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ARE 14 OF THE 15 CANADIAN SOLDIERS listed by L. Cpl. Paul Dugal of Quebec City as prisoners of war in Korea. Left to right: (top row) Pte. Ronald Bruce Watson, Toronto; Joseph Terrence Allain, Rexton, N.B.; Pte. Arthur Baker, Montreal; L. Cpl. William Bell, Pte. J. Armand Francois Bellefeuille, Hull, Que.; (second row) Pte. James William Hamilton, Hamilton; Pte. Kenneth Herbert Dawe, Grand Bend, Ont.; Pte. Robert Thomas Guelph, Ont.; Pte. Eugene Joseph Field, Windsor; L. Cpl. John Frederick Jollymore, Ont.; (bottom row) Pte. Elmer James McInnis, Cape Breton, N.S.; L. Cpl. Gerald Allan Hiney, Melita, Man.; Pte. Donald Francis Oson, Ridgeway, Ont.; and Pte. Thomas Edward Bell, Dundas, Ont.

Conflicting Stories Told by Released Korea War Prisoners

By BILL BOSS
Canadian Press Staff Writer
FROM VILLAGE, Korea—Conflicting pictures have emerged from correspondents reporting the past few days of exchange of prisoners of war. On the one hand there are accounts of American prisoners being marched and atrocities; on the other are Commonwealth accounts of uniformly decent treatment. British security regulations governing the interviewing of British and Australian prisoners prevent either corroborative or balanced narratives compared with United States reports which are being played with all stops out.

Ill Treatment Reported. Commonwealth Prisoners

(CP)—Commander of Commonwealth forces here, Lt. Gen. Harry Wells, said that not one Commonwealth prisoner free by the Communists so far has told of marches or similar ill treatment. In an official statement released here, Wells said "from interviews with repatriated Commonwealth prisoners of war we gained no knowledge of such marches or similar ill treatment."

Mystery About Body of Man

SEATTLE (CP)—Washington state patrol said today the body of a man had been found near the charred wreckage of a four-engine U.S. Air Force military aircraft which crashed into a hillside after it was abandoned by its listed crew of 10. Presence of the dead man, Roger D. Rondeau, 27, Boeing Airplane Company worker, could not be explained. Men who parachuted said they did not know he was on craft.

FOOTBALL

ENGLISH LEAGUE
Division I
2, Charlton Athletic 1, Aston Villa 2, Chelsea 9, Blackpool 5, Manchester United 2, Bolton Wanderers 3, North End 2, Arsenal 4, Wednesday 4, Sunderland 1, Derby County 2, Huddersfield Town 3, Wolves 2, Portsmouth 2, Bristol City 1, Bristol Rovers 2, Exeter City 1, Plymouth Argyle 3, Swansea Town 2, Rotherham United 0, Huddersfield Town 0, Southampton 6, Blackburn Rovers 1, West Ham United 3, Barnsley 1.
SCOTTISH CUP FINALS
Aberdeen 1, Rangers 1.
SCOTTISH LEAGUE
Division A
Hibernian 7, Third Lanark 1, Partick Thistle 3, Airdrieonians 2, St. Mirren 3, Raith Rovers 2.
Scottish Non-League
Cowdenbeath 1, Dumfries Athletic 1, Falkirk 0, East Stirling 1, Montrose 3, Arbroath 0, Hamilton Academicals 1, Motherwell 0.

Russia Prepared To Begin Talks To Settle World Controversies

Eisenhower's Speech Answered by Pravda

White House Says Decision May Settle Cold War Problems

By The Canadian Press

MOSCOW.—The official newspaper of the Communist party declared today that Russia is ready to enter into "business-like" discussions with the West to end the great world controversies, but made it clear the Soviet Union is not retreating anywhere along the line of foreign policy.

The Russian reply to President Eisenhower's April 16 foreign policy speech was spread across the entire front page of Pravda in an editorial.

TONE SHARP

The whole tone of the Pravda reply was sharp and argumentative, but it was not vituperative or belligerent. It declared: "The Soviet government will welcome any step of the American government or any other government if it is directed at friendly settlement of difficult questions," and added: "The Soviet people invariably supported all steps directed toward concluding a just truce in Korea."

The editorial held out Korea as a No. 1 example of deeds, not words, in favor of peace.

FIRST STEP

In Washington, the White House said Russia's new peace statement may be "first step toward something concrete" in settling cold war problems. "If so," an official White House statement said, "the free world will continue to wait for definite steps that must be made if Soviet leaders are sincerely interested in a co-operative solution to world problems."

Canada Seeks Agreement With Japan

OTTAWA (CP)—Canada is negotiating a new trade agreement with Japan which Trade Minister Howe expects will be "mutually beneficial to both countries." The minister made the disclosure in the Commons through the House and parried opposition criticism of Canada's trading policies.

Mr. Howe was questioned closely about Japan—to whom Canada sold \$102,000,000 worth of goods last year and took \$13,000,000 in return—and about Japanese competition.

He said "negotiations are proceeding for a trade agreement between Japan and Canada in an amicable and friendly manner and we have good reason to believe that an agreement will be arrived at, which will safeguard the interests of Canadian manufacturers and at the same time will be mutually beneficial to both countries."

-WEATHER-

A large low pressure area to the west is spreading moist air over the province. In coastal regions the present showery weather will continue over the weekend. Gale snow blowing in exposed north coastal waters will subside gradually during the day. Cloud is spreading slowly eastward across the interior and a few showers are possible in the western part tonight. With the increased cloud cover temperatures tonight will not be quite as cold as those last night.

Forecast

Gale warning continued. Intermittent rain today, cloudy with a few showers Sunday. Little change in temperature. Winds in exposed locations southeast 30 this morning becoming southerly 20 this afternoon. Low tonight and high Sunday at Port Hardy 44 and 55; Sandspit and Prince Rupert 42 and 53.

Rail Union Chief Scores Pact Failure

OTTAWA (CP)—The Canadian chief of Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen has accused the railways of "welshing" and "stalling" in implementing a wage agreement reached in February under the threat of a rail crippling strike.

But A. J. Kelly, boss of the 22,000-member union, said no strike was contemplated while the complaints were under arbitration.

Kelly said he looks for a decision in the next few days from the arbitrator, Mr. Justice R. L. Kellock of the Supreme Court of Canada, and he hopes the verdict will be favorable.

The union and the railways placed arguments before Mr. Justice Kellock on Thursday. Major point at issue, Mr. Kelly said, is that the railways are disputing part of the settlement applying to freight-train employees, and until it is settled are holding up retroactive pay cheques for all BRT members.

Retroactive pay goes back to April 1, 1952.

In Vancouver, BRT members threatened to take strike action over the retroactive pay issue. "We are just not going to do that until we have exhausted every other means," Mr. Kelly said.

Kitimat Chooses Reeve

By The Canadian Press
KITIMAT.—The people of Kitimat—a metropolis in the making—have elected their first municipal official as part of the change-over from construction camp to community.

W. H. Sperks, employee of the Aluminum Company of Canada since 1951, was elected by acclamation Thursday as reeve of Kitimat municipality.

Another election will be held April 30 to decide the municipal council. Nine candidates will try for six seats.

Mr. Sperks, a native of Belmont, rejoined the water rights branch of the provincial government after serving with the RCAF in the Second World War.

He was transferred to Kamloops, as assistant district engineer, and in 1947 left the government service to become city engineer there.



WEARING COLORFUL COSTUMES of their ancestral land, these young Japanese-Canadians were on hand to welcome Crown Prince Akihito of Japan to Montreal. Prince Akihito has been touring across Canada on his way to the Coronation.

Leader Appeals to Doukhobors To End 'Stupid Game' of Fires

VANCOUVER (CP)—Stefan S. Sorokin, bearded spiritual leader of the fanatic Sons of Freedom Doukhobors, has appealed for an end of "this stupid game" of home burning in the Kootenays.

In a letter from Uruguay, where he is seeking a new home for his people, Sorokin said: "If the fires occur during the night, secretly, then I can't help anybody. But if they are performed openly and in broad daylight, as it was in the past when they burned their own homes, then the consultative committee should look into the matter and legally put an end to this stupid game."

Referring to his efforts in Uruguay to find a haven for his followers, Sorokin wrote: "The government here has promised to give a decision re immigration to Uruguay. Of course, this only applies to the peaceful tollers and not to firebugs and criminals."

Sorokin said he had not yet been informed by the consultative committee—a government-appointed body on Doukhobor affairs—of a recent renewed outbreak of burning and dynamiting in the Kootenays.

His letter was made public just one day after Attorney-General Robert Bonner of British Columbia announced rewards would be paid for information leading to arrest and conviction of the dynamiters and arsonists.

It was written in answer to a telegram "informing me of the rapidly-increasing burnings and asking of me a message for the people, and of my return."

He added: "My people, the Reformed Doukhobors, will not participate in any burnings and

other forms of violence, as they have repeatedly pledged themselves and stated their stand in the press, but are awaiting the solution to their problem, which I, too, am occupied here in Uruguay."

B.C. COAST SEAMEN TO TAKE STRIKE VOTE

VANCOUVER—The AFL Seafarers' International Union wage negotiation committee announced Friday that a strike vote will be taken immediately among 1,000 seamen in three major British Columbia coast steamship lines.

The committee Thursday rejected a majority report of the federal conciliation board recommending \$30 monthly pay increase. Lines involved are Canadian Pacific, Canadian National and Union Steamships. Seamen originally asked for a \$50 increase for deckhands.

Shotgun Carrying Guards Patrol Against Doukhobors

NELSON, B.C. (CP)—Determined men, carrying shotguns, stalked through villages in the Slocan

valley last night, protecting their homes and businesses against "possible violence by the Sons of Freedom Doukhobors."

Second Rescue In 10 Days

SEATTLE.—Two men were rescued Friday from the mountainside where two pilots died in a crash of their Seattle-bound C46 transport.

It was the second miracle of the mountainside in 10 days in which survivors emerged from a wreckage.

Fearful of continuance of terrorist raids which have destroyed 23 homes and buildings this spring, non-Doukhobor residents of the valley are taking no chances.

Armed night patrols have been organized in most communities and the situation is described as tense. One shot already has been fired. A jittery guard let go a warning blast from his shotgun when two men failed to answer his challenge. No one was hurt.

Civic Centre Hobby Show Features Many Outstanding Handicraft Items

The Civic Centre Hobby Show is proving so successful that it will be held over for another day.

The show, which opened Friday afternoon, will now continue until Monday night, announced Rowland Miles, crafts instructor, in charge of the display.

This year's display, open to all hobbyists whether or not members of the Civic Centre craft classes, is the biggest such display ever staged here.

There are many magnificent works of art included in the hundreds of items on display, outstanding among which are articles made of leather, pictures of copper foil, woodwork of all kinds, machining, embroidery, knitting. Special attention has been

drawn to the copper work display, a large hooked wool rug, a ship's model, a leather handbag and intricate fretwork furniture.

Ornate items include kneeling pads for church-goers, intricately designed dolls' clothes, totem pole carving and cushion covers.

Group displays have been entered by Booth Memorial High School industrial arts class, other school groups, Miller Bay Hospital and a leather work display is expected from Vancouver.

The show is open continuously today from 2:30 p.m. in the afternoon and after 9 p.m. Sunday when coffee will be served, and all afternoon and evening on Monday.

Special feature is the showing of movies on various types of

handicrafts, illustrating methods.

Mr. Miles, who is enthusiastic with the number of entries in the display hopes this year's event is the forerunner of "bigger and better shows."

Display takes up space in both the Civic Centre gym and auditorium.

"While this is the best display of hobby work we have had here there are many more artists in this area whose work would be most interesting to see."

"Publicity of this show should attract even more entries next year," said Mr. Miles. The Civic Centre handicraft class students helped to arrange the display and will assist in serving refreshments Sunday, both in the afternoon and in the evening.