



Army Helps Rebuild Pusan

RICHARD S. WHITCOMB (left), United States Army, Commanding General of the area, is shown with Syngman Rhee, President of Korea, as they discuss the development of the area. The housing area in Pusan, Korea, is being built with U.S. Army aid, for the Koreans whose homes were devastated by the fire that swept the city last November.

Lebanon's Deposed Dictator Flees Nearby Capital

BEIRUT (AP)—Syria's new government, headed by Gen. Adib Shihab, today as leaders of the revolt appeared in the country's major cities. The Syrian embassy in Beirut today announced that the deposed president, Fuad II, had fled to the Lebanese capital. The Syrian government said it was taking over the major city of Aleppo. In London, the Syrian embassy said it was expected that the Syrian government would become president, if it had not already done so.

TERRACE-KITIMAT HIGHWAY SURVEY TO START SOON

TERRACE—Survey of a route for the Kitimat-Terrace highway will be carried out as soon as weather conditions permit, R. S. Lawrence, of Terrace, has been advised. Cost of the work will be shared equally by the B.C. government and the Aluminum Company of Canada.

Mr. Lawrence, who was in Victoria for the opening of the Legislature at the invitation of Premier W. A. C. Bennett, received this information during his visit from the Premier and Public Works Minister P. A. Gagliardi.

The Premier expressed himself as very much aware of the development in this part of the country and is giving the area a considerable amount of thought, Mr. Lawrence reported on his return here.

—all aboard 5-Year Car Plate Failure Tickles Licence "Spotters"

By G. E. MORTIMORE
"Spot-the-licence-plate" used to be an intriguing game, for the people who knew the rules. A man could give the impression of great worldly wisdom by glancing at parked cars and saying: "That convertible comes from Vancouver. That big sedan is from Revelstoke. The coupe on the corner—that's a Princeton car. I can tell from the licence numbers."

Numbers were allotted according to district. But in 1952 the game grew more difficult. The government issued new aluminium plates designed to last five years. The plates bore a totem and a maple leaf, allowing space for only five digits. The highest possible number was 99,999.

Since B.C. then had some 300,000 motor vehicles, letters were added fore and aft of licence numbers, and in between. It was still possible to tell where some cars came from by looking at their plates, but you had to think a little harder.

During the next two years a lot of cars changed hands and moved to other towns. The motor vehicle bureau, running short of numbers in one series, and finding a surplus in another series, began to shift the numbers around.

Pin-pointing a car by its licence is now largely guesswork. But there is hope ahead.

The "five-year" aluminium plates were a flop. They buckled too easily, for one thing. A number of owners—especially of commercial vehicles—had to buy new plates at \$2 a shot, which didn't please them. The filing system was hard to operate.

So those pesky plates are to be abandoned. The five-year plan goes overboard after only three years. Commercial vehicles have new steel plates now. Private-car owners are picking up validation tabs for the last time.

Unidentified Workman Buried Under Snowslide Near Kemano

Police Dog Joins Search For Man

KEMANO—A police dog joined RCMP and a gang of workmen at dawn today in a frantic search for a man buried under a mountain of snow.

Wheat Buyers Lacking

OTTAWA (CP)—Canada's 614,000,000-bushel wheat crop is going begging for buyers.

Trade Minister Howe said Thursday in the Commons that so far, none of the 1953 wheat crop, second largest in history, has been sold.

For that reason, he informed Hazen Argue (CCF-Assiniboia), the Canadian wheat board cannot, at present, make any interim payment to Western producers participating in the 1953-54 wheat board pool.

He touched on current problems as he announced a long-delayed close-out of the 1952-53 pool. The board will distribute \$58,282,000 to farmers as final payment on the pool's operation.

This amounts to an average of 10.934 cents a bushel on the 533,000,000 bushels delivered to the board in the crop year Aug. 1, 1952, to July 31, 1953.

It brings to \$1.816 a bushel, basis No. 1 Northern, the total price paid to the farmer for his 1952-53 wheat, compared with \$1.83 paid in the previous crop year.

Mr. Argue observed that the close-out prices announced "are quite satisfactory." But he wanted to know whether the government would this year, as it has in recent years, make an interim payment on the current wheat crop.

The government's policy will be announced in due course, replied Mr. Howe, but he could say "an interim payment will not be made at the present time for the very good reason that we have not sold any wheat from the last crop."

Though Mr. Howe gave no further detail, it is generally known that wheat sales are lagging.

The unidentified man is believed to have been caught in a huge snow slide which hurtled down a mountain late yesterday onto the road near Horetzky Creek Camp, five miles north of here.

The slide, near avalanche proportions, hit with no warning at about 3:30 p.m., breaking loose from the mountain side, roaring down to bury a long, narrow stretch of ground. The slide, cut loose by spring-like temperatures at the warmest hour of the day, is about 400 yards long and 20 to 30 feet wide.

Workmen from the creek camp, with an RCMP officer from Kemano started a search when the man was reported missing.

The police dog was flown in by chartered plane from Prince George to join the search this morning. It was hoped he might be able to narrow the field for digging operations in the big slide area.

The missing man, whose name was withheld pending notification of relatives, was an employee of Morrison-Knudsen Company, contractors on the power project at Kemano, for the Aluminum Company of Canada.

Doctor Inge Dies at 93

LONDON (AP)—Dr. William R. Inge, 93, famed British churchman and former "gloomy dean" of St. Paul's cathedral, died today.

Dr. Inge had been ill for several weeks with bronchitis.

His mind was alert to the end. Even as he reached 90, he came forth with yet another of the dour predictions which gave him his nickname:

"We are approaching another dark age."

In 1944, during the Second World War, at 83 he said: "As a great industrial nation we shall not and cannot recover from this war."

New 'Wagon' In Service

Prince Rupert's "Black Maria" went the way of all good cars today, and in its stead, RCMP proudly rode in a spanking new van of robin's egg blue.

The new police wagon hit the streets today, when the men of the city detachment completed transfer of warning lights, siren and radio equipment from the old van.

The old wagon, which has outlived its usefulness after transporting hundreds of culprits to and from the police office and jail, has been relegated to a used car lot.



IN ADDITION TO HER TELEVISION and movie work, lovely Gale Storm has time to perform the official functions as Mayor of Sherman Oaks, Calif. Mama Gale is shown here with her three lusty "whirlwinds" (left to right): Peter, 7; Paul, 6; and Phillip, 10.

Applications For Work At Kitimat 'Heartening'

Applications for work at the Alcan project in Kitimat have been "very heartening," Geoffrey Whitehead, company employment manager at Vancouver, reported here today.

Mr. Whitehead has just completed a trip along the CNR northern line as far as Prince George interviewing applicants for all positions, with the emphasis on production work. While declining to report figures, he said there was no shortage of applications for the 1,100 positions to be filled by the end of September. Mr. Whitehead, who is leaving for Kitimat tonight, was in Prince Rupert for two days earlier this month for the purpose of holding interviews.

The company official said that applicants did not appear

in the least deterred by the fact that housing for families at Kitimat would not be immediately available. He explained that the policy was to be entirely frank with applicants and to point out difficulties that will be encountered before the townsite project is completed.

The first group of workers will move to Kitimat in time for commencement of operations by the first potline in midsummer, and the second group will follow when the next potline is ready to start two months later. Applicants to be taken on will be so advised by the end of March.

U.S. Soldiers Return to Duty

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)—The commander of Fort Richardson Thursday ordered the release to regular duty of four soldiers after they had served only three weeks of a six months sentence for refusal to perform duties on their sabbath.

The four soldiers, members of the Alaska Mission of Seventh-day Adventists, were sentenced by a military court martial after refusing to participate in a Saturday morning alert.

They were freed from the post stockade on orders of Col. Barney Daughtry, who said the principle involved has been established and he felt it was unnecessary to continue the punishment.

House Approves Organization Of German Army

BONN (AP)—The West German Bundestag lower house today approved constitutional changes authorizing the arming of half a million German soldiers to serve in the proposed European army.

The vote was 334 to 144. The decision represented an important victory for pro-Western Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, who has based his foreign policy on linking West Germany militarily and politically.

QCA Discusses Air Ambulance Service in B.C.

VICTORIA (CP)—An air ambulance service could be established in British Columbia for an outlay of a sum in the neighborhood of \$225,000 for the first year, president A. J. Spilsbury and R. B. Gayer of Queen Charlotte Airlines said Thursday following an informal discussion with members of the legislature.

The meeting, arranged by Frank Calder (CCF-Atlin) who has long called for such a service, discussed a brief presented to the government 18 months ago.

The two men estimated the service would require five aircraft. They estimated it would cost about \$200,000 a year to operate the service. Of this, around \$85,000 would be recoverable in revenues.

The planes, plus a helicopter which they suggested would be necessary, would be based in five centres—Vancouver, Prince Rupert, Prince George, Ocean Falls and Kamloops.

SNAKES, SNAILS MAKE TASTY DISH

Servicemen Have Variety of Topics To Describe in Letters From Japan

By JACK BRAYLEY
TOKYO—Japan can provide the 7,000 Canadians in the Far East forces with topics for letters home as varied as the ingredients in sukiaki, which soldiers describe as the Irish stew of Japan, "cooked while you watch."

Some probably have written of these things. To others, the Japanese way of life has become so commonplace they no longer consider it worthwhile describing to their families.

A Canadian soldier, sailor or airman giving his first impressions can't ignore the ever-present smell of sewage but he soon learns there is good reason why it's so uncomfortable.

ably handy to the nose—it's routed into "honey-buckets" and sent to the rice paddies and vegetable terraces to fertilize the soil.

The boy from the Alberta or New Brunswick farm is impressed by the use of every inch of soil for cultivation and every facility for fertilization.

This maximum use of resources explains in some measure how this country was able to mount such a gigantic war effort despite the general standard of living. Now the industrious Japanese is working 10 and 12 hours a day, seven days a week, for his country's recovery.

The hard-won national leader, consisting mostly of vegetables and fish, is made a little more varied by home-grown oranges and enormous pulpy apples. There are also exotic preparations made from snakes and snails, and slices of bamboo that taste like chestnuts, go into stews and salads.

The letter writer, too, can probably fill you in on many interesting phases of the Far East news because in Japan he can read half a dozen English-language papers which keep him up-to-date on the situation.

The letter home may describe a wild ride in one of the Tokyo taxis and pass on the unconfirmed report that they

are driven by former Kamakaze suicide pilots. But in spite of the speed there are fewer dented fenders in Tokyo than Montreal and traffic moves quickly because of the split-second timing and aim of the driver.

The Canuck may be a bit restricted in what he writes about the strip shows, but he will describe the more traditional live stage entertainment such as the Kokusai theatre. This company trains for a year before each season and mixes a little Western music hall variety to add spice to the show—and, incidentally, to appeal to the mass of American and British troops.