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Winner

makers Badly Beaten
Opener

HIKAN (Special to The
ews)—The Rainmakers
Saturday night's bas-
game to the Polar Bears

Hi couldn't get through
zone defence on the
ayhi gymnasium floor.
makers' shooting was
or—about ten per cent.
and Ratchford were es-
poor on their shots. Mc-
played an outstanding
Prince Rupert, turning
score. Tucker was held to
ht points by the defence.
ne was rough and tumble
out.

ers for the Rainmakers
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Bears—J. Tucker 8 Bue,
er 8, Maddox 2, Murkow-
ader 12, Nelson 1, Ennard
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took the lead in the first
and were ahead all the
second game will be played

ding two games which
played at Prince Rupert,
can has so far won three
four game series.

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Ahead

British Columbia
Project Approved
by Ottawa

NCOVER. — Ot-
has given the go-
signal to the alumi-
project in British

mbia, according to a
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ancouver Province.

Hon. C. D. Howe, minis-
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TODAY'S STOCKS :

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Princess	6.80
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Bobjo	.12
Buffalo Canadian	.21
C. M. & S.	124.00
Conwest	1.85
Donalda	.22
Eldona	.22
East Sullivan	7.25
Giant Yellowknife	5.90
God's Lake	.34
Hardrock	.21
Harricana	.07
Heva	.05 1/2
Hosco	.05
Jackknife	.85
Joliet Quebec	.06 1/2
Lake Rowan	.04
Lapaska	.46
Little Long Lac	.12 1/2
Lynx	.20 1/2
Madsen Red Lake	2.01
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McLeod Cockshutt	2.00
Moneta	.35
Negus	.76
Noranda	69.25
Louvicourt	.17
Pickle Crow	1.60
Regicourt	.04
San Antonio	2.25
Senator Rouyn	.19
Sheritt Gordon	2.80
Sheep Rock	6.30
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Golden Manitou	6.10

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COMMUNISTS HELD AT BAY ON HUNGHAM BEACHHEAD

U.S. ENVOY SPEAKS—

Western Powers Warned
To Go All Out To Help
Themselves From Attack

Are Far From Ready Now to Withstand
Communist Assault

BRUSSELS (CP)—Frank Pace, United States Secretary of the Army, warned North Atlantic allies today that they are far from ready to withstand a Communist assault on western Europe. Opening a two-day meeting of Atlantic defence and foreign ministers gathered to complete plans for a unified

Far Reaching Decision—

Witnesses
Acquitted

OTTAWA — The Supreme Court of Canada, in a judgment that may have widespread repercussions in Quebec, today acquitted Alme Boucher of St. Joseph de Beauce, Quebec, on a charge of seditious libel arising out of the distribution of Jehovah's Witnesses pamphlets.

A five-to-four decision of the court may mean that cases against hundreds of Jehovah's Witnesses in Quebec will be dropped. Most of those charged, like Boucher, have appealed against charges of seditious libel.

The Witnesses were arrested for distributing a pamphlet entitled "Quebec's burning hate for God and Christ and freedom is the same of all Canada." This occurred about four years ago.

Five of the justices ruled that the pamphlet contained no seditious libel and held that Boucher, who had been sentenced to one month's imprisonment in a Quebec court in 1946, should have been acquitted.

In favor of the acquittal were Mr. Justices Patrick Kerwin, I. C. Rand, R. L. Kellock, Wilfrid Ester and C. H. Locke.

Against outright acquittal and in favor of a new trial were Chief Justice Thibault, Rinfret and Mr. Justices Robert Taschereau, John Cartright and Gerald Faut-
eux.

European army, Pace told joint defence chiefs that the United States will aid its partners' defence efforts only if it is "fully convinced" each country is doing all it can to help itself.

"The American people already have stepped up their preparedness and plan for even greater sacrifices in the next year. In the United States all our efforts are being geared to expedite organization of our military forces and production of munitions.

"I know you share with us appreciation of the urgency of the situation and the need for speed in your own efforts," said Pace.

As the meeting began it was generally agreed that the toughest problem the ministers face is either coaxing or forcing the Germans to be rearmed. High diplomatic sources here agree that Atlantic Pact leaders are ready to find a tough solution for it.

Both United States and Britain are reported prepared to lay down the law if necessary to the West German Republic to overcome objections to their rearmament.

The Germans, not represented at the 1-power conference, have objected to joining an international army unless they are invited to do so on an equal basis with other Atlantic Pact members.

Defence Minister Brooke Claxton, representing Canada, said yesterday that the Dominion likely will line up with Great Britain and United States and approve the plan to admit West German troops to the international army.

In an interview the Canadian defence minister stressed the Dominion's part in the over-all Atlantic defence program will be to lend material rather than manpower contributions.

A report from Ottawa Saturday said that there is a good possibility that Canada will send an air fighter wing of three squadrons to Europe.

The squadrons would be equipped with F-86 Sabre jets—the world's fastest, with top speed of 670 miles an hour.

(Sabres scored a victory yesterday over Russian-built jets in their first combat.)

HOCKEY SCORES

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Sunday

Montreal 7, Chicago 3

Toronto 4, Boston 2

New York 3, Detroit 3

Saturday

Detroit 4, Boston 1

Montreal 1, New York 1

Chicago 3, Toronto 2

PACIFIC COAST

Sunday

Seattle 5, Vancouver 2

Portland 3, Victoria 3

Saturday

Tacoma 2, Portland 0

Seattle 3, New Westminster 3

WESTERN INTERNAT.

Sunday

Spokane 8, Kimberley 1

Saturday

Spokane 7, Kimberley 5

MAINLAND-OKANAGAN

Saturday

Nanaimo 8, Kerrisdale 3

Kamloops 7, Vernon 2

INTER. LEAGUE

Kamloops 7, Vernon 2

Kelowna 5, Trail 5



WELL PROTECTED—Leaving his press conference in the Parliament Buildings in Ottawa Sunday, Prime Minister Atlee is escorted by R.C.M.P. Constable Martin and Sergeant Lanville. (CP PHOTO)

Cease Fire Committee
Offers To Go To Korea

LAKE SUCCESS (CP)—The United Nations cease-fire committee, which includes Hon. L. B. Pearson of Canada, announced today it had offered to go to Peiping for direct Korean peace talks with Chou En-Lai, foreign minister of Communist China.

The disclosure was made in the General Assembly's 60-nation political committee by Pearson.

He read the cable which the three man committee had sent to Peiping Saturday. The cease fire committee offered to meet Chou either in Peiping or at any other place designated by him.

The cable was sent, Pearson said, after the cease fire committee had consulted unofficially with Red China's envoy here, Gen. Wu Hsi-Chuan, and disclaimed he had no authority to negotiate a peace. Pearson said no reply had yet been received from Peiping.

Five-Cent Coffee
Paying Off Well

MONTREAL—Two local commercial men have discovered that price cutting pays. Since they started nickel coffee they can hardly keep up with the rush.

"We're making three times what we used to," said Sid Barolsky.

"And we serve coffee, bacon and eggs and toast for a quarter."

Toast, coffee and marmalade costs fifteen cents.

The counter is to have more stools.

THE WEATHER

Synopsis

Mild Pacific air continues to cover all of British Columbia except for the extreme northern portion where Arctic air is keeping the temperature below zero.

This general situation is expected to persist for the next couple of days.

Another weather disturbance is moving northward along the coast and is expected to bring some light rain to the Vancouver Island and Lower Mainland districts later today.

Forecast

North coast region — Cloudy with scattered showers today and tomorrow. Little change in temperature. Winds southeast, 15 miles per hour. Lows tonight and highs tomorrow—At Port Hardy, Sandspit and Prince Rupert, 38 and 48.

LOCAL TIDES

Tuesday, December 19, 1950

High 9:51 19.2 feet

Low 22:50 16.2 feet

U.S. Prohibits
China Shipments

Economic Sanctions Slapped
On Against Communists

WASHINGTON — The United States slapped economic sanctions on Communist China Saturday night, freezing all its assets in this country and barring American ships and planes from going there.

The state department said the freeze on transactions is to prevent Chinese funds in the United States from being used against the United Nations.

In addition to barring vessels and aircraft from all ports and cities controlled by Communist China, the order prohibits them from loading and unloading cargo any place in the world if officials of the shipping companies or airlines have any reason to believe any of the goods are destined "directly or indirectly for Communist China."

Handel, the great composer, wrote the famous "Messiah" in 24 days.

Acres of Letters and Stacks
Of Sacks Taxing Postal Workers

Acres of letters and mountains of sacks waiting to strain all the mail sorters' backs . . . that's what one sees in the rear of the post office these days.

Two hundred seventy-seven pounds of airmail alone in 12 bags left Prince Rupert this morning. Yesterday saw 30 bags of mail come in on the Chilcotin from the Queen Charlotte Islands.

The Camosun brought in 201 bags from the south. Saturday night's train from Edmonton had between 450 and 500 sacks from the east. And bigger quantities are expected on all carriers as the week progresses.

Assistant Postmaster R. S. Scherk explained to the Daily News that outgoing one-cent mail for farther east than Edmonton stands a good chance of not being delivered by Christmas. It all travels by surface carrier and, between time in transit and a reasonable allowance for sorting, it does not leave any leeway. All four-cent mail one ounce or less still stands a good chance to get through as it is carried by air.

Prepaid air mail has priority over other mail for air travel.

The post office has received authorization for an increase of 11 in its staff for the Christmas rush but some difficulty is being met finding experienced help. Permanent staffs are working overtime. Yesterday nearly a complete staff was on all day trying to keep up with the rush. All automatic machinery is being used to capacity, yet is still not able to cope with the rush fully.

One of the chief obstacles sorters are meeting is the limited space for parcels. Additional cages have been added, but still there is a lag. Mr. Scherk said some people did not call for their parcels right away and that slowed down sorting, as there was no place to put parcels when they were sorted.

To speed up dispensing the mail a separate wicket for special delivery and C.O.D. parcels has been set up for the season. Besides relieving the general delivery wickets of time-wasting entries, it also helps speed up delivery of special delivery and C.O.D. articles.

Mr. Scherk said he thought the mails were heavier than last year, but that no definite check could be made until later in the week.

Air Transports
In Collision

PARIS — Two Junkers transport planes collided in mid-air over Touranne, Indo-China, killing 30 French troops, Agence France Presse reported from Saigon tonight.

CHINA . . . The Ideal Gift
MANSON'S CHINA SHOP

To the Travelling Public

NOTICE is hereby given that the Northern Trans-Provincial Highway from Skeena to Terrace is officially closed to traffic due to snow conditions and will remain closed until further announcement.

(Signed) I. E. SMITH,
Divisional Engineer,
Department of Public Works,
Province of British Columbia.

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Naval and Artillery
Bombardment on Reds

TOKYO (CP)—A fiery bombardment by warships and field artillery today held at bay another Chinese Communist assault on the United Nations' tiny Hungnam beachhead in northeast Korea. The United States battleship Missouri arrived offshore. Its 16-inch guns and one-ton shells were a welcome

addition to the curtain of fire shielding the hard-pressed units of the U.S. 10th Corps.

Maj. Gen. Edward M. Almond, 10th Corps commander, obviously was pleased by the intense firepower hurled at the masses of Chinese infantry pressing on Hungnam port from three sides.

"Things are going just the way we planned them," he said. "No, every time the Chinese Communists dig in, we hit them with artillery concentrations, mix them up and knock them out. That's something we have been unable to do before."

At no point on the port's defence arc have the Chinese been able to punch through. Observers said the Reds had apparently not sent many troops into the bomb- and shell-shattered Hungnam. It was abandoned Saturday.

An estimated 25,000 Chinese pressed against the beachhead rim. Another estimated 75,000 were moving up in snow-mantled hills west and northwest of Hungnam.

The beachhead is the last Allied major position north of the 38th parallel.

Along the western section of 38, a prolonged lull on the U.S. Eighth Army front continued.

Senate Joins
Ouster Demand

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Senate and House of Representatives Republicans at the week-end formally condemned Secretary of State Dean Acheson and demanded that he be fired. By a vote of 23 to 5 they demanded a State Department "house-cleaning."

The senators added a pledge of co-operation in the national crisis. However, President Truman Sunday said he had complete confidence in Acheson and would continue as Secretary of State.

Bus Down
Mountain

Miraculously Few
Were Hurt Near
Grand Forks Yesterday

GRAND FORKS — A Calgary-bound bus jammed with between 40 and 50 persons left the road yesterday and rolled 400 feet down the mountainside. Only five persons were hospitalized.

Serious injuries were few because the bus was crowded, police said. If it had not been, passengers would have been tossed violently in the wild ride down the mountainside.

Police said most of those aboard the West Canada Greyhound were U.B.C. students, on holidays and bound for out-of-town homes.

Canada Increases Fighting
Forces, War Threat Grows

By DOUGLAS HOW
Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA (CP)—The past year worked major upheavals in both the constitution and the concept of Canada's peacetime armed forces.

Manpower ceilings became academic. The celebrated nucleus theory was submerged and all but forgotten. The belief Canada would do well to protect

herself gave way to a larger official belief that she must also be prepared to send forces to man the ramparts of freedom abroad.

It was the year extra-territoriality came into view at defence headquarters and all three forces were placed on active service so that servicemen could be retained as long as the government wanted them and sent where crisis needed them.

There were two main reasons behind this upheaval. Both stemmed from the same source—Russia.

The original one was the Atlantic Pact and its movement towards integrating western defence. The second, the far more dynamic one, was Korea.

Korea picked up the relatively slow movement towards western military unity and turned it into a whirlwind of activity. Korea also made demands of its own that touched all three Canadian armed forces and changed them. The whole tempo and