



CO-ORDINATOR — Maj. Gen. F. F. (Fighting) Thompson has been given the job of planning civilian coordination of federal, provincial and municipal organizations in the event of war. In this Canadian Army photo, the tank expert of the Second World War is shown with a huge map of Canada and looking towards the west.

## SS MEN G WEST

With more than 100 men of the Canadian Commerce on board, the Canadian National will depart from Vancouver Thursday evening for a tour of the Northwest where the annual meeting of the C.N.R. is being held on Oct. 27 and 28. Another ship will board the Winnipeg and other ships to the coast.

C. Bruce Hill of the Ontario, president of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, the distinguished member composed of leadership and commerce of the Dominion. The ship is accompanied by A. Metcalf, C.B.E., president and executive of the R. Somerville, manager, Hotel Department, C.N.R.

Part of the trip this year is the revival of the festival prior to the Chamber of Commerce regular in-land sight-seeing tours. One day's stop-overs enroute. The two special trains will be at Saskatoon, Edmonton and Jasper. At the latter delegates will attend the following which is taken on a tour of Banff Park and Jasper. At each point enroute the coast they will be welcomed by officials and members of Commerce.

## RED DESERTERS GIVEN REFUGE

VIENNA — A twin-engine Russian bomber with two officer-deserters from the Soviet Air Force landed at a United States air base near Linz. The plane and one crew member, a sergeant, were returned to Russian custody. The officers were given refuge. They said they had been trying to escape for a year.

## THE WEATHER

A weather disturbance which gave heavy rains over the north coast yesterday, over two inches at Prince Rupert, is drifting slowly southward. Occasional rain is expected over the southern coast tomorrow. For the interior little change is expected in conditions through tomorrow with overcast skies in the northern section and gradually increasing cloudiness elsewhere.

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## Bulletins

### CONFLICTING REPORTS

WINNIPEG—Federal and provincial authorities heard conflicting reports today of conditions in displaced persons' camps in southern Manitoba while investigating charges that the camps were a mixture of filth and misery. Provincial authorities stood pat on their earlier statement that conditions were satisfactory on the whole. However, federal investigators are reported to have said that the situation left much to be desired.

### PREFERS TO REMAIN

TORONTO—The Globe and Mail, in a telephone interview with Dr. Andre Emmanuel Boussat, one of the central figures among Canada's immigrants, today quoted the 45-year-old French surgeon as saying he wished to remain in the Dominion to become a citizen and work hard. He said that accusations against him in France were originated by communists because they considered all anti-communists as collaborators. Meanwhile the French ambassador to Canada, Francisque Gay, suggested to Acting Prime Minister C. D. Howe that the four alleged collaborators should return to France "if they have concern for their honor."

### NEW HIGH IN FIGHTING

CAIRO—Fighting reached a new high in southern Palestine today as the contending sides, apparently, endeavored to take as much ground as possible before the new United Nations "cease-fire" order becomes effective possibly within 72 hours. Both Jews and Arabs have consented to comply.

### IS NAMED BISHOP

LONDON, Ont.—Very Rev. George N. Luxton, Dean of Huron and rector of St. Paul's Cathedral here, was yesterday elected Bishop of Huron, succeeding the late Archbishop C. A. Seager.

### SENATOR DIES

OWEN SOUND—Hon. J. J. Donnelly, dean of the Canadian Senate of which he had been a member for 35 years, died yesterday. The Senate now consists of 63 Liberals, 20 Conservatives with thirteen seats vacant.

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## TROOPS REVOLT IN SOUTH KOREA

SEOUL, Korea — A pitched battle between Korean soldiers was expected in southern Korea tonight after a rebel band of soldiers killed or captured 100 policemen in two towns. Martial law was declared in south Korea, the American zone.

## REDS CAPTURE CHINESE GENERAL

PEIPING — Government officials confirmed reports today that General Han-Chieh, commander of the Manchurian corridor had been taken prisoner by Chinese communist troops in the fall of Chihnsien last week. He was one of the three key men in the defence of north China and Manchuria.

## MACKENZIE KING STILL IMPROVING

LONDON — Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King was described today as "showing substantial progress toward recovery" today. He has been confined to bed at his hotel room here for the past ten days suffering from a blood condition aggravated by influenza.

## PRINCE GEORGE—

# Interior Town, Still Riding on Crest of Lumber Boom, Looks to Soundly Based Future Prosperity



'EDMONTON OF B.C.'

## Agriculture and Northern Transportation Big Factors

PRINCE GEORGE—Prince George is still riding on the crest of the lumber boom which in 1947 yielded a production of \$12,000,000, a figure which has already been equalled this fall, assuring that 1948 will be a banner lumber year in the history of the district. It has been lumber that in recent years has brought unprecedented prosperity to this

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## Ending of Blockade Is Hoped for; Dispute on Atom Still Unsettled

PARIS (CP)—The three western powers—United States, Great Britain and France—looked hopefully today to six "neutral" countries of the United Nations security council to produce a resolution asking the Russians to lift the land blockade of Berlin. The neutrals were reported as trying to steer clear of becoming too deeply involved in the Big Power dispute over Berlin and Germany. Consideration of the Berlin problem is adjourned until Friday.

## JAP LEADERS ARE CHARGED

TOKYO — General MacArthur's headquarters yesterday filed war crimes charges against the admiral who headed Japan's navy at the end of the war and the general who was in charge of Allied prisoners of war. Admiral Soemu Toyoda and Lt. Gen. Siroshi Tamura will go on trial separately before November 1. Both are accused of a wide pattern of atrocities committed against countless Allied personnel.

## To Investigate Camp Conditions

OTTAWA — Deputy Minister of Labor Arthur McNamara says that this department will launch an immediate investigation into living conditions in displaced persons camps near Winnipeg.

The deputy minister's decision followed a report by the Winnipeg Tribune describing conditions in some displaced persons' camps as "worse than displaced persons camps in Germany." The newspaper spoke of poor quantity food and shelter with in 60 miles of Winnipeg. Men near the border town of Emerson were living in misery and squalor in tar-paper shacks "crawling with mice and bed bugs." Food included "worm-riddled" sausage.

Minister of Labor Humphrey Mitchell reiterated that, if conditions were really as bad as the Tribune said, action would be taken.

Manitoba provincial government officials deny conditions are as bad as the newspaper states.

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