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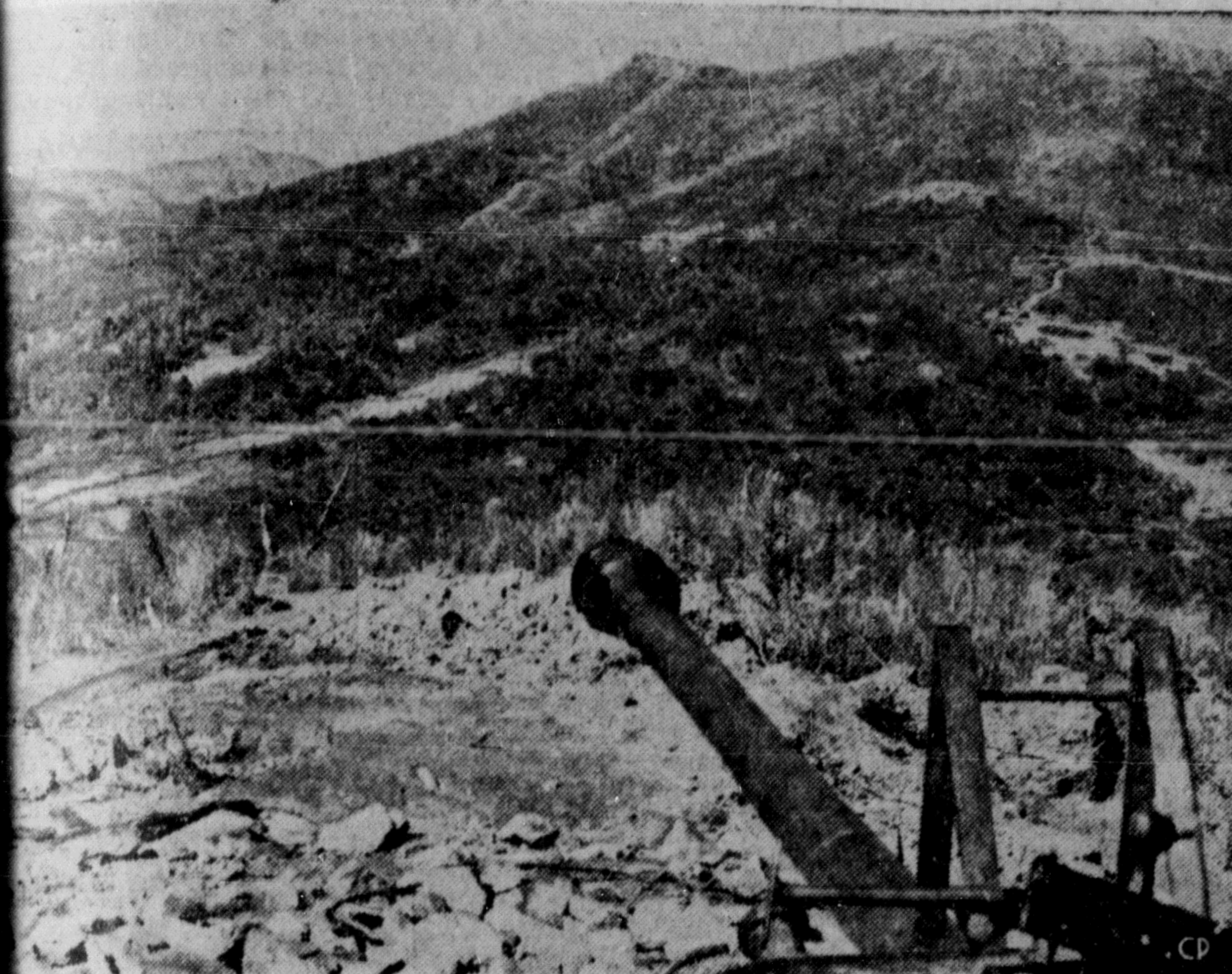
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Little Gibraltar Hill

HERMAN TANK of the Lord Strathcona's Horse overlooks a scene that will long be remembered by members of the 1st Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment, who fought one of their fiercest battles of the Korean war on the hilltop feature at right. The battle of Little Gibraltar Hill, to be commemorated by the unit each year, resulted in the largest number of casualties suffered by the RCR's in Korea.

Cred's Won't Stand in Way Metlakatla Enfranchisement

ALTON.—Smiles tugged at his Indian countenances as cabinet minister here called his premier into regal robes by calling W. A. C. Bennett, minister of labor, to the Native Brotherhood convention that he was attending at the hotel. The Premier Bennett, your Great White Chief.

A term out of story books and rarely heard in this age, the Great White Chief was known to be used as reference to the King of England when white men first met with the Canadian Indians.

Mr. Wicks also congratulated Chief William Scow, Brotherhood president, on his coming trip to Britain and "the Coronation of your Great White Queen. I guess she would be known to you."

Mr. Wicks answered allegations and questions concerning the Metlakatla enfranchisement by Dr. Peter Kelly, legislative committee chairman of the Brotherhood, and said the Social Credit government will not stand in the way of Metlakatla's citizenship.

Dr. Kelly quoted part of an article by E. T. Applewhaite, Skeena MP, published recently, which alleged that Premier W. A. C. Bennett had interpreted the enfranchisement of the Metlakatla Indian band as a band becoming extinct, with the reserve lands reverting to the B.C. government.

"There is no substance of truth in that statement made by the honorable member for Skeena," said Mr. Wicks.

"This is the first intimation the government has had on this matter."

"To the best of my knowledge no such decision has been made."

Dr. Kelly said the Brotherhood considered the alleged action of the government as a very serious thing.

"Such an attitude by a provincial government is a departure of ways, a very serious one, the first one of its kind in Canada."

Ivan Adams, son of the late Alfred Adams, first president of the Brotherhood, asked Mr. Wicks to keep the enfranchisement of the Indians above the platform of politics.

Speaking to Mr. Wicks's promise that Indians would get full consideration concerning the liquor question, Mr. Adams said: "Let's not confuse the issue. Maybe we want the right to buy liquor as the white men do, but most of all we want citizenship."

"And citizenship means to us to be well educated, assuming responsibility, so we can be an asset to our country."

Mr. Wicks, who said he was not speaking as a candidate but as a representative of the B.C. government, promised the Brotherhood that the Indian inquiry committee, established in 1951 to bring closer relations between the natives and the provincial government, would be considerably more active in the future.

The committee comes directly under the labor minister.

FERNANDEZ DOWNS 12TH MET TO TIE WITH BAKER

ALTON.—Captain Manuel Fernandez shot down his 12th today in the "rougher fight I ever had" to tie the record for destruction of Russian-built Red fighters in Korea.

The scrappy jet ace from Miami destroyed the MIG in a fierce battle just south of the Yalu River boundary dividing North and South Korea.

Fernandez tied the mark set last month by Colonel Royal McKinney, Texas, who has gone home.

Liberal MP Resigns After Cheque Story

ALTON.—Austin Dewar announced he is resigning as a member of the Saskatchewan Liberal Party after a story in the Regina Leader-Post that he had received a cheque from a contractor for \$2,500.

The burly member, elected in 1949, said the election is near and he will place his future "in the hands of my constituents," indicating he will seek office again in the general election this year.

Mr. Dewar said he and Lunam—who has held a number of government contracts—exchanged cheques between 1948 and 1951 but that he cut it out after coming to know more about parliamentary practices. He also came to the conclusion that what he was doing "might create the wrong impression."

The 40-year-old member, who lists himself as a contractor in the Parliamentary Guide, rose at the opening of the morning session on a question of privilege to discuss articles which appeared in the Toronto Telegram and which first bared the exchange of cheques with Lunam.

Mr. Dewar said he had known Lunam for years and in 1945 Lunam had advanced him money to help buy a hotel. This was repaid in 1947 when the hotel was sold. He went on: "Subsequently, I accommodated Harvey Lunam by exchanging cheques with him. This was one of his methods of financing when he was hard pressed for funds to meet his obligations. All these cheques were honored by the banks."

Drivers Red Cent Raise

ALTON (CP)—Possibility of a vote among 3,000 highway men in Vancouver, and New Westminster on Wednesday after the union board rejected most demands of their AFL highwaymen's Union.

A majority report of the board demanded a six-cent pay raise for employees of the British Columbia Electric Railway. The union had asked for a one-cent hourly increase in the current rate of \$2.51 for the day.

The union called its nine-man board for a Friday session in a final decision will be made but some leaders expressed strong disapproval in the award.

Used in Mau Mau Raid

ALTON.—Bombs were used in a fight against Mau Mau in the first time in the night 20-pound bombs were used in an air raid on a terrorist hideout in the mountains.

Red-Led Vietminh Troops Move Toward Capital City Of Laos

Escape Bid Cut Short By Allies

MUNSAN.—Five hundred sick and wounded Red prisoners threatened allied guards today and started a short-lived escape attempt from the hospital train carrying them to Panmunjom for return to the Communists.

Some 50 North Korean civilians touched off the demonstration Wednesday night by singing and waving flags during the trip from Pusan port to Munsan.

An unarmed guard ripped a flag from one of the Reds and was quickly surrounded by other prisoners.

Two armed guards then pointed guns at the rebelling prisoners.

Singing and flag-waving continued through the night until the train reached the unloading point north of Munsan this morning.

ISSUE WARNING
Meanwhile at Panmunjom the allies warned the Communists they might take a short-cut through the snarled prisoner exchange problem by simply releasing 32,000 North Koreans who don't want to go home.

Lieutenant General William K. Harrison, chief allied negotiator, said turning the prisoners free in South Korea would follow a pattern created by the Reds themselves.

He also told the Communists to nominate a non-Asian country as a neutral caretaker for 48,000 Communist prisoners who don't want to go home, and made it clear the allies would discuss little else until that's done.

"All Asian nations are located very close to countries dominated by Communists and might therefore be subjected to Communist military, economic or political influence," he said.

The delegations meet again Friday.

Victor Odlum To Seek Seat In Vancouver

VANCOUVER (CP)—Maj.-Gen. Victor W. Odlum is returning to British Columbia political wars after an absence of 25 years.

The Second World War commander of the 2nd Division of the Canadian active service force and former Canadian Ambassador to Turkey, was nominated Wednesday night to contest Vancouver-Burrard riding for the Liberals in the June 9 Provincial election.

The general's running mate will be John G. (Jay) Gould.

Firemen Scurry For Cover

VANCOUVER.—A fire, punctuated by small explosions that sent firemen scurrying for cover, destroyed a \$50,000 service station, three cars and a carrier crane here early today.

District Chief William Sinclair was struck on the hand by a flying object when the explosion occurred at the height of the blaze. It is believed a can of carbide blew up.

There were no serious injuries "but it was a narrow escape," said Deputy Chief Loren Foley. The garage was located at Harcourt and Kingsway in the south-east part of the city. The cause was not known.



SINCE THE START of the prisoner-of-war exchange in Korea, Freedom Village, little more than a cluster of tents, has welcomed two released Canadians—L/Cpl. Paul Dugal of Quebec city and Pte. A. Baker of Montreal, both members of the Royal 22nd Regiment. Shown is the entrance to the Commonwealth section of Freedom Village.

Applewhaite To Contest Skeena Riding Again

**Liberals Urge Governments
Return Rights to Indians**

E. T. (Ted) Applewhaite, 54-year-old Member of Parliament for Skeena, yesterday was unanimously re-nominated to contest the seat again in the federal election later this year.

Mr. Applewhaite, who flew here Tuesday from Ottawa to attend the annual convention of Skeena Federal Liberal Association, thanked the members for the honor and promised to continue to do his best for the riding if re-elected.

At the business session, the delegates unanimously endorsed a resolution urging the federal and provincial governments to give to the native population all the rights and privileges of citizenship, compatible with their prior rights as the original citizens of this country.



TED APPLEWHAITE
... make the truth known

In a brief address prior to his nomination, Mr. Applewhaite said that while he did not know the exact date of the federal vote he "assumed it will be around mid-September."

He reviewed some of the work accomplished by the Liberal government of Prime Minister St. Laurent and said that "while this primarily is a federal matter, there is no difference between a Liberal here and a provincial Liberal."

"You can't be 50 per cent a federal Liberal and the other half provincial."

Mr. Applewhaite praised the new provincial leader of the party—Art Laing—and said "he had guts and courage to give up a great future in Ottawa to

French Reinforce Defences by Airlift

HANOI, Indo-China.—Communist-led Vietminh troops sweeping toward the royal Laotian seat of Luangprabang captured another French Laotian defence post today—this one only about 25 miles north of the town.

It was the third reverse suffered by the defending forces in as many days.

The black-clad invaders of Laos—one of the three French associated states of Indo-China—successfully stormed the defences in Muongmung as the possibility increased of an all-out assault by the week-end on residents of the city of aged and ailing King Sisavong Vong.

Improved weather has permitted French planes to bomb the invading columns with napalm, forcing the enemy units to split into smaller groups.

French Union forces are busily reinforcing defences by airlift for a strong stand against the enemy they have fought throughout Indo-China for the last seven years.

The Vietminh, led by wily, Moscow-trained Ho Chi Minh, appear to be directing their new drive towards a morale-building, if not so strategic, capture of the royal seat and the kingdom's administrative capital of Vientiane on the southern border.

Aided by 3,000 tons monthly of military supplies from neighboring Red China, three times the amount received before the Laos invasion, the rebels then could push through the less severe terrain of Cambodia, which with Laos and Viet Nam form the Indo-Chinese Associated States under French control.

The Laotians hope the invaders will stand for a big fight on a battleground of French choice but present indications are that the Vietminh have no intention of doing so.

The French and Laotians believe they can hand Ho Chi Minh's troops a severe setback if only they can get them out of the mountains and jungle and into a spot where they can be plastered by troops equipped with vastly superior fire power. But it has long been the Vietminh tactic to avoid any open showdown battle with French Union forces.

Eisenhower Proposes Budget Cut

WASHINGTON.—President Eisenhower laid before Congressional leaders today preliminary proposals to whack approximately \$8,500,000,000 off Truman's budget.

The lawmakers who sat in on the discussion at the White House, said tentative cuts would include reduction of about \$5,000,000,000 in Truman's proposals for military spending.



IN A SCENE REMINISCENT of the dry and dusty days on the prairies during the '30s, sifting dust inches up on the wheels of a wagon on the farm of Jack Brown at Headingly, Man., 18 miles west of Winnipeg. Many southern Manitoba farmers are delaying seeding in the hope they soon will get needed rain.



JACK MERRAIE

Jack McRae Heads Federal Liberal Group

J. D. (Jack) McRae, former Liberal member of the provincial legislature for Prince Rupert, yesterday was elected president of the Skeena Federal Liberal Association.

His election came at the annual meeting here and was unanimous. He succeeds Clarence Bussinger of Telkwa.

Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent was elected honorary president and E. T. Kenney, former minister of lands and member of the B.C. Legislature for 24 years, was named honorary vice-president.

Mr. Bussinger was elected vice-president at large and vice-presidents of the five provincial districts within the federal constituency—Prince Rupert, Skeena, Atlin, Omineca and the northern portion of McKenzie—will be elected at later meetings in other centres.

Ray McLean was elected secretary.

At a meeting in the Civic Centre, there were 44 accredited delegates and 19 proxies.

Bruce Brown, Liberal candidate in the forthcoming provincial election, in a brief address to delegates, said that he felt "there is an excellent opportunity for a Liberal government to be elected."

"But," he stressed, "it will be a lot of hard work. With a great deal of effort, we can go a long way."