

Fight To Finish Under Way In Korea

Canadian Ground Force For Korea Held Ready

OTTAWA—(CP)—It was reported today that the cabinet ministers are now broadly agreed that Canada should provide a force of ground troops for service with the United States forces in Korea. A volunteer force that would run to at least 1000 men now appears to be likely although details have yet to be worked out. The cabinet is meeting again today and an official announcement may come late in the day as to whether a special session of Parliament will be called.

It is doubtful that the proposed force, one created, would leave Canada for months, possibly not before the end of the year.

The view here is that the Korean war will last for months and that a long build-up for a counter-offensive may be necessary.

The cabinet met in a four-hour session Wednesday and then adjourned until Thursday without any announcement on its main agenda which was the possible recall of Parliament and the dispatch of ground troops to Korea.

Reds Hit By Allies

TOKYO—Allied warplanes continued hammering enemy troops and supply centres in Korea today. Flying more than 400 sorties, they took heavy toll of North Korean held territory.

At the Red held naval base of Mokpo, two British destroyers damaged military installations.

MALAYAN PRODUCE

Malaya produces one-half the world's natural rubber and one-third of the world's rice.

New Conservative Secretary Named

OTTAWA—George Drew, Progressive-Conservative leader, yesterday injected new blood into the party's organization by appointing W. H. Kidd of Vancouver as national secretary at headquarters here. Drew indicated that other moves will be made to strengthen the party's organization both at headquarters and in the provinces.

Terrace Man Hit By Train

Clarence Merrill, Newcomer, Loses His Life Tuesday Night

Clarence Merrill, aged 40, a recent arrival at Terrace, was killed on the railway track a short distance west of Terrace near Sande's mill about 12:30 midnight Tuesday when struck by a train.

The body was found between the tracks by Joseph Paulis, a member of the train crew. Deceased had suffered a radial fracture of the vertex of the skull as well as broken left ribs, broken left arm and severe abrasions on back and legs.

The skull fracture was found as the cause of death by a coroner's jury which sat before Coroner Will Robinson. The jury consisted of Stan Smith, Albert Harrison, Hans Koch, Walter Warner, William Osborne sr. and Arthur J. Harmon.

Merrill, whose funeral will take place at Terrace, had been working only half a day for Harold Smith, having just arrived at the interior town. He is survived by his mother in Vancouver. Previously he had been at Smithers, Burns Lake, Lloydminster and Winnipeg.

Flash

TOKEN FORCE? PARIS — French Government leaders are debating a "token battalion" of troops to fight under the United Nations flag in Korea. France has some 140,000 troops in Communist troubled Indo-China.

TOUGH ON KIDS HALIFAX — This is tough news for kids. Halifax manufacturer (Moirs Ltd.) announced its chocolate bars will probably sell for seven cents in the near future. Reason—a 150 per cent increase in the cost of cocoa beans.

PEACE MARCHERS BRAWL NEW YORK — Two thousand left wing "peace" marchers battled 1,000 police late Wednesday in fist swinging brawls that led to 13 arrests. The marchers had been banned from staging a rally in Union Square.

SUBS OFF AUSTRALIA SYDNEY—Four submarines have been observed off the coast of Australia. Nothing could be learned of where they belong. It is known though that these undersea craft are large for submarines, and that they may equal in speed any afloat.

REGIMENT GOES EAST LONDON — Three hundred officers and men of the Wiltshire Regiment sailed Wednesday for the East Indies. Nothing is known as to their destination.

RCMP TO TAKE OVER VICTORIA—Announcement was made in Victoria Wednesday that the provincial police will be taken over by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Present B.C. Police will remain employed.

Willie Pep Easy Winner

SCRANTON, Pa. — Feather-weight champion Willie Pep was the master boxer here Wednesday night as he easily outpointed Proctor Heindol of Oklahoma City in a ten-round non-title scrap. Both fighters weighed in at 131 1/4 pounds. The fight was Pep's last before he defends his crown against Sandy Saddler next month.

Hart Highway Is Progressing

On one of his periodical visits here on political duties, Frank Clark, Prince George, district organizer, British Columbia Liberal Association, is spending a few days in the city, having arrived on Tuesday night's train.

Mr. Clark returned recently from a trip into the Peace River Block. While in that area he travelled the 151 miles from Dawson Creek to a point seven miles north of the Parsnip River. Then he came out to Prince Rupert and drove north to seventeen miles south of the Parsnip. This leaves a gap of 34 miles which it is expected will be closed by the coming winter. One hundred men and modern roadmaking machinery are engaged in two shifts on the pushing through of the gap in the completion of this road which would then connect Prince George and the central interior with McBride and the Alberta border.

Mr. Clark mentioned the unusual winter that Prince George had had this year—the coldest January on record, the warmest February, the hottest June and the wettest in July.

Coast Ship Strike Seen

VANCOUVER — Threat of a strike that could tie up British Columbia's coastal passenger shipping looms today.

Dick Deeley, business agent for the Seafarers' International Union, said that a strike vote among deckhands and engine room employees of Canadian National, Canadian Pacific and Union Steamships will be taken within the next few days.

Stewards on Union Steamships will also be polled.

Objecting To Being Checked

SEATTLE — Members of the Marine Cooks and Stewards Union balked yesterday at having their sea papers checked by maritime security officials.

Some 65 members refused to sign aboard the steamship Alaska unless assured that their sea papers would not be turned over to a "third party."

Coastguard officers have been screening crews to weed out "bad security risks."

United Nations Lines Shortened Thirty Miles From Important Pusan

TOKYO—(CP)—United States Marines and United States Army Second Division reinforcing troops rolled into the combat area with Pershing tanks to join today in the intensifying battle for southeast Korea. It is being called a "fight to the finish." The American beachhead has now been reduced to area about the size of the state of Connecticut.

They were assigned to positions supporting American troops who had withdrawn on some fronts up to 18 miles in three days for their big stand on shortened lines no more than thirty miles from Pusan. Defence positions have been deliberately chosen by the American commanders for their climatic holding action.

Communist spearheads are reported only eight miles west of Pusan, vital United States base.

On the new consolidated front Americans and South Koreans face the Communists on virtually even terms in division strength for the first time. United Nations forces have elements of ten divisions while the North Koreans are estimated at nine or ten.

Weather Ship Plan Changed

VICTORIA — Plans for floating weather stations off the West Coast may be cancelled or revised by the Korean war, it was speculated here yesterday.

Waterfront sources said that the Navy frigate St. Stephen, due here about August 15 from Halifax, may not be handed over immediately to the Department of Transport for use as a weather ship.

The ship has been in weather service off Labrador.

Under a plan decided some months ago the St. Stephen, the St. Catharines and the Stonetown, all frigates, were to cover two weather reporting stations about 800 miles off the British Columbia coast.

The Korean war might make the navy decide to keep the St. Stephen in service here.

Man Claims To Be Aristocrat's Son

VANCOUVER — William Blackett, 30, who claims he is descended from an aristocratic British family, will appear in police court here to face fraud charges—obtaining money under false pretences from a Vancouver hotel and bank.

He told police he is the son of Lady Hobhouse, now wife of Sir Charles Chisholm Hobhouse, Somerset, England. He also claimed he enjoyed a film career in London and Hollywood and had appeared in Walt Disney's "Treasure Island." He was arrested in Montreal and returned here Wednesday for trial.

Owen Sound, Ont. 'Devours' Paper

LONDON — The mass-circulation Daily Mirror isn't so sure whether it's a good idea to be popular in Owen Sound, Ont.

Mrs. F. Greig of (1548 Ninth Ave. E.) Owen Sound wrote the newspaper that her father in London regularly sends his copy of the Daily Mirror to Owen Sound. Then this is the routine:

"My husband and I devour the contents. Then it goes next door to an English couple. Then it goes across the road. Then on to the next street, where two more devour its contents, and then on to its last stop."

The Daily Mirror, in a tone of mock gruffness, said if many more bloomin' readers worked it like that the Mirror would have to put up its blessed shutters.

THE WEATHER

Synopsis Cool cloudy weather will be general over British Columbia for the next two or three days. However, along the coast there will be intervals of sunshine during the afternoons. In the interior shower activity will be persistent and some widely scattered thunderstorms are expected in the southern and central interior this afternoon.

Forecast North Coast Region—Cloudy today and Friday with occasional sunny intervals both afternoons. Little change in temperature. Light winds. Lows tonight, and highs tomorrow—At Port Hardy, 48 and 62; Sandspit, 50 and 60; Prince Rupert, 48 and 60.

Bridge River Uranium Find

VANCOUVER — The British Columbia Chamber of Mines yesterday reported a "promising" uranium find in the mining district of Bridge River.

Samples from the vein, reported twenty inches wide, are now being assayed and it reacts "amazingly" on geiger machines, an official said.

"This looks like some of the most highly radioactive ore yet found in British Columbia," said Glenville Collins, Vancouver mining engineer.

Veteran prospectors are working the claims including Ernie Johnson and Egil Lornsten, original discoverers of uranium in the Bridge River district three years ago.

Near Tragedy—Car In River—Men Swim Out

Two men had to swim for their lives when a truck plunged into the Skeena River near a railway tunnel at Salvas between Prince Rupert and Terrace at 11:30 last night.

Ralph Matthews was returning from Prince Rupert with a load of oil. Also on the truck was an unidentified man whom Matthews had picked up to give a lift.

The pair made their escape through an open window.

Matthews was resting at his home in Terrace this morning following the experience, having been taken there from the Columbia Cellulose camp to which they walked after the plunge of the car.

The truck was being salvaged today.

Britain To Start Rearmament Plan

LONDON, — A government informant said today Britain is expected to announce within the next 24 hours plans for launching a vast new rearmament program with American aid. The House of Commons was told last week the new rearmament plans would cost about \$280,000,000 a year.

BAND CONCERT
Court House Grounds
TONIGHT AT 8:15

Queen To Be Chosen— "Miss P.N.E." Contest Being Launched In Prince Rupert

Two years ago Miss Marjorie Brain of Prince Rupert won the "Miss P.N.E." crown at the Pacific National Exhibition. This year Miss Brain, now Mrs. Vernon Ciccone, is the convener of the Prince Rupert Fair and Carnival's Committee to select an entrant for the 1950 Miss P.N.E. contest being held in Vancouver in late August.

The winner of the Prince Rupert area contest will have the added honor of being the Carnival Queen at the Fall Fair and Carnival being held here August 19 to 26. She will receive a \$100 prize at the Carnival, will have an all expense trip to Vancouver and, if she is fortunate enough, will get an all expense trip to every capital city in Canada.

The Prince Rupert contest will be held the first night of the Carnival, August 19, with entrants from Terrace, Smithers and Hazelton, competing with local girls.

The three interior towns are having their own preliminary contests and each are being invited to send 2 contestants to the Prince Rupert finals. The winner of the Carnival Queen honor will be crowned at the Coronation Ceremony on Monday, August 21st, and a Coronation Ball will be held in her honor. The winner of second place will receive a \$50 prize and will be the maid of honor at the Carnival Coronation. The

third place winner will also serve as a maid of honor, receiving a \$25 prize.

The contest locally is being conducted under rules set out by the P.N.E. which are announced in full elsewhere in the Daily News today.

To Probe Franconia

OTTAWA—It was reported in Ottawa Wednesday that the steamer Franconia, which struck a rock about ten miles from Quebec outward bound, is being repaired in drydock and that the circumstances will be the subject of a thorough investigation, for it affects a matter of importance—the St. Lawrence pilotage.

The announcement came from the Department of Transport.

LOCAL TIDES
Friday, August 4, 1950

High	5:13	16.7 feet
	17:41	18.3 feet
Low	11:15	6.9 feet

TODAY'S STOCKS:

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

Vancouver		Beattie	45
Bayonne	02 1/2	Bevcourt	40
Bralorne	6.80	Bobjo	123 1/4
B. R. Con	02 1/2	Buffalo Canadian	13 1/2
Cariboo Quartz	1.10	Consol. Smelters	105.50
Congress	20	Conwest	1.25
Hedley Mascot	25	Donalda	39
Pend Oreille	6.85	Eldona	23 1/4
Pioneer	2.25	East Sullivan	6.45
Premier Border	02 1/2	Giant Yellowknife	6.50
Privateer	12	God's Lake	39
Reeves McDonald	3.00	Hardrock	07 1/4
Reno	03	Harricana	05 1/2
Sheep Creek	1.05	Heva	06
Sibak Premier	28	Hosco	06
Taku River	05	Jacknife	05
Vananda	11	Joliet Quebec	42
Salmon Gold	04 1/2	Lake Rowan	09
Spud Valley	03	Lapaska	03 1/2
Silver Standard	2.00	Little Long Lac	36
Oils—		LVNX	22 1/2
Anglo Canadian	4.80	Madsen Red Lake	2.10
A. P. Con	40	McKenzie Red Lake	40
Atlantic	2.50	McLeod Cockshutt	2.05
Calmont	48	Moneta	27 1/2
C. & E.	7.30	Negus	1.00
Central Leduc	1.50	Noranda	67.75
Home Oil	16.00	Louvicourt	14
Mercury	11 1/2	Pickle Crow	1.87
Okalta	1.85	Regcourt	05
Pacific Pete	5.75	San Antonio	21 1/2
Princess	55	Senator Rown	1.85
Royal Canadian	07 1/4	Sheriff Gordon	3.40
Royaltie	11.50	Steep Rock	78
Toronto		Silver Miller	1.89
Athona	08	Upper Canada	1.89
Aumaque	16		

Waterfront Fire-Blast

Fishery Patrol Vessel In Flames On Harbor This Afternoon

Taking fire early this afternoon at the plant of the Standard Oil Co. of British Columbia where she had just completed fuelling preparatory to going out on fishery patrol duty, the 52-foot fishing boat Gikumi II, Capt. William Ness, was towed into the harbor to save neighboring waterfront property from damage.

Two explosions followed the removal of the vessel into the harbor where she became a flaming mass.

Ness and Raymond Anderson, who were on board the vessel, made their escape with burns and were taken to hospital. Ness had face burns and Anderson, arm burns.

The burning vessel finally sank about 25 yards from shore near the Imperial Oil dock after the lighthouse tender Alberni and the dry dock fire scow had moved nearby in the attempt to put the fire out.

Explosions had ripped holes in her hull.

Tackle Too Light To Handle Bruin

QUESNEL, B.C. — Fisherman Harry Bourne figured his tackle was too light for the biggest catch he ever lost—a 400 pound bear.

The Vancouver angler was fishing on nearby Quesnel Lake when bruin—enjoying a swim—got fouled up in Bourne's light trout line. The shaggy beast swam to shore and bounded into the woods still entangled.

Finally the bear broke the line after it was wound around a tree. Bourne and his party retrieved the line and returned to their fishing.

Shortly after Bourne saw bruin sitting on his haunches on shore, curiously watching the anglers.



OVERSEAS — George Drew, Progressive-Conservative Leader of the Opposition, landed at Prestwick, Scotland, today and will confer with British government leaders in London. Will spend holiday in Italy with wife and family.