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HOOVER WOULD SHORTEN U.S. DEFENSES

Frontiers Should Be Oceans; Not Europe Or Asia, Says Ex-President

Is Assailed by British Press for What Is Termed "Isolationist" Views

LONDON (CP)—Two prominent British newspapers today gave Herbert Hoover both barrels for his criticism last night of United States defence policy. Both the London Telegraph and the Manchester Guardian claimed that the former President's views were "unfortunate" and "isolationism."

In Washington Hoover's proposals caused a new congressional battle to loom between the Democrats and Republicans. The Daily Telegraph (Conservative) says that, as far as the United States is concerned, Communism's best hope is in revival of isolationism and Hoover's views, "fortunately," are those of the minority.

In New York last night Hoover, called on America to make the Atlantic and Pacific oceans the frontiers—not continental Europe or Asia—and "arm our air and naval forces to the teeth" to defend them.

"We alone can thus prevent any possible invasion of the western hemisphere by Communist armies," he said. The former President said it is clear that the United Nations are defeated in Korea. "And we shall be inviting another Korea" by feeding more men and money to western Europe unless and until it organizes its own defenses.

Any attempt to make war on the Communist mass by land invasion, through the quicksands of China, India or Western Europe, would be sheer folly, Hoover said in a prepared radio address.

Hoover called for the arming of the United States Navy and Air Force to the teeth to hold the two oceans, with possibly one frontier in Britain and one in Japan, Formosa and the Philippines.

Rain Darkens Shortest Day

Nature ganged up on Prince Rupert today. The shortest day of the year by natural right, the elements closed in this morning to prolong the night several hours.

There was heavy rain all during the night and through the day today. Gusts of wind made a soaking unavoidable to those who had to brave the elements, no matter what preventive clothing was worn.

However, Christmas shoppers were not daunted by the down-pour and were in evidence in large numbers on the streets all morning. Many stores stayed open this afternoon to cater to late buyers.

Korean Execution Halted By British

SEOUL (U)—Two British Officers yesterday halted the execution of about 10 prisoners by the South Korean military police. It was the first time British soldiers had done so. Orders to halt the shooting came from the brigade commander, Brig. Thomas Brodie, who declared, "I am not going to have people executed on my doorstep." The South Koreans described the prisoners as "Communist sympathizers."

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ALASKA ALERT AFFECTS GAME

Owing to "war alert" conditions on which Alaska has been placed, word was received here today that the Carroll College-Ketchikan basketball games, which were to have been played in the big United States Coast Guard hall, will take place instead in the much smaller Kayhi (High School) hall. The Montana team played here last night and proceeded north to play at Ketchikan and New Metlakatla.

Canadians Seek Fight

PUSAN (U)—Husky, wise-cracking Canadian infantrymen—many of them combat veterans and all of them volunteers—are stamping their feet on a Korean hillside. They want to fight. They figure that's what they came over here for.

As one of them put it: "This waiting around is no fun."

Wearing sharply creased khaki-green battledress, the Canadians have already commanded the respectful attention of friendly troops and civilians.

One American GI remarked: "Those boys sure look good. I hear they have quite a record."

The Canadians, 1000 strong, are members of the Second Battalion, Princess Patricia's Light Infantry.

They arrived in Pusan last Saturday.

A Canadian spokesman asserted that the morale of the troops was "incredibly high." He remarked:

"These kids are not kidding themselves. All realize it will probably be pretty rough but they asked for it."

Fire Destroys Town's Street

RYLEY, Alta. (U)—A fire which raged through half a dozen buildings on the main street of this Northern Alberta town last night caused damage amounting to \$250,000. The flames destroyed almost all of one side of the main street. The blaze is reported to have been started by the explosion of a can of kerosene in a garage. One man was injured.

Train Merchant Seaman Again

LONDON (U)—Men of the British merchant navy are to resume war training. Arrangements are being made to bring back defence courses for sailors and training will begin late in January.

Rail Strike Is Settled

Long Dispute in United States Finally Ended—Three Year Pact

WASHINGTON, D.C. (U)—The White House today announced a three-year peace pact between the major railroads and four operating railway unions.

For 120,000 railroad yardmen, the immediate increase is 25c an hour with another 2c January 1 and cost of living adjustments every three months beginning next April 1. The 23c pay boost is retroactive to October 1.

For about 180,000 road service workers the immediate increase is 5c an hour, retroactive to October 1, and another five cents effective January 1, plus cost of living arrangements.

Adjustments will be made at the rate of 1c for every rise or fall of one point in the government's price index.

As a result of the settlement, the owners are expected to take back the operation of the railways from the Army which has had them since summer.

Most babies are long-sighted at birth but as the eyes develop the vision tends to become normal.

TODAY'S STOCKS

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

VANCOUVER

Bralorne	6.00
B R X	.04
Cariboo Quartz	1.00
Congress	.08
Hedley Mascot	.45
Pacific Eastern	.05
Pend Oreille	7.90
Pioneer	1.75
Premier Border	.71½
Privateer	.61½
Reeves McDonald	3.90
Reno	.02
Sheep Creek	1.26
Silbak Premier	.27
Taku River	.06
Vananda	.09
Salmon Gold	.03
Spud Valley	.4½
Silver Standard	2.25
Western Uranium	1.21

Oils—

Anglo Canadian	4.60
A P Con	.32
Atlantic	2.25
Calmont	.75
Central Leduc	2.05
Home Oil	13.15
Mercury	.11½
Okalta	1.75
Pacific Pete	7.00
Princess	1.25
Royal Canadian	.09

TORONTO

Athona	.73¼
Aumaque	.24

Beattle

Beattle	.49
Bewcourt	.40
Bobjo	.12
Buffalo Canadian	.21
Consol. Smelters	123.25
Conwest	1.75
Dondola	.43
Eldona	.22
East Sullivan	7.25
Giant Yellowknife	5.95
God's Lake	.36
Hardrock	.21
Harricana	.73¼
Heva	.71½
Hosco	.51½
Jackknife	.05
Joliet Quebec	.82½
Lake Rowan	.06
Lapaska	.4½
Little Long Lac	.44
Lynx	12½
Madsen Red Lake	2.03
McKenzie Red Lake	.41
McLeod Cockshutt	2.00
Moneta	.35
Negus	.76
Noranda	70.25
Louvicourt	.16
Pickle Crow	1.60
Regcourt	.4½
San Antonio	2.30
Senatrup Rouyn	.18¾
Sheritt Gordon	2.75
Steep Rock	6.35
Silver Miller	.84
Golden Manitou	5.90



He's 71...

Today is Premier Joseph Stalin's birthday. He's 71—and in Moscow, Berlin, Prague, Sofia, Bucharest, Budapest and Warsaw the Communist press chorused praise of the Man in the Kremlin. He was called "Defender of the Worker" and "Leader of the World Peace Camp."

Train Wreck In Kootenay

BONNER'S FERRY, Idaho (U)—A fast-travelling Great Northern streamliner struck a rock slide 25 miles east of Bonner's Ferry today and the first unit of the diesel engine equipment plunged nose first into Kootenay River. Two trainmen were hurt, neither severely. None of the 220 passengers on board was injured.

Mystery Shootings

PHILADELPHIA (U)—A 16-year-old boy was shot tonight by a mysterious sniper on the northern edge of Philadelphia. He was the eighth victim of an unknown assailant in the area in six weeks. The wounded boy is George Haller Jr. Police say the bullet fired at young Haller was of the same type as that which killed Mrs. Claire Cohen Saturday night.

Drowned In Fraser River

MISSION (U)—An automobile overturned in a water-filled ditch last night after careening off the Loughheed Highway near here, killing three members of an Indian family. There was one survivor—John Victor Mack, 38-year-old father—who escaped with a shaking up.

Killed when the car sank in 10 feet of water between Hatzic and Dewdney in the Fraser Valley were Mack's sons, James Victor, aged 11, and Gerald Victor, 8, and his 38-year-old wife, Margaret. The children's bodies were found in the car. The woman's body, thrown clear, was recovered when the police dragged the ditch.

Montreal Train Has Close Call

VAUDREIL, Quebec (U)—Some eight hundred passengers aboard a Toronto-Montreal pool train narrowly escaped death today when a lead baggage car, cracked a bearing and was derailed on D'Orson bridge over the St. Lawrence River, 35 miles west of Montreal.

No injuries were reported but most of the passengers complained of a bad shaking up.

Excess Profits Tax Going On

WASHINGTON, D.C. (U)—The Senate today voted in favor of a \$3,200,000,000 excess profits tax on corporations. The bill was passed by voice vote. The legislation is only one step toward bringing in additional billions of dollars the government will need to finance the rearmament program.

Indian's Dead Body Is Found

Phillip Sankel Dead On Ninth Avenue—Autopsy Ordered

The dead body of a neighbor was lying in the front doorway of his home at the end of Comox Avenue when Robert Kellington opened the door about 10 a.m. today. Phillip Sankel, 20, was discovered lying face upward by Kellington, a partial cripple, shortly after arising this morning. He notified Joe Sankel, step-father of the dead man, as soon as he could. Sankel notified the police, who are carrying out an investigation. The coroner has asked for an autopsy.

Phillip Sankel had left home about six o'clock yesterday evening saying he was going to a movie. His stepfather said, later at night he was found by cousin, Charlie Sankel, walking along Third Avenue. Charlie tried to get him home but found Phillip was too intoxicated to walk. He told Charlie he had been on a boat at Cow Bay. After much arguing, Charlie persuaded the man to get in a taxi, which took them to the end of Ninth Avenue. Phillip could not manage the narrow planking leading to his home. Charlie then went to the house and got Phillip's brother Howard to help him get the man to the house. They got him nearly there but could manage to get him no farther, Charlie said. The body was found this morning.

Surviving are his mother, stepfather, three sisters, Jeanette at home, Violet in Miller Bay Hospital, and Minnie in Edmonton.

Yesterday Phillip had been working for Kellington helping him bring in coal.

A police officer said there was no suggestion of foul play.

THE WEATHER

Synopsis

Southeast gales which developed in the waters off the Queen Charlotte during the night will spread to the west coast of Vancouver Island and Georgia Straits this morning. The leading edge of another Pacific storm is expected to move inland over the British Columbia coast during the day. A second disturbance now developing about 900 miles to the west will reach the coast tomorrow. Outlook is for continuing mild wet weather. It will be mostly cloudy and mild in the interior with a few showers in the south and freezing rain or rain and snow in the northern regions.

Forecast

North coast region—Rain this morning. Showers during the afternoon. Rain again Friday. Little change in temperature. Winds—Southeast, 35 miles per hour, decreasing to southerly (15 mph) during the morning, then increasing to southeast, 30 to 40, in the exposed areas overnight. Lows tonight and highs Friday—At Port Hardy, Sandspit and Prince Rupert, 40 and 45.

LOCAL TIDES

Friday, December 22, 1950	
High	0:25 17.2 feet
	11:57 20.5 feet
Low	5:52 9.9 feet
	18:45 4.1 feet

Germans and Europe Army

BONN, Germany (U)—The Western Allies today worked on the laborious task of coaxing West Germany to supply 150,000 troops for an international European defence force of one million men. The Germans are united in demanding "full equality" with the west or no rearmament. The West German political leaders demand their country be accepted as equal partners by its one-time conquerors.

VARIETY STORE

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