He suggested the council might pass a resolution thanking the organizations in town that had been backing them in obtaining additional housing.

In making his report for the housing committee, Ald. George Casey said the committee had inspected the proposed locations for building and that a further letter had been sent to the housing commissioner in order to speed up construction of the houses. The city clerk had outlined the recommended sites on a map in red pencil. Also a report on unsatisfactory and unsanitary housing conditions from Dr. D. McC. Black, medical health officer had been forwarded. The committee had received a letter from Columbia Cellulose Company describing the predicament the company was in regarding obtaining housing for its employees.

Ald. T. B. Black said the letter was the first written request from the company for housing.

SUPPORT WELCOMED
Following Mr. Jones' remarks,

Parking On Second Avenue

Matter of Taxi Zones Is Deferred

With one amendment, the report of the health, social assistance, police and licensing committee to last night's regular meeting of the city council was approved and adopted.

A recommendation that prosecution be instituted in all cases where building, plumbing or electrical work is done prior to application for permit therefor was amended to delete "electrical work" as that now comes under jurisdiction of the provincial government.

Application of Famous Players Canadian Corporation for a licence to operate a moving picture theatre be granted.

The Street Traffic and Parking Bylaw is to be amended to provide for diagonal parking on the north side of Second Avenue from McBride to Eighth Streets rather than only between McBride and First and Sixth and Seventh Streets.

The committee reported it was deferring consideration of applications for taxi parking zones pending determination of the cost of such signs, as it is the intention of the applicant to bear the cost of the signs and their installation.

Canadian Women To Be Recruited

OTTAWA (CP)—Canadian women may soon get the chance to return to uniform.

Expanding Navy, Army and Air Forces have recommended that women, of whom approximately 47,000 served during World War II, once again be recruited.

Informed sources confirmed this last night and said the matter is due for cabinet decision shortly. Defence Minister Claxton will bring recommendations before his colleagues and it is expected to be approved and announcement authorized for the session of Parliament opening January 30.

Sewer Contract Is Reported On

A letter from the city solicitor to Mitchell & Currie in connection with the sewer contract was included in the report of the board of works to last night's meeting of the city council.

The letter said that the reduction in measurement of earth removed from ditches was not arbitrary and that the city was not responsible for infalls.

The city wants detailed figures as to why certain portions of the work should cost \$86 per foot, the letter continued, since Aid. George Casey had been informed the work could be done at a much lower figure.

All tenders, it was pointed out, had had access to a tunnel that was being used in the new pipeline and it had been dry at the time tenders were called. The city did not agree that it had said the tunnel would take a 52-inch pipe. The letter said the firm was more in error than the city.

Thawing Fee Set By City

Following recommendations in a report of the Board of Works were adopted by city council last night:

That a thawing fee of \$7.50 payable in advance be established.

That the offer of \$200 from M. J. Saunders for a hoist formerly used on the garbage truck be accepted.

That 20 gallons of non-skid white paint be purchased for use on wooden steps throughout the city.

That tenders be called for purchase of a three-ton truck to the engineer's specifications. (The tenders had already been called and were examined later in the meeting.)

That a rebuilt engine be purchased for the Fargo truck at an approximate cost of \$300.

Choice Of Kitimaat For Aluminum Plant Called Double Cross

[Alaskan protests at the Kitimaat aluminum project do not mention that the Skagway project would be dependent on Canadian water for its power.—ED.]

Agreement between the Aluminum Co. of Canada and the Province of British Columbia whereby a \$500,000,000 aluminum industry will be established in the Kitimaat-Tweedsmuir Park area appears to be accepted in Southeastern Alaska as meaning the scuttling of a similar project in the Skagway area by the Aluminum Co. of America and considerable indignation seems, as a result, to have been aroused in the territory.

The Skagway city council and Skagway Chamber of Commerce have sent wires of protest to the President of the United States, the Secretary of the Interior, the Seattle Chamber of Commerce, the Alaska Steamship Co. and other important organizations and persons. They want to know, says the Juneau Empire, why preference is being given to the site at Kitimaat for the production of aluminum for defence purposes over the proposed site in Tuya Valley in Southeast Alaska. The Alaska Field Committee at Juneau has also sent a protest.

The Anchorage Times has editorialized as follows:

"One of the most staggering blows to the development of Alaska has come in the loss of a \$300,000,000 aluminum plant near Skagway."

"Cabinet rank federal officials at Washington participated in a deal under which United States funds will be made available for the gigantic project to be located in Canada, just south of (Continued on page 5)

WEATHER

Synopsis
A very cold air mass covers the northern portion of British Columbia, Alberta and the Yukon. Temperatures in the Yukon this morning were 50 to 60 degrees below zero. The edge of this cold air is expected to push southward into the Cariboo today with much colder temperatures expected in that region fog tomorrow.

Over the remainder of the province cloudy conditions persist with scattered snows over the south coast and occasional snow flurries over the north coast and in the interior.

Forecast
North coast region — Cloudy with snow flurries today and tomorrow. Colder tomorrow. Winds — westerly (15) today and tomorrow. Lows tonight and highs tomorrow—Port Hardy 28 and 34, Sandspit 23 and 34, Prince Rupert 28 and 34.

B.C. Plant Under Fire

Richard Reynolds Talks About Aluminum And Canada

WASHINGTON, D.C. (CP)—Richard Reynolds, president of the Reynolds Aluminum Co., told a congressional committee today that Canada had been shipping scarce aluminum to Soviet-dominated countries such as Communist China, Poland and Czechoslovakia. The exports may not have been large but it was the principle that was involved.

Reynolds was critical of the underwriting of the construction of a new aluminum plant in British Columbia by United States. Such a plant would be built in United States in two years instead of five years.

The Aluminum Co. of Canada has promised to present its case to the committee.

TIDES

Wednesday, January 24, 1951
High 2:26 19.4 feet
14:05 21.3 feet
Low 8:09 7.5 feet
20:39 2.5 feet

Hockey Scores

Okanagan-Mainline
Vernon 3, Kelowna 2 (over-time).

Bad Mistake—Alcan Plans Scored

WASHINGTON, (CP)—Proposed United States help in expanding Canadian aluminum production brought sharp objections yesterday at a congressional hearing.

A monopoly investigating committee of the House of Representatives opened two weeks of hearings on plans for expansion of aluminum supplies during the defence emergency and the monopoly effect of such expansion of industry.

Senator James Murray (Democrat, Montana), first witness, denounced the proposal by Aluminum Company of Canada to construct a \$500,000,000 plant in Kitimaat area of British Columbia with large scale aid from the U.S. in the form of critical materials, priorities and contract commitments.

GREAT MISTAKE
Murray called the proposal a "striking parallel" to U.S. aid to Alcan in the Second World War. Quebec, plant with American help, Murray said this arrangement was a "great mistake." And he recommended against any similar arrangement now with Alcan.

TODAY'S STOCKS

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

VANCOUVER	
American Standard	38
Calumet	7.65
R. X.	4 1/2
Quartz	1.29
Progress	.08
Wells Fargo	.53
Oreille	9.00
Power	2.45
Border	8 1/4
Teeter	.08
McDonald	4.80
Creek	1.58
Premier	.30
River	8 1/2
Canada	.11
Gold	.03
Valley	.03
Standard	2.73
Uranium	1.35
TORONTO	
Canada	8 1/4
Quebec	.30

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Annual General meeting of the Civic Centre Association of Prince Rupert will be held Thursday, January 25, at 8:00 p.m. in the Civic Centre Auditorium.

The order of business will include the presentation of Annual Reports, Election of Directors, etc.

All paid up members of the age of nineteen years and over will be entitled to voting privileges. M-W