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Netherlands Yield to U.N. Demands in Indies

HOSTILITIES TO TERMINATE DECEMBER 31

PARIS (CP)—The Netherlands told the United Nations Security Council today that they will order the end of hostilities in Indonesia at midnight, Friday.

The representative also announced that the Netherlands will soon release President Soekarno of the Republic, and cabinet ministers captured at the outset of the Dutch operations. The release will be "on the understanding that persons concerned will refrain from activities endangering public security."

The statement came within twenty-four hours of the deadline set in the order served on Holland yesterday.

PARIS. (CP)—The United Nations Security Council appeared ready today to order the withdrawal of Israeli troops from Negev. Observers said that the British demand for the withdrawal from the southern Palestine desert had a good chance of passage, with or without American support.

The delegates meanwhile awaited its own 11 o'clock deadline for Netherlands to liberate Indonesian leaders captured by the Dutch. The Security Council last night gave them twenty-four hours to free the captured Republicans.

34 PERCENT OF HOSPITAL CARDS ARE MAILED OUT

Figures from the Hospital Insurance Service office in Victoria showed that by Christmas Eve approximately 125,000 Hospital Insurance Cards had been mailed to different parts of the province. This represents about 34 per cent of the total number of cards to be distributed.

In giving out this information, a spokesman for the service said that it had been hoped that all cards would be in the mail before the New Year. But, although a reinforced staff had been working in two shifts, to achieve this, many people would not receive their cards until the middle of January. It was stated that the main reason for this is a slow down in the Mechanical tabulating section where the sorting and filing machines have been under heavy pressure.

The hospitals have been informed of this situation. Any person who has to go to hospital in the early part of 1949 will be admitted under the Hospital Insurance Plan provided he can produce a cash receipt for at least six months' premium payment. Persons who have paid the required amount but mislaid their receipt, need not worry. In their case the hospital will be able to check their eligibility with the records of the Hospital Insurance Service.

FOUR HALIFAX DAILIES JOIN

HALIFAX—For reasons of economy, four Halifax daily papers will merge on January 1st into one morning and one evening paper. The Journal will be published at the Halifax Herald's plant.

The merger of the Halifax Herald and Halifax Chronicle, rivals for seventy-two years, was announced yesterday.

Now the Chronicle-Herald today announced that the Halifax Mail affiliated with the Herald and the Halifax Daily Star, affiliated with the Chronicle, will form the Mail-Star.

Publisher to Sue Gov't for Denying Entry into Canada

VANCOUVER (CP)—Reginald Hipwell, outspoken British publisher who flew from England to be with his two sons here on Christmas, was denied entry to Canada at Seattle because of his criminal record.

In Seattle Tuesday, Hipwell, 41, said that he intends to sue the Canadian government for its action. He said the government refused him entry because of his "moral turpitude."

THREE PERSONS ASPHYXIATED IN VANCOUVER

VANCOUVER (CP)—Three persons were asphyxiated Tuesday in two separate mishaps, one of which snuffed out the lives of an 11-year-old girl and her mother.

The father, the only surviving member of the family, is in hospital in poor condition as is the brother of the victim of the second accident.

Dead are Mrs. Eva Gagnier, 36, and her daughter, Barbara, and Noel Smith, 60. In hospital are Joseph Gagnier, 52, and Joseph Smith, brother of Noel.

Mr. and Mrs. Gagnier were found in the front bedroom of their home and the girl, in night attire, in the rear bedroom. Cause of death was apparently coal gas from an open fireplace.

The Smith brothers were found in their auto court cabin. Four gas jets and a heater were turned on.

YEAR'S LABOR PROSPECTS GOOD

OTTAWA (CP)—Canada's three top labor men, Labor Minister Humphrey Mitchell, president Percy Bengough of the Trades and Labor Congress, and A. R. Mosher, the Canadian Congress of Labor, agree that the outlook for the new year is good.

Mr. Mitchell said that 1948 "has been a good year." Employment had passed the five million mark for the second straight year. The effectiveness of labor had been increased by the decline in industrial disputes.

Mr. Bengough said, "We have reason to expect to get more things done than ever before."

LOCAL TIDES

Thursday, December 30, 1948
High 1:49 19.1 feet
13:09 21.9 feet
Low 7:12 8.3 feet
19:55 1.3 feet

NO RESUMES MIDDLE EAST FIGHT

BEIRUT, (CP)—Iraq's prime minister, Muzaiah Amin Pach, today said that Iraq will not resume fighting in Palestine. He said that the government refused the request from the United Nations' chief mediator, Brigadier General Wm. Morrison, to accept a permanent truce. He added that he was confident that an agreement could be reached for the unconditional command of the Arab states.

INTERNATIONAL BASKETBALL

KETCHIKAN All-Alaska Champs vs. PRINCE RUPERT B.C. Champs THURSDAY, 9 P.M. FRIDAY, 8 P.M.

BIG U.S. NAVY MANOEUVRES OFF ALASKA

TERMINAL ISLAND, California (CP)—The United States Navy announced today that it will send 18,000 sailors and marines on thirty-four ships in wide-spread tests next month on Alaskan operations.

Rear-Admiral L. T. Dubose made clear that the "exercise will test men in cold weather and rotten conditions." It is not to be construed as a major naval operation.

The locale will be Kodiak Island where a base is already in operation.

CANADA TO PRODUCE U.S. JET FIGHTERS

TORONTO (CP)—Toronto plane factory, De Havilland Aircraft, Canada, on Tuesday night was reported to be negotiating for production of Canada's newest military aircraft, North American F-86 fighter.

At Ottawa today, Defence Minister Claxton disclosed that construction programs will include F-86 which is said to be the fastest operational jet fighter in the world with a speed record of 670 miles per hour.

De Havilland officials made no comment but other sources said it was likely that the firm would build F-86 for domestic use and export to governments allied with Canada and the United States.

CALIFORNIA NEWSPRINT PRICE RISES

VANCOUVER (CP)—Upward adjustment of newspaper prices to California consumers to spread effect of higher freight rates was announced Tuesday by Powell River Sales Co. Ltd. Effective January 1 prices increases would permit California consumers full water freight instead of restricted amount in effect since last August 1. The price of newsprint at New York remained at \$100 per ton.



FOR TOP OF ROYAL CHRISTENING CAKE—Miss Irene Podd, confectioner at McVitie and Price's confectioners, is at work on the top of the cake for the christening of the infant Prince of Edinburgh, son of Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh. The top layer of Elizabeth's wedding cake was being altered for the christening last Wednesday. A silver cradle with an infant takes the place of the wedding ornament.



A NEW ROYAL PRINCE—Princess Margaret, rear, aunt of Princess Elizabeth's baby son, joins Sister Rowe (centre) and another woman (unidentified) as they walk the baby carriage of the infant prince, around the grounds of Buckingham Palace.

THE WEATHER

Synopsis The remnants of the storm which gave rain to the coast yesterday is moving slowly through the interior preceded by considerable snow. This system will move into Alberta by evening. Behind the disturbance considerable cloudiness is persisting and snow flurries are general in the interior and the northern section of the coast. This unsettled weather is expected to persist through tomorrow but with some clearing in most sections over night. Temperatures are expected to once more fall below the freezing mark in all sections of the province overnight.

Forecast Queen Charlottes and North Coast—Cloudy with snow flurries today and tomorrow. Wind southwesterly (15) except (25) exposed sections today and westerly 15 tomorrow. Colder. Lows tonight and highs tomorrow. At Port Hardy—26 and 36. Massett 24 and 34. Prince Rupert 28 and 35.

U.S. TO GIVE \$3 BILLION IN ARMS TO WEST

WASHINGTON (CP)—The United States seems likely to give anti-communist allies in Western Europe between two and three billion dollars' worth of arms next year. But much of what Europeans need in the way of military equipment is already available in the forces' storehouses, and can be shipped at a fraction of its original cost. President Truman is therefore expected to ask Congress to appropriate only about one billion for rearmament program next year.

TREMORS PERSIST IN WESTERN U.S.

RENO, Nevada (CP)—Power telephone lines were knocked down and minor highway slides touched off by renewed earth tremors which shook Reno heavily today.

Shocks, apparently centering here, extended through Sierras into northern California, as far west as San Francisco and as far south as Fresno.

Three quakes were so severe that they knocked away the seismograph at the university, Nevada.

CHINA LEADERS MEET FOR TALKS

NANKING, (CP)—From all quarters of China today came Nationalist military leaders to talk war or peace with Chiang Kai-Shek. The president, urged by many to quit, has called the conference. On the decision may rest the future of Nationalist China, now beset on the north by conquering Communists.

ISRAELI TROOPS PENETRATE EGYPT

LONDON (CP)—Israeli troops have penetrated Egyptian territories and are less than 100 miles from the Suez Canal, reports to the British Foreign Office indicated today.

British forces are still stationed at the Canal under the terms of the 1936 Anglo-Egyptian Treaty.

BAKERY PROBE NOW POSSIBLE

VANCOUVER (CP)—Federal prosecution of the alleged bakery combine is now possible. British Columbia has cleared the way by agreeing to give Federal authorities the right to take whatever action may be necessary.

"We have told Ottawa to do as they see fit," said attorney-general Gordon Wismer. Earlier, Saskatchewan and Alberta had consented to Federal action.

The Federal Combines investigation committee had charged that five western bakeries in the three provinces had a combine for price fixing.

WHEAT CONTRACT MAY BE EXTENDED

OTTAWA, (CP)—Agriculture Minister Gardiner said today that the possibility of the extension in the four-year Anglo-Canadian wheat contract was under consideration as part of the current negotiations on the 1949-50 wheat price.

He said that the question was whether Canadian farmers can be better served by a cash settlement that would close off the contract at the end of the four year term or by greater stability and security which would attend extension.



WAYFARER FROM CARROT CREEK, ALTA.—Pigtailed Margaret Elizabeth Karl, nine, radiates confidence in her ability to take care of herself as she pauses at Idlewild International airport at New York, en route alone on a 6,300-mile trip from her home, Carrot Creek, Alberta, to Lima, Peru, where she will live with an aunt and uncle for the next three years. She left New York for South America by plane. Margaret Elizabeth is the daughter of an Alberta farmer.

TODAY'S STOCKS

Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co. Ltd.

Vancouver		Bevourt	
Bayonne	.06	Bobjo	.22
Bralorne	8.75	Buffalo Canadian	.19
B. R. Con.	.03	Consol. Smelters	121.75
B. R. X.	.08 1/2	Conwest	1.30
Cariboo Quartz	1.21	Donald	.53
Congress	.03 1/4	Eldona	.71
Hedley Mascot	.39	East Sullivan	3.15
Pend Oreille	5.35	Giant Yellowknife	4.55
Pioneer	3.10	God's Lake	.42
Premier order	.03 1/4	Hardrock	.21
Privateer	.14	Harricana	.08
Reeves McDonald	2.95	Heva	.09 3/4
Reno	.06	Hosco	.18
Sheep Creek	1.50	Jacklife	.04
Silbak Premier	.35	Joliet Quebec	.43
Salmon Gold	.11 1/2	Lake Rowan	.05
Spud Valley (ask)	.09	Lapaska	.09
		Little Long Lac	.80
		Lynx	.12 1/4
		Madsen Red Lake	2.40
		McKenzie Red Lake	.35
		McLeod Cockshutt	.97
		Moneta	.40
		Negus	2.16
		Noranda	54.50
		Louviour	.38
		Pickie Crow	2.14
		Regcourt	.05
		San Antonio	3.80
		Senator Rouyn	.42
		Sherrit Gordon	2.25
		Step Rock	1.60
		Sturgeon River	.13
		Silver Miller	.42

COUNCIL HOLDS FINAL SESSION

Prince Rupert's 1948 city council sat in its last and briefest session last night, concluding its business with a wave of seasonal greetings half an hour after it was called to order.

First meeting of the 1949 council will take place on Monday, January 3 with five new members replacing those on this year's municipal body.

"I take this opportunity to thank the members of this council for their devotion to duty," Mayor Arnold said. "We have done a large amount of work during the year and if we have not accomplished all that we set out to do, it was not because we did not try."

Mayor Arnold paid tribute to retiring aldermen Robert McKay, A. S. Nickerson, Arthur Brooksbank and Ralph Morin for their efforts in behalf of the city. Alderman Morin was absent from the meeting.

"I regret that some of this council will not be here to serve again next year," she declared. "We will particularly miss Alderman McKay, whose service goes back with only one year's interruption, to 1943 when city council government was re-established."

Alderman McKay, Nickerson and Brooksbank then each addressed the council briefly.



WINS AGAIN—Miss Jeanette Altwegg of Liverpool, won the British amateur ice figure skating championship at Wembley, London. Miss Barbara Wyatt was second and Miss Bridget Shirley-Adams third, 9,000 people attended and Mrs. Attlee, wife of the premier, presented the trophies. Jeanette Altwegg is shown with the trophy after her victory.

SOAP TRADE The soap trade first began to flourish in Europe during the 13th century.