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PUBLIC OWNERSHIP OF U.K. INDUSTRY MAKES STRIDES

Near Saw Much Harmony Between Government and Opposition on Foreign Policy

BY JAMES MCCOOK
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LONDON (CP)—With legislation already passed to bring the coal mines, civil aviation, the Bank of England and overseas telecommunications into public ownership, Prime Minister Attlee's Labor government will surge ahead during 1947 with plans to control of other services and industries.

this session inland transport including the railways and long-distance road haulage of passengers and freight—and the electricity supply industry are nationalized.

As part of iron and steel acquired later and some government control over private enterprises will be provided. Legislation to enforce the recommendations of "working men," representative of management, labor and consumers, are studying the operation of specific industries.

Far the effects of nationalization have not been felt by public. Civil aviation for years has been largely privately-owned and the Bank of England for decades has been all intents and purposes a part of government. The coal became government property January 1, and the other industries still later.

Opposition speakers in the commons have said that the present causes confusion and anxiety in industry by nationalization proposals, and that housing program is hampered by limitations on the capacity of private builders to produce.

Conservatives under Winston Churchill, who has decided to continue as party leader, are nationalization proposals in any way, but on much of the legislation agreement between government and opposition.

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JUDGMENT SERVED

OTTAWA—County Court Judge A. Gordon McDougall rendered judgment early today December 27 in the trial of Burnford Smith, 34-year-old member of the National Research Council, on a charge of communicating confidential information to Russia. It was the fourteenth Canadian to go on trial as a result of the espionage trial.

THE WEATHER

Disturbance now approaching Vancouver Island from the west will move inland during the day. Overcast skies are general over the southern coastal and interior. Rain is falling on the coast and lower inland. Snow is reported in central British Columbia and in scattered snow flurries continue in the mountain regions of the interior.

Forecast
Prince Rupert, Queen Charlotte and North Coast—Variable winds and widely scattered showers or snow flurries to and tonight. Cloudy on Sunday becoming overcast Sunday afternoon. Light winds; cooler tonight—Art Port Hardy, Massett, 29; Prince Rupert, High on Sunday—at Port Hardy, 39; Massett, 40; Prince Rupert, 33.

Ship Special Home for Blind Infants

AUCKLAND, N.Z.—Sunrise for blind babies under six years of age has been opened in Auckland as adjunct of the Blind Institute to care for the early training of the infants. Special equipment and expert assistants have been obtained for the home and children on admission are to be very backward in learning to walk, talk, feed themselves and in other ways. Through care in developing the other senses they are already making rapid progress.

LONG IN POWER
New Zealand's Labor government has been in power since

World's Heaviest Earthquake and Tidal Wave Hits Japan

Huge Tidal Wave Leaves Disaster In Its Ebb; At Least 500 People Perish

VILLAGES COMPLETELY WIPED OUT—SCENES OF HORROR AND DESTRUCTION ARE WIDESPREAD

TOKYO (CP)—A violent earthquake, possibly the world's heaviest, and a severe tidal wave which it erupted off Wakayama Peninsula today brought death and destruction over fifteen thousand square miles of southern Japan. Fragmentary reports showed 500 dead, 612 injured, 4500 homes destroyed, 9,044 homes heavily damaged, 14,000 homes flooded and 500 fishing vessels destroyed.

Koshimoto, a fishing village of 10,000 persons, was reported washed away by seven-foot waves.

Destroyed one-third of the town and the flames were still visible this afternoon. Major damage was caused by the tidal wave which was reported to have been seen on the eastern coast of Hokkaido, felt in the north.

A great dirty arm of water swung six times at the tiny city of Kainan. When it finally withdrew, there was nothing left but whimpering people looking for lost relatives amid smashed houses, people, caught in swirling waters, clambered to rooftops, screamed for their children and the children cried for help. A boat moored in the harbor broke loose, swept in and smashed a house, then disappeared on the outgoing tide. The ebb tide yawned hugely, dragging everything with it. When it was all over the homeless did not know what to do. They just looked at their wrecked homes, searched for relatives and shivered.

Thousands of Japanese have started fleeing into the hills to avoid repercussions from quake and tidal wave.

Port Edward Pulp Mill

Interior Paper Says That Project is Assured

It is reported on a very good basis that the much-dormant pulp and paper mill for the north is to be located at Port Edward on property developed by the American army, and it includes all the modern dock and shipping facilities, says the Omineca Herald. It was hoped once the new industry would be located nearer Terrace, but as the bulk of the raw material will be taken from the interior it will mean great business for the whole country. The decision to take over the Port Edward property was made recently when a party of those concerned were in Prince Rupert.

This is one of three paper concerns that are mooted for the north and it is expected work will get under way at an early date.

The matter of an electric power supply is not yet known, but it will probably be one of the interior developments as there is little power available on the coast.

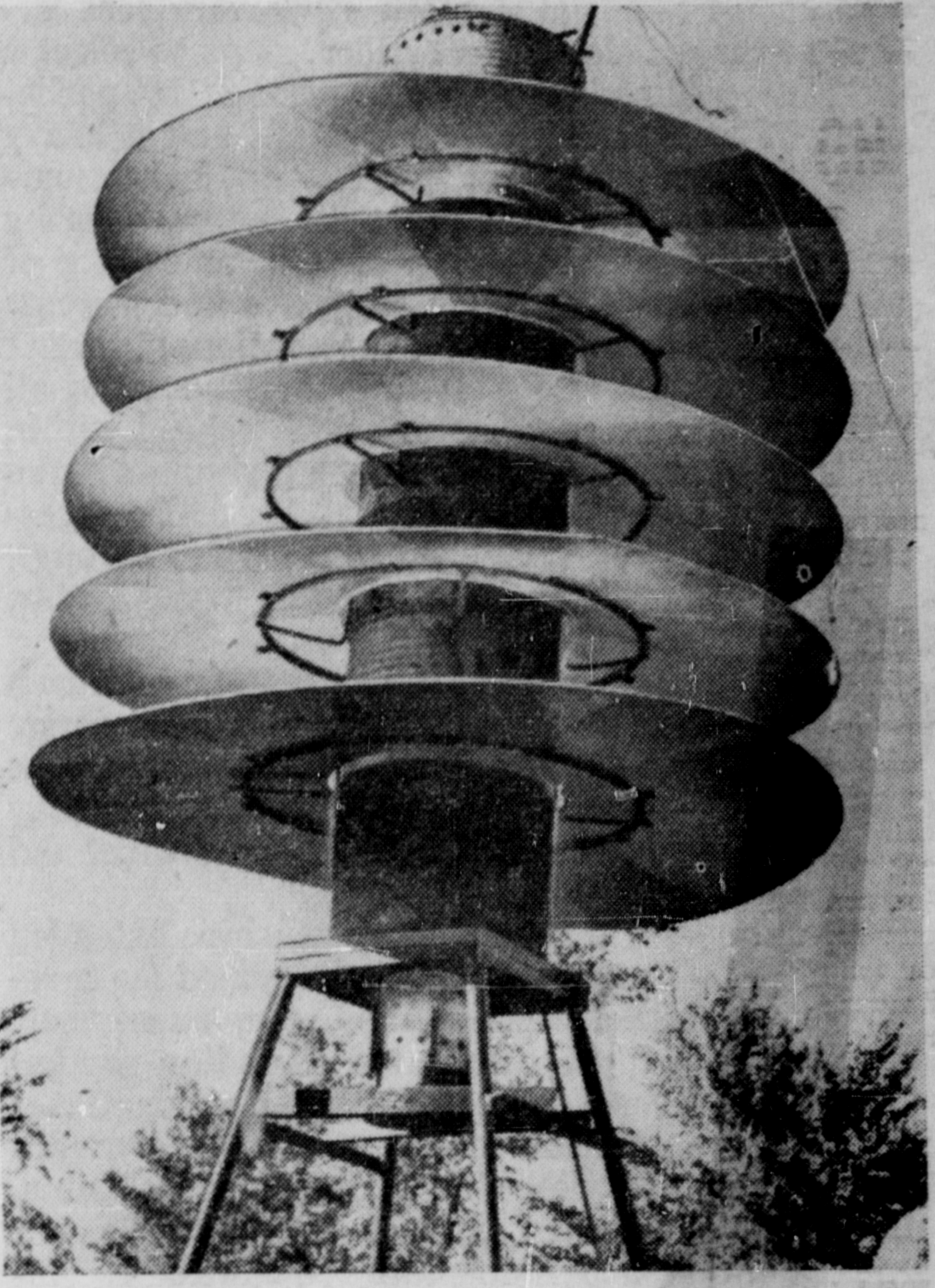
The new concern will take pulp wood from logging concerns or from farmers clearing land and any other outfits that will get the timber out. The rivers will be used to a great extent and the railway in some cases as well as trucks for the nearby material, thus a new industrial era is being opened up for the interior, the entire interior, as all rivers can be put to use. The population will be greatly increased making a greater market for all farmers and others.

GOVERNOR OF GEORGIA DIES

ATLANTA, Georgia—Eugene Talmadge, four times elected governor of Georgia, died today less than a month before his scheduled fourth inauguration. The 62-year-old champion of white supremacy died in hospital. His death leaves in doubt the successor to the governorship from which youthful Ellis Arnall, who was prevented from taking a second term under the state constitution, ousted him four years ago.

Local Tides

Sunday, December 22, 1946		
High	1:00	18.2 feet
	12:31	21.1 feet
Low	6:33	3.9 feet
	19:15	3.6 feet



This pagoda-like affair is the frost damage prevention machine developed at the Michigan State college agricultural experimental station, East Lansing, Mich. Using infra-red heat, generated by an oil flame. The machine, in tests, held temperatures as much as eight degrees above the prevailing temperature. The machine is expected to prove highly beneficial to fruit, truck and flower producers who suffer heavy losses through unseasonal frosts. Engineers say a unit large enough to protect an entire acre of land can be built for about \$85. Operating cost is approximately 75 cents an hour.

CHRISTMAS PRICES MAR HOLIDAY JOY FOR BRITONS

TOYS, TURKEYS OUT OF RANGE OF AVERAGE MAN BUT SOME EXTRAS ON THE RATION HELP A LITTLE

By STUART UNDERHILL
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LONDON (CP)—Christmas in the Old Country recaptures its English accent this year, but it's still just a whisper of the joyous festivities that used to be.

For the first time in eight years streets and stores aren't crowded with British and Allied uniforms. The servicemen from overseas have gone home and Tommy Atkins has exchanged his military headgear for a bowler hat.

If this is his first civilian Christmas after years of war service, he finds supplies more lavish than they have been for a long time past, but at a price which makes him think twice before completing his purchases.

"Prices are something awful," says Mrs. Brown, who makes a few shillings weekly cleaning to supplement her husband's £5 (\$20) income as a laborer. "What we shall do for toys I don't know. My little girl keeps asking for a doll. I saw a lovely one yesterday—for £8."

"What, us 'ave a turkey at 4s 6d (90 cents) a pound? Not very likely. Even if we could afford it, the butchers save 'em for the toffs or sell 'em to the black market. Oh no, we shall do very well on our joint (roast), thank you."

Turkeys For Special Customers
So will most British homes, for Mrs. Brown is right; turkeys are scarce again this year and available only to those customers whom butchers classify as "good."

But as usual there will be little extras on the ration—a few ounces more meat, and a bit more candy and sugar. Dried and fresh fruits—the latter including Canadian apples—are expected to reach the public before Dec. 25. Meagre though they may be, some concrete signs of Christmas will be visible.

Liquor supplies are more plentiful, too, although the would-be ration was indicated. Wider social insurance, government control of atomic energy development, budget resolutions to cut taxation by £500,000,000 (\$2,000,000,000) annually from wartime peaks and development of great-

er stability in agriculture, all had Conservative support in principle although details were criticized.

Stormy Debate on National Health
The national health bill, providing free medical service for all in the United Kingdom, bringing hospitals under gov-

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BRITISH FOREIGN POLICY REVOLT

LONDON—Criticism of British foreign policy came yesterday from the Labor party group opposing "barren controversies." Eight members declared the need for "practical initiative," saying that Britain could take the lead in world affairs.

Although details were withheld, "certain concrete steps" were believed to have been taken by groups of private members of Parliament and individuals. Henry Usborn, Birmingham Labor member, displeased with British foreign policy, took the leadership in a back-bench revolt by a group of members who demanded a Socialist policy to steer a middle course between the policies of capitalist United States and communist Russia.

SOVIET RUSSIA DEMOBILIZING

MOSCOW—Indications that Russia is reducing her forces considerably in foreign countries were seen today in the large numbers of demobilized soldiers returning daily from the west. Many of the returning soldiers say they are from Germany.

In Winter's Grip Miserable Europe

LONDON—Bitterly cold weather brought suffering to Europe's homeless today and slowed movement of food to Hungary. Torrential rains swept Italy, tying up traffic for an expected five days. In Germany sheet ice on the Rhine forced bargeloads of coal, grain, potatoes on to already overcrowded railroads.

Stalin's Birthday Is Quietly Marked

MOSCOW—Generalissimo Joseph Stalin, for 20 years leader of the Soviet Union, celebrated his 67th birthday today. Moscow radio recalled the anniversary with a brief announcement. Son of a shoemaker, Stalin was born at Gori, near Tiflis, in Georgia, south Russia.

Bulletins

VICTORIA BURGLARY
VICTORIA—Thieves blew the safe of T. N. Hibben stationery store here and got away with \$2100.

BOOST HOSPITAL RATES
VANCOUVER—Owing to increased costs of supplies and wages, all rates of the Vancouver General Hospital are increased 50c per day, it is announced by Dr. A. K. Haywood, the superintendent.

JEWELS IN DETROIT
DETROIT—The Detroit Daily News says that some of the \$300,000 of jewels stolen some time ago from the Duke and Duchess of Windsor in England may be in Detroit. Scotland Yard has been working with Detroit police.

AUTO PLANTS CLOSE
DETROIT—The Ford Motor Co. is to close its plant for two weeks starting Christmas Day due to shortage of metals owing to the coal strike. General Motors and Chrysler will close for three days.

POLE CLIMBER
PROVIDENCE, R.I.—When Bob Whitelaw, defenceman of the Providence Reds in the American Hockey League, climbs all over an opponent he's just keeping in practice. In the summer months he's a telephone linesman.

MANY DEMOBLED
NEW DELHI—From V-J Day until the end of October, 1946, nearly one and one-quarter million men and women were released from India's armed forces, says a communique.

NAVY OFFICER WAS NEGLIGENT

HALIFAX—A navy court-martial yesterday found Lieut. F. G. T. Fisher, 26-year-old Victoria naval officer, guilty of negligence in the stranding of the minesweeper Middlesex while she was going to the help of a distressed vessel off Halifax. He was sentenced to loss of one year's seniority as a lieutenant in the Royal Canadian Navy (Reserve) and to be dismissed from his ship and severely reprimanded.

Lieut. A. O. Gray, 22-year-old Royal Canadian Navy officer, of Temiskaming, Ontario, tried on similar charges, was dismissed on all counts.

SUN TO "SLEEP IN" SUNDAY, SHORTEST DAY

Despite anything that may have happened previously, winter is not here yet. It won't, as a matter of fact, arrive officially until tomorrow, the shortest day of the year. Any snow or freezing temperatures that may have occurred previously must therefore be looked on as the weatherman's autumn antics.

Tomorrow, however, those who wish to enjoy their Sunday "sleep in" can do so with the satisfying knowledge that the sun is doing the same thing. The sun will be officially down for 15 hours and 47 minutes, and will provide a mere eight hours and 13 minutes of "shine" during the year's shortest day.

Thereafter, the days will gradually lengthen until the advent of Spring, the vernal equinox, on March 21.

CONTROLS ON COAL LIFTED

Prices to be Regulated by Administrator—Supply Situation in Canada Satisfactory

OTTAWA—All controls on coal, coke and solid fuels will end December 31. Hon. C. D. Howe, minister of reconstruction, said last night and a coal administration under the Prices and Trade Board will be appointed to regulate prices thereof. It is understood the new administrator will be J. E. Van Burkirk, president of the Commonwealth Prices Stabilization Corporation.

In making the announcement Mr. Howe gave confident and reassuring forecast of Canada's fuel supply situation, saying present stocks of bituminous coal for industrial use were satisfactory and total shipments of all types of domestic fuel were equal to those of last year.

KOREANS ARE ON RAMPAGE

TOKYO—Ten Japanese policemen and several Koreans were injured yesterday in a free-for-all fight at Premier Yoshida's official residence as an estimated 2,000 Koreans forced their way through a police cordon. Doors and windows were smashed.

The Koreans, charging discrimination, demanded that the government "protect the livelihood of Koreans" after a mass meeting of men, women and children had marched to Yoshida's home. A twenty-minute battle ended after the arrival of ten United States military police and a contingent of metropolitan police who ordered the Koreans to leave. Tokyo police arrested ten of the Korean leaders.

ARE HYPNOTIZED BY TELEVISION

Unique Experiment Carried Out By BBC

LONDON—The British Broadcasting Corporation today announced that a successful experiment in hypnotism by television had been made but stated that it will not be tried on a general broadcast. In a private experiment by Pet Casson, 12

volunteers of the BBC staff were hypnotized. Five slept.

In another test, Casson tried to hypnotize six persons who were watching the television screen in the dark. Four were put to sleep. The successful experiment brought forth consequent danger of hypnotizing viewers who might not wake themselves.

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