

May Become World's Largest Aluminum Centre

1,000,000 U. S. Investment May Develop Two New Cities in Coast Province

VICTORIA (CP)—British Columbia may become the largest aluminum producing area, but the province's objectives are dependent on plans of two cities now seeking electric power sites.

Minister Hon. E. T. Kenney Thursday concluded preliminary talks with J. L. Reynolds, vice-president of Reynolds Metals Co., Richmond, Virginia, who took away with him for study data on power sites available in the province.

Mr. Kenney said that the company is interested in the development of roughly 1,000,000 horsepower to turn out 1,000,000,000 pounds of aluminum yearly.

The Aluminum Company of Canada also is interested in power sites. It is reported that the combined investment may run to \$600,000,000 and mean the creation of two cities with a total population of 100,000 persons.

Public Works Plan Year
VICTORIA (CP)—The Board of Public Works on Thursday 1949 would be the first road and highway year in British Columbia history.

Program eventually to cost \$200 million will include a highway system of roads for the development of B.C., its peoples and commerce.

Mr. Carson said, the province-provincial route through the Cariboo. The 1949 program to the Hope-Princeton to the northern route to the River country.

RESPECTS SOCIALISM
VICTORIA—Henry G. Birks, president of the Canadian Association of Commerce, expressed opposition last night to socialism and communism.

Mr. Birks said that the board is hearing evidence on a railway application for higher rates and a review of the formula under which the carriers last spring were granted a 21 percent increase.

OTTAWA (CP)—Conflicting views on Canadian Pacific Railway's depreciation allowance charges— a vital factor in setting freight rates—Thursday were submitted to the Board of Transport Commissioners.

C.P.R. witness K. W. Dalglis, Montreal accountant, said that depreciation allowances charged by the company against revenue in the last several years were fair.

Wilson E. McLeod, Manitoba Government counsel, contended that they were too high. The board is hearing evidence on a railway application for higher rates and a review of the formula under which the carriers last spring were granted a 21 percent increase.

RIOT IN AFRICA
South Africa, African natives and market in the area of Durban at noon attacking Indians and looting shops.

FOUR GERMAN KILLERS HANGED

MUNICH, (AP)—Six German war criminals were hanged today in a resumption of executions at Landsberg prison. Four of them were involved in the slaying of unarmed American servicemen and two in killing prisoners in concentration camps.

BILL ODOM SETS MARK

Even Though He Landed at Oakland Rather Than at New York

SAN FRANCISCO, (AP)—Winter weather stopped lanky Bill Odom a continent's width short of the flight he had announced as a non-stop attempt from Honolulu to New York, but it didn't rob him of the world record for light planes.

The flier landed his single-engine craft at Oakland airport at 6:30 last night, 22 hours and six minutes and 2,375 statute miles from his Honolulu take-off at 8:32 P.S.T. Wednesday night.

Official recognition of his record must await approval of the National Aeronautics Association.

OAKLAND, Calif.—Bill Odom failed to reach his objective of New York in his long distance flight from Honolulu yesterday but, with his safe landing here, he set a non-stop new distance record for light planes. With his landing after encountering heavy head winds and unfavorable weather, he had covered 2,500 miles, 500 miles better than the record set some years ago by a Russian flier.

Septuagenarians Are Fire Fighters

SALEM, Ore.—Louis Smith, 75, and Louis Barnett, 72, are still volunteer firemen on the Salem fire department and turn out to fight fires with the same vim as "the young whippersnappers" as they express it.

LOST SCOTTIE PUP IS NOW SAFE AT HOME, MANY WOULD TAKE HIM IN

"Nipper," four-month-old part Scotty pup, was safe back at the home of his owner, Mrs. C. Martin, Biggar Place, soon after the appearance of the Daily News yesterday afternoon. The paper contained a news story about the lost dog which had been picked up on a downtown street by a man and turned over to the police.

Elsewhere in the paper there was a classified advertisement through which the owner sought to get her pet back. The combined publicity was soon effective in effecting the restoration.

Even had "Nipper" not been restored to his rightful and happy mistress, he would not have lacked a good foster home for the story about his plight and the suggestion of a dire fate aroused much active interest and sympathy.

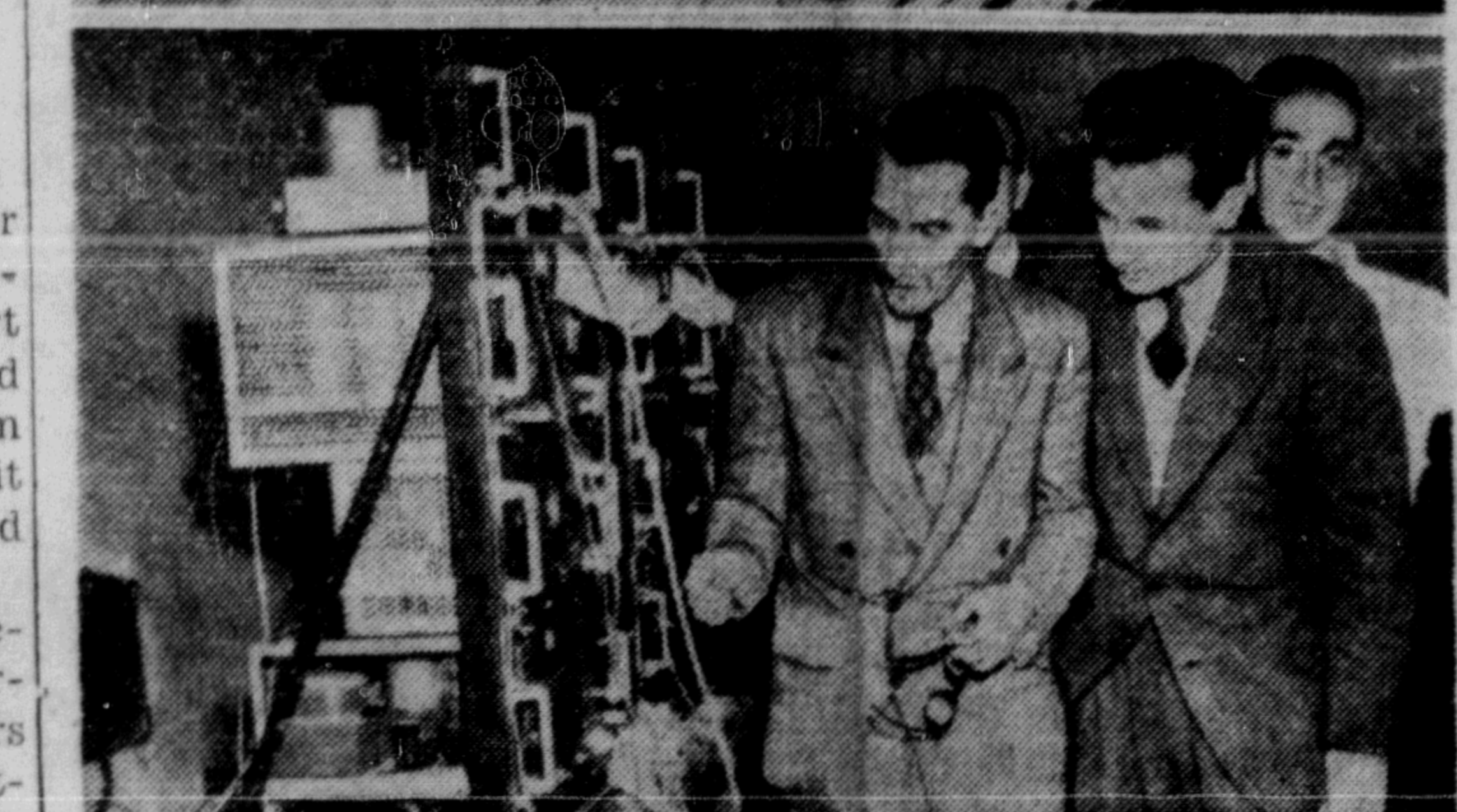
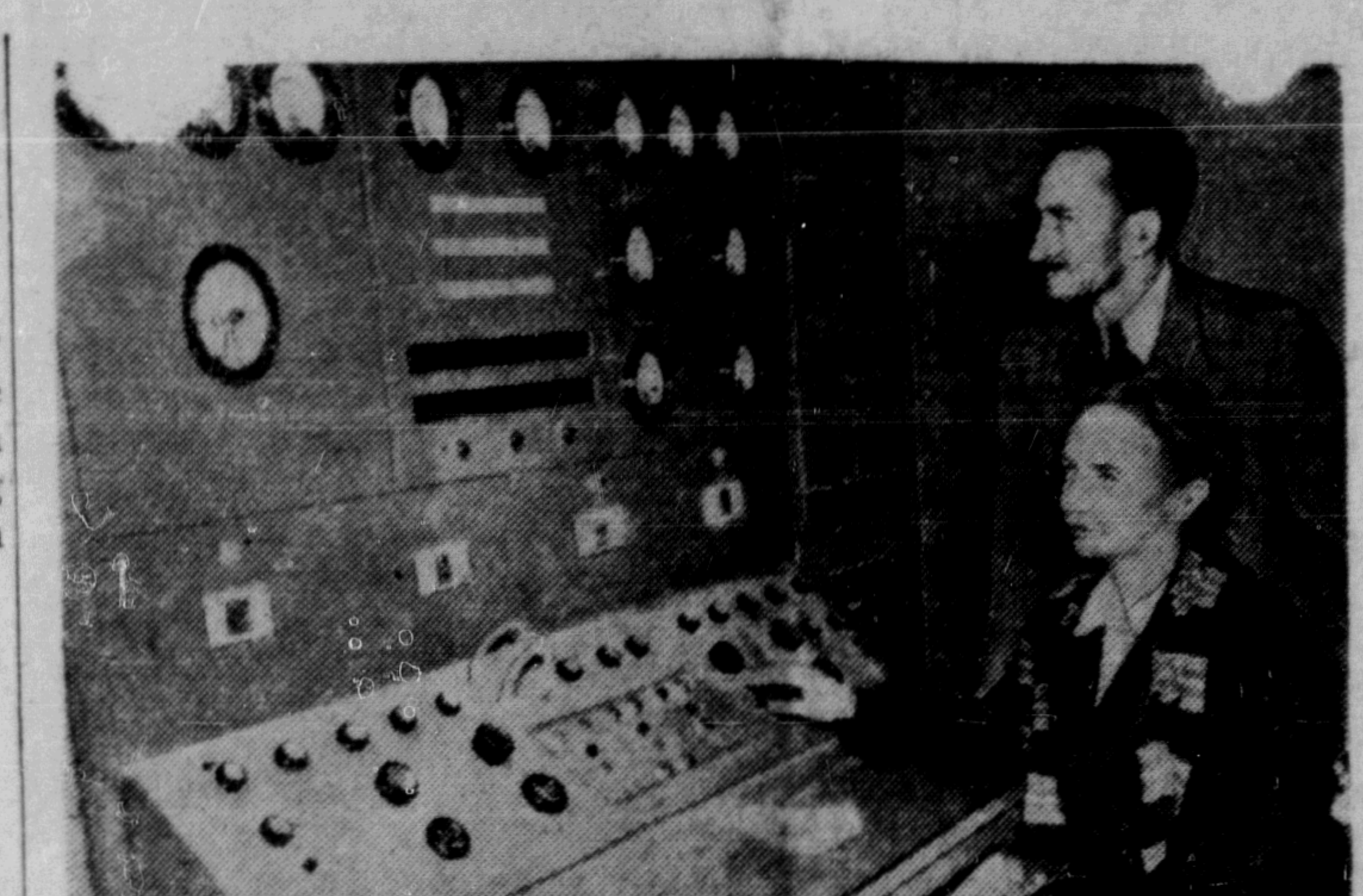
Offers to give home to the canine orphan were being phoned in to the police station throughout the afternoon and evening. Some people called at the station while others implored officers on the street with their offers of hospitality.

WINTER WEATHER PUNISHES U.S.

NEW YORK, (AP)—Winter's January punch at the United States killed more than 100 persons, cost millions of dollars in damage to crops and property and brought misery and hardship to thousands. Weather today ranged to a climatic scale—tornadoes, blizzards, sleet and freezing rain, sub-zero temperatures, snow and frost in California and summer weather in the south.

Churchill Foresees Change In Gov't

LONDON—Winston Churchill, before leaving for the south of France on a vacation, in a New Year's message to the Primrose Club said: "This may be a year of destiny and the people go to the polls. If they do, we shall, without doubt, bring to an end one of the most inept governments this country has had in modern times."



INSPECTING FRANCE'S ATOMIC ENERGY PLANT—Allowing newspaper men to visit the new atomic pile, now in operation in France, Mme. Irene-Joliot-Curie (top) operates the controls at the command station. With her is Francis Perrin. At bottom, her husband, director of France's Economic Commission, explains the "gamma ray" meter to reporters who were taken on a tour of the project. The French "Oak Ridge" is located just outside Paris.

Marshall Program Broadened Beyond Military Aid Scheme

By George Ronald
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WASHINGTON—The economic co-operation administration may be more than just a pattern for the military-aid program the United States is expected to put into operation this year.

In the case of certain commodities, it is believed, the Marshall Plan administrative body may be used as a purchasing agent. This arrangement would be similar to that which made the export-import bank the agent for E.C.A. in handling European-recovery loans.

The arms program, with the United States paying the biggest part of the shot, is considered an inevitable new move in the struggle to curb Communist aggression. But its size and scope are in the speculation stage, with those details locked in the briefcases of military experts and Truman administration officials.

One unofficial estimate is that military equipment for western Europe will cost between \$2,000,000,000 and \$3,000,000,000 a year. The Brussels Treaty powers—Britain, France, Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxembourg—presumably will get the major amount of United States "gift" arms. Canada is expected to participate as a manufacturer who will buy the equipment she needs for her own use.

The five European countries, with Canada and the United States, are drafting an Atlantic defence alliance; military aid, although not an integral part of the proposed pact, is of necessity linked closely with it. Military experts of the seven countries are conferring here at the same time that diplomatic representatives iron out details of the pact itself.

If, after the alliance is signed, other countries are invited to join—Italy, Ireland, Portugal, Denmark and Iceland are mentioned—they supposedly would be more in line for military help. Meanwhile, it is considered likely that something along the lines of E.C.A. will be organized to administer the arms program. E.C.A.'s general counsel, Alex Henderson, is a member of a committee working on the military phases of all United States foreign-aid projects.

TODAY'S STOCKS

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

Vancouver	
Bayonne	06 3/4
Bralorne	9.30
B.R. Con.	.03
B.R.X.	.08
Cariboo Quartz	1.45
Congress	.05
Hedley Mascot	.50
Pacific Eastern	.07
Pend Oreille	5.60
Pioneer	3.50
Premier Border	.04
Privateer	.22
Reeves McDonald	3.05
Reno	.07
Sheep Creek	1.58
Sibak Premier	.44
Taku River	.35
Vananda	.40
Salmon Gold	12 1/2
Spud Valley	09 1/2
Oils—	
Anglo Canadian	4.85
A.P. Con.	.23
Atlantic	.90
Calmont	.48
C. & E.	6.30
Central Leduc	1.50
Home Oil	13.00
Mercury	.16
Okalta	1.55
Pacific Pete	3.05
Princess	.41
Royal Canadian	.12
South Brazeau	.21
Toronto	
Athona	15 1/2
Aumaque	.24
Beattie	.59
Bevcourt	.29

HARWELL, Oxford, Eng. (AP)—A red beacon flashing 50 times a minute over the atomic research station here, warns fliers not to come below 1,500 feet.

WILLING TO TALK WITH UNCLE JOE

WASHINGTON, D.C.—President Truman reiterated, in answer to a newspaperman's question yesterday, that he was willing to talk at any time with Premier Joseph Stalin of Russia—if Stalin came to the United States.

ARCHBISHOP OUTSPOKEN

OTTAWA—Archbishop Vachon, at a New Year reception to the diocese clergy, deplored the action of the Hungarian government in imprisoning Cardinal Mindszenty.

In his reference to the Soviet he said: "Men and ideologies are working to lead humanity from God and to inspire men with hatred of Christ and his gospel of love. They imprison the spiritual leaders, they kill the bishops and priests behind the Iron Curtain. God is ignored, the love that unites is replaced by hatred that divides, brutal forces replace right, and war threatens us again. Around the peace table we feel there is continual antagonism, and the world is always living in fear and anguish."

Understanding of Policy Reached

WASHINGTON, (AP)—The United States and Britain were reported today to have reached a better understanding on the explosive Palestine situation. Officials indicated after a fast round of diplomatic conferences here that important policy differences exist which may grow worse unless the Arab-Jewish fighting in the Holy Land is brought to an end quickly.

BUTTER OUTPUT IS INCREASING

OTTAWA (AP)—Butter production is going up but stocks are going down. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics reported yesterday that output of creamery butter during December climbed to 11,936,000 pounds as against 10,254,000 in the corresponding month of 1947.

FIRE DEPARTMENT WATER-BORNE IN BATTLE WITH BLAZE AT FISH FLOATS

A blaze originating in the galley of a fishboat this morning forced three members of the fire department to become a temporary water-borne unit.

Answering the alarm which came from the Atlin Fisheries, the fire truck crew rushed to the dock and discovered the fire to be in the "Ka-wa-las," a 45-foot tow-off boat tied at the end of a string of 5 seiners moored to the west Cow Bay floats.

OLEO BANNED IN P.E. ISLAND

CHARLOTTETOWN (AP)—The sale and manufacture of margarine was banned in Prince Edward Island Thursday by a proclamation under the province's Dairy Industry Act as passed in 1947 but never put into force until now. The act will be referred immediately to the Supreme Court for a ruling on its validity.

NEW PROBLEM FACING NAVY

OTTAWA (AP)—Because it needs more men, the Royal Canadian Navy has now been forced to strike a not entirely happy compromise in the emphasis it places on two major functions, the training of regular recruits and the keeping them trim and up-to-date on anti-submarine operations.

With a regular strength of 7500 and some ships in moth balls, the Navy is not in a position to do both jobs adequately, defence sources said yesterday.

Break With U.S. Demanded as Peace Condition of China Reds

SHANGHAI (CP)—Mao Tse-Tung, Chinese Communist leader, today demanded the abrogation of treaties between China and the United States as one of the eight prerequisites of peace.

In a Chinese language broadcast heard here, Red leaders also demanded the trial of "war criminals," presumably to follow the peace move.

Mao, accusing Chiang Kai-Shek of warring against the Communists because he was lured by the glitter of American weapons, called upon the Nationalist leader to show the sincerity of his desire for peace by accepting Mao's conditions.

Mao said that China has been depending on United States' support against the peoples' will, and added that Red soldiers will liberate them.

Meanwhile, in Tientsin, negotiators with the Reds were reported as representing not only their own city, but Peiping and the rest of north China under General Fu Tso--Yi's command.

TIENTSIN, (AP)—Communist guns mercilessly pounded this doomed north China city today, taking a growing toll of the panic-stricken population and blasting roads and buildings in the main business area.

High explosives burst in the heart of the city as the Communists closed in. Casualties among the 2,000,000 residents mounted every minute in the rain of steel on the city which began early this morning. Utter confusion and despair has overcome the population.

Radars to Aid Blind People

OTTAWA (AP)—A battery operated seeing-eye device for use by the blind is being developed by a National Research Council scientist here. Based on the principle of radar, with sound instead of electrical waves used, the instrument is being designed so it will warn sightless persons of the location of obstacles.

PEACE TALKS COMMENCED

United Nations Mediator Asks Countries Concerned to Keep Hands Off Palestine
RODI, Island of Rhodes—Jewish and Arab representatives sat down for the first time here yesterday to discuss peace in Palestine. The proceedings are under the supervision of Dr. Ralph Bunche, United Nations mediator who suggested that all governments except those directly concerned keep hands off Palestine. He named no country specifically but it was assumed that he was referring to Great Britain.

HOUSE BUILT BY BLIND MAN

TAMPA, Fla.—Melvin Jones, blind since 1931, has completed the building of a house for himself and sightless wife. It took him ten years.

PRIORITY TO ALUMINUM CO.

Further Statement by Mr. Kenney in Regard to Possible New Industry
VICTORIA—First choice of power sites on the British Columbia coast for the aluminum industry will go to the Aluminum Company of Canada which for some years has been looking into the possibilities, said Hon. E. T. Kenney, minister of lands and forests, yesterday, following the announcement that the Reynolds Aluminum Co. of the United States was interesting itself in the possibilities and was planning surveys this year.

Mr. Kenney said that adequate precautions were being taken to see that the fisheries would be protected should there be such large scale power development.

Notice of Meeting
The Annual Meeting of the Civic Centre Association of Prince Rupert will be held Friday, January 28, at 8 p.m. in the Civic Centre Auditorium. The order of business will include the presenting of Annual Reports, election of directors, etc. All paid up members of the age of 18 years and over will be entitled to voting privileges.
C. G. Ham, Secretary.