

TWO BILLION DOLLARS FOR DEFENCE

Canada's Efforts To Get Into High Gear

(TAWA (Canadian Press)—Canada's defence program, including aid to Europe, will be boosted during next fiscal year, External Affairs Minister L. B. Pearson said today. He did not give full details. It is reported, however, that overall defence expenditures will likely be beyond \$2,000,000,000.

Stenstrom Passes

Colorful career of one of the best known figures in British Columbia's pulp and paper industry ended suddenly Thursday.

George Stenstrom, 65, whose name has been linked with the pulp industry for nearly 30 years, passed away in Royal Victoria Hospital shortly before 10 p.m. He was prominently known in the Columbia River valley, and had much to do with the conception of the Island project.

Stenstrom, in indifferent health for several months, Mr. Stenstrom had worked until the end of the planning of the greatest project in his long and colorful career—the \$65 million development of the Island project.



PASSES
D. G. Stenstrom

Stenstrom was a key figure in the pulp industry in British Columbia. He was a member of the Dominion government. At the end of hostilities he was associated with the Powell River Co. and in 1947 he joined the Celanese Corporation of America.

Although interested in golf, Mr. Stenstrom's first love in sports was fly fishing and he had tested his skill in lakes and streams in every section of British Columbia as well as in many districts of Eastern Canada. He was a member of the Terminal City Club in Vancouver. His home was at 1025 Wolfe Avenue, Vancouver.

Robeson is Denied Entry

SEATTLE (AP)—Immigration officials stopped the singer, Paul Robeson, and Vincent William Hallinan, attorney for the labor leader, Harry Bridges, when they attempted to cross the border into Canada Thursday.

John P. Boyd, district director of immigration, announced his officers had taken Hallinan from a Canada-bound train at the international border and stopped Robeson as he arrived by automobile.

Fined for Theft Of Groceries

A middle-aged laborer was sentenced in police court this morning to a \$100 fine or two months in jail on a charge of theft under \$25. Convicted of stealing a parcel of groceries from the lobby of the Royal Hotel yesterday was Albert Langthorne of Prince Rupert. Police said he has a lengthy record of convictions. Langthorne pleaded guilty.

Free Enterprise Vital Issue in Province Says Attorney-General Wismer

VANCOUVER (CP)—Attorney General Gordon S. Wismer said Thursday night a vital issue in British Columbia politics is the preservation of private enterprise. He repeated statements made by Premier Byron Johnson and himself that the British Columbia government is a coalition administration.

Red Proposals on Korean Civilians

MUNSAUNG (AP)—Red negotiators proposed today that the fate of 600,000 displaced Korean civilians be left to the good faith of Allies and Communists.

Labor Called To Unite

VANCOUVER (CP)—George Home, secretary of the British Columbia Labor Federation, Thursday called all B.C. workers to unite in the next provincial election.

Crash on Mountain

Fate of Vancouver Island Training Plane Determined—Pilot Dead

VANCOUVER (CP)—Flight Instructor Harry O'Reilly, aged 33, hiked into Granite Falls, Washington, Thursday evening, reporting the death of John F. Welsh, 31-year-old Royal Canadian Air Force reserve member, who was taking a refresher course.

Survivor of the crash, O'Reilly said that his training craft had "piled up" after it hit a turbulent area in Washington State and the pilot froze at the controls.

The two-seater plane crashed on Mount Pilchuk while on a planned flight from Vancouver to Patricia Bay.

O'Reilly was flown back here in a United States Coastguard plane. He received knee lacerations in the crash.

"We had been having trouble with the radio," he related "and had been down to the vicinity of Seattle. We were returning in a northeasterly direction. We suddenly found ourselves in a mountainous area and, fearing we were lost, tried to return."

"Just after turning we hit a turbulent area which buffeted the plane so much that Welsh froze at the controls. Try as I would I could not wrench the controls free as he piled up."

Ground parties are now going into bring out Welsh's body.

Aerial searches yesterday spotted an oil slick in Georgia Strait near the mouth of the Fraser during the hunt for the Chipmunk training plane which disappeared late Wednesday. The oil slick was on the scheduled route of the plane but it is now evident that it had nothing to do with the crash.

Churchill Winner of Confidence

LONDON (CP)—Prime Minister Churchill's Conservative party government downed handily on Thursday night a Labor party move for non-confidence in the new proposals for grim austerity to help win the peace.

A showdown vote on a Labor motion to censure the government was 399 to 278.

After defeating the censure vote, the House formally adopted the government's program 306 to 275.

Liberals joined Conservatives in this all-out test of strength of the Churchill government which took office three months ago after six years of Labor rule.

The vote hinged on approval of the program of Chancellor of the Exchequer R. A. Butler to cut British imports by \$150,000,000 a year and institute rigid new domestic economies.

The government has a majority of fourteen over all other parties.

Train Crash Hurts Five

NORTH BAY (CP)—Five persons were slightly injured when a crack Canadian National Railway flyer, "The Northland," today plowed into the rear of a freight train standing on a siding with the last of its eighty-five cars jutting out on the main line.

Four of fifty passengers and a news agent were injured.

Harry Cook, a brakeman, standing on the platform of the freight caboose, leaped to safety.



HONOR CHIEF SCOUT—A tiny replica of a silver wolf attached to a green and yellow ribbon was presented to Earl Alexander, former governor-general. The presentation, made by Jackson Dodds of Montreal, Deputy Chief Scout, was made to Canada's Chief Scout for his interest and efforts on behalf of the Scouting Organization of Canada. (CP PHOTO)

Sockeye Salmon Fishing Seasons

SEATTLE (CP)—Sockeye salmon control seasons for the United States, Canada and offshore waters have been set by the International Pacific Salmon Fisheries Commission. The seasons are:

United States—June 30 through August 24 with 48-hour escapement closure periods on Saturdays and Sunday.

Canada—June 30 through August 24 except in Areas 17 and 18 and Fraser River with 48-hour week-end closure.

Fraser River and Areas 17 and 18 will be open June 30 through September 28 with week-end closures of 72 hours. Two areas in this schedule are in the Fraser River district.

Offshore waters—June 30 through August 10 with 48-hour week-end closures.

Robert J. Choettler, director of Washington State Department of Fisheries, was named chairman for the next two years at a commission meeting here Thursday.

Truman Out Of Primary

WASHINGTON (CP)—President Truman said Thursday he will have his name withdrawn as a candidate in the New Hampshire preferential primary. This will not preclude his running for reelection. His name was entered in the primary yesterday.

Mr. Truman described the primary as "eyewash," not meaning a thing at the nominating convention.

Mrs. Nickerson Laid at Rest

Funeral was held yesterday of Mrs. Serepta Nickerson, 86, who died Sunday. Ceremony, held from Grenville Funeral Chapel, was conducted by Rev. L. G. Sieber.

Mrs. J. C. Giker, organist, played "Jesus Lover of My Soul," and "Abide With Me."

Pallbearers were C. O. Campbell, B. A. Petersen, Reg Webber, Harry Menzies, Charlie Atkinson and Eimer Mek.

Burial was at Fairview cemetery, with arrangements by B.C. Undertakers.

To Negotiate With Britain

CAIRO (CP)—Premier Aly Mersa Pascha today was reported preparing for negotiations with Britain—the first since Egypt tore up the Anglo-Egyptian treaty which allows British troops to guard the Suez Canal zone.

The country remained quiet today.

The Premier has ordered military trials for those held responsible for riots and disturbances.

Glassey and Daggett Aldermanic Winners

Youngs and Armstrong Lose Aldermanic Seats They Never Occupied

Two ex-mayors got back into Prince Rupert's city council by the by-election route Thursday, defeating two aldermen-elect from December who never took their seats because their qualifications had been challenged and they resigned to clarify the situation.

Ex-Mayor H. F. Glassey defeated T. Norton Youngs in a contest for a two-year term. The vote was 494 to 345.

Ex-Mayor H. M. Daggett won a one-year term, defeating Allan Armstrong 471 to 367.

The by-election was brought about after Youngs and Armstrong resigned when their position was questioned because of the fact that they were sharing in city insurance commissions.

Both Daggett and Glassey had been defeated in the mayoralty contest in December by Mayor Harold Whalen.

The whim of the electorate was indicated in the fact that Armstrong, at the December election, headed the aldermanic poll with over 1100 votes, a record in city history, only to be defeated in yesterday's straight fight.

Youngs had received an acclamation in December.

Total number of voters turning out yesterday was 889, compared with 1731 who voted in a record poll at December elections.

Naval Veteran Of Two Wars

Veteran of the Royal Navy in two world wars, Harold Neville, former Porcher Island salmon troller, passed away in Shaughnessy Military Hospital on Monday of this week, according to word received in the city. He was a native of England and fifty-nine years of age.

Mr. Neville joined the Royal Navy before World War I and, during that conflict, served on the famous HMS Penelope. After that war, he came to Canada and took up fishing with headquarters at Jap (now Hunt's) Inlet where he had purchased a place. Immediately on the outbreak of World War II, he returned to England to rejoin the Royal Navy. Bringing his war bride with him, he came back to Porcher Island after the second war. A year ago December illness necessitated him entering the Prince Rupert General Hospital. Later he was removed to Shaughnessy Military Hospital. When his condition became worse last summer, his wife, Mrs. Effie Neville, sold out the Porcher Island place and moved to Vancouver to be with her husband.

Mr. Neville was a member of the Canadian Legion.

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Sarnia Fire Kills Three

SARNIA (CP)—Three Sarnia workmen were fatally injured late Thursday when an oil-fired furnace exploded at the \$18,000,000 oil refinery under construction at suburban Froomfield. Two others suffered burns and shock.

Protest Made Over Killing

OTTAWA (CP)—Canada has protested formally to the Egyptian government over the killing of J. M. Boyer, Canadian trade commissioner in Cairo, during Saturday's rioting there.

The protest has been delivered to the Egyptian foreign minister.

It is likely the Canadian government will seek compensation.

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

VANCOUVER		TORONTO	
American Standard	26	Athlona	09
Bralorne	6.00	Aumaque	22
BRX	04	Beattie	19
Cariboo Quartz	1.15	Bevcourt	75
Congress	05 1/2	Buffalo Canadian	20
Cronin Babine	53	C M & S	199.50
Giant Mascot	98	Conwest	3.90
Indian Mines	23	Donalda	52
Pend Oreille	8.75	Eldona	19 1/2
Pioneer	1.90	East Sullivan	9.00
Premier Border	35	Giant Yellowknife	11.20
Privateer	09	God's Lake	40
Reeves Macdonald	5.50	Hardrock	13 3/4
Reno	04	Harricana	14
Sheep Creek	1.67	Heva	09 3/4
Sibak Premier	62	Joliet Quebec	50
Vananda	19	Little Long Lac	68
Salmon Gold	04	Lynx	18
Spud Valley	18	Madsen Red Lake	2.03
Silver Standard	2.53	McKenzie Red Lake	41 1/4
Western Uranium	3.30	McLeod Cockshutt	2.81
Oils—		Moneta	39
A P Con	55	Negus	68
Calmont	2.05	Noranda	84.00
C & E	17.00	Louvicourt	26
Central Leduc	3.05	Piekie Crow	1.58
Home Oil	17.00	San Antonio	2.45
Okalta	4.40	Senator Rouyn	19
Pacific Pete	10.80	Sherritt Gordon	4.60
Royalite	17.50	Steep Rock	7.85

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