

Police Comb Saskatchewan For Slayer of Little Girl

OGEMA, Sask. (CP) — RCMP announced at noon today a suspect has been picked in connection with the slaying of Irene Mooney, blonde six-year-old who was sent to a store for ice cream Saturday night and was raped and slain on the way home.

Name of the man held or details of the arrest were not disclosed.

RCMP set up roadblocks over a wide area in their quest for a young man seen in the store and who left immediately after Irene. A police dog was brought from Regina, 76 miles north of here.

Irene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Art Mooney of Edgeworth, 19 miles north of Ogema, was found shortly after midnight, only 300 feet from the home of her grandparents whom she was visiting.

Her body was brought to Regina Sunday for an autopsy. Death was caused by strangulation. The child also received a severe blow on the head. There was evidence of criminal assault.

The suspect was described as in his late 20s or early 30s.

Irene, with her parents and a six-week-old brother, drove from their farm home to visit her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Don MacDonald. About 10:30 p.m. she set out for a store on the main street to buy ice-cream. Her body was found near a stable.

WALKED TWO BLOCKS
On her errand to the store, Irene walked just two blocks and then a short distance on the main street.

The package of ice-cream was found and there were signs of a struggle. The girl is believed to have been dragged into the yard where the assault occurred.

Man Who Built Slocan Town Dies at 89

SANDON, B.C. (CP) — A Virginian who twice built this Slocan Valley town and twice watched it die, died himself Sunday in a hospital at nearby New Denver.

He was John Morgan Harris, 89, who lived here 61 years. His widow will take his body back to Marshall, Va., where he was born.

Only 100 persons live in Sandon now. But that's still more than there were in 1892 when Mr. Harris moved here from Idaho on the heels of rich silver and lead discoveries along the Slocan.

He founded the town the same year. Soon, Sandon had 27 hotels and 23 saloons. Three railroads, the Great Northern Canadian Pacific and Spokane Falls and Northern, built lines into the town for the ore.

Mr. Harris and the late Fred T. Kelly, his partner, organized the Reco Mining & Milling Co. and between 1894 and 1897 nearly 1,700 tons of ore were rawnhided down Reco Mountain to be shipped to smelters. Total yield of the Reco vein was nearly \$900,000.

DESTROYED BY FIRE
In 1900, the town was wiped out by fire. Mr. Harris rebuilt it on its original site some 41 miles northwest of Nelson, B.C. But Sandon never quite recovered and declining silver price saw the population dwindle to 40 just before the Second World War.

Then, the town Mr. Harris and silver had built came back and more than 1,000 Japanese relocated from coastal areas were moved here. Also, silver and lead prices appeared heading for another climb and the population climbed with it back up to 300.

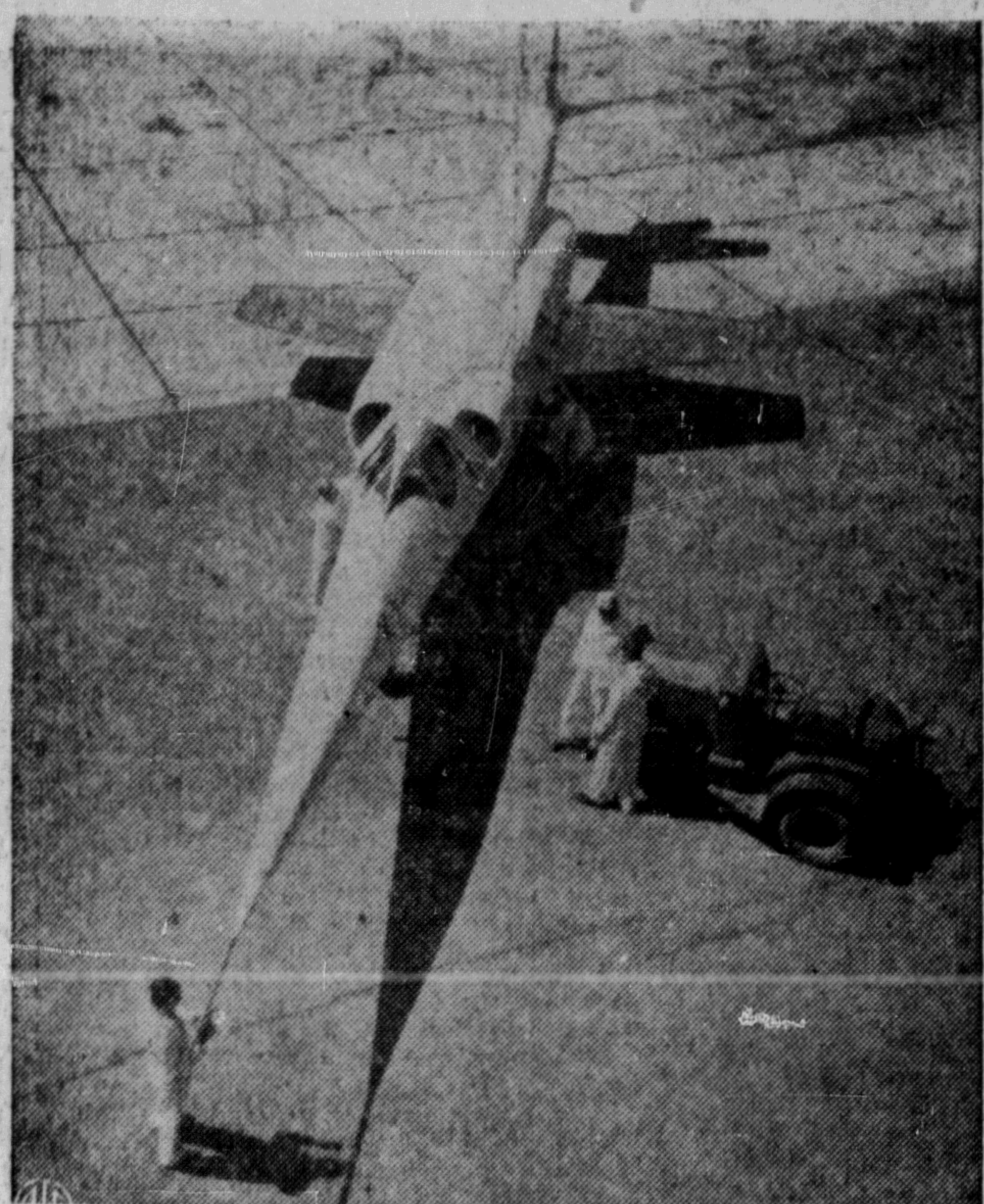
However, after the war the silver and lead prospects again skidded and with it the population.

Exports Down By \$31 Million

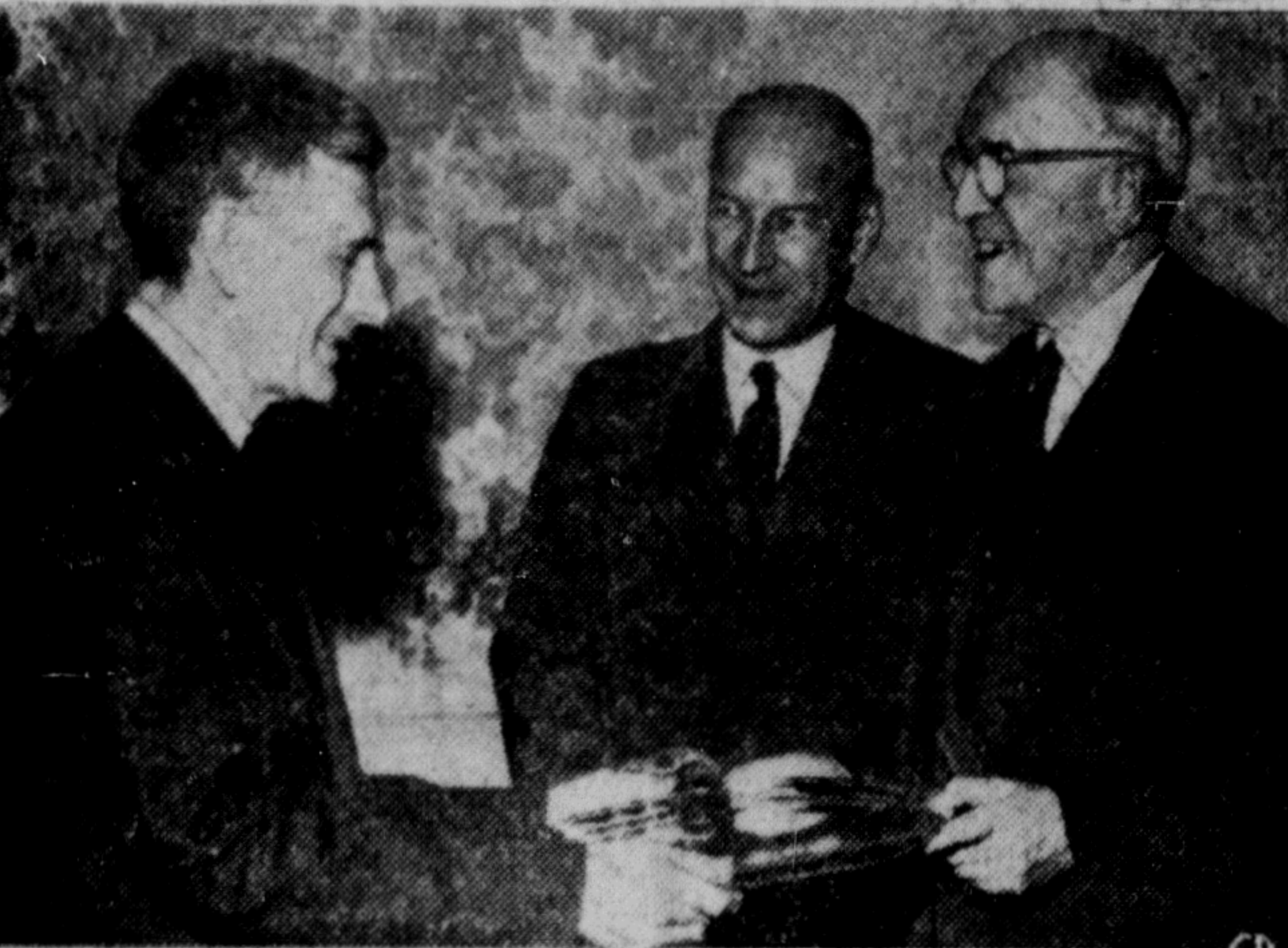
OTTAWA (CP) — Canada's exports declined by \$31,500,000 during October, reflecting a drop in shipments to the United States, Latin America and continental Europe.

October's shipments dropped to \$347,857,000 from \$379,357,000 last year, bringing the 10-month 1953 total to \$3,456,521,000.

Logs that could never make anything but poor lumber are the chief raw material of the pulp and paper industry of Canada.



THIS IS THE FIRST RELEASED photo of the U.S. Air Force's X-3 research ship recently turned over to the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics for further research. The X-3, carrying 1,200 pounds of instruments, was designed and built by the Douglas Santa Monica Division



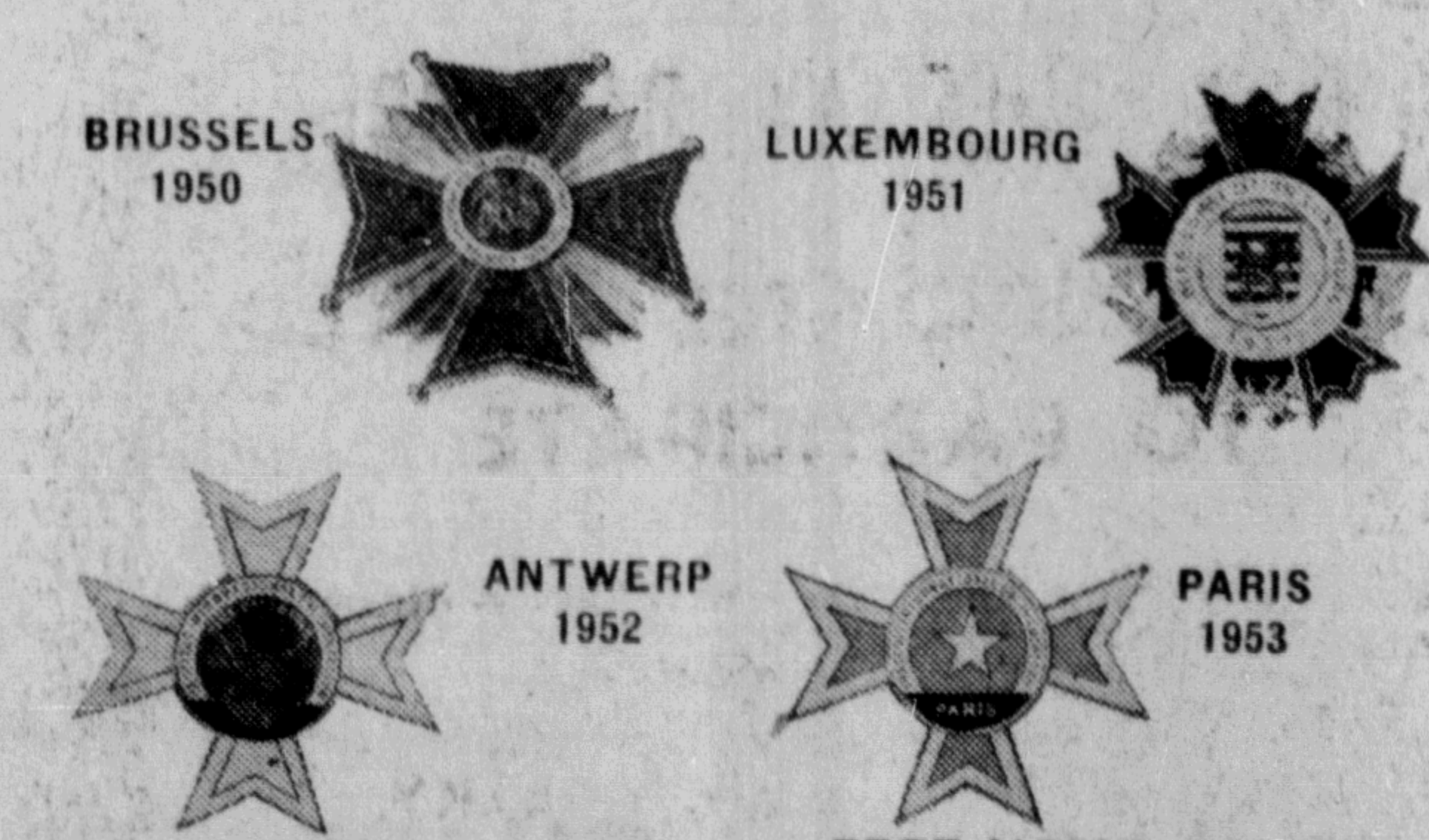
W. D. NEIL, retired general manager of communications, CPR, was thanked in Montreal by officers and members of The Canadian Press for many year's co-operation in the development of the national news service. Mr. Neil (left) is presented with an inscribed silver tray by F. I. Ker, former president of The Canadian Press. Centre is Philip Fisher of The Southern Newspapers.



MEMBERS OF THE 1st CANADIAN infantry Brigade in Germany enjoy their new Canadian-style snack bar in the new base at Camp Soest. Left to right: Pte. Jim Steeves, Hamilton; Pte. Allan MacLean, Guysborough, N.S.; Pte. Frank Cameron, Halifax; Pte. Bob Brown, Winnipeg; Pte. Grant Webb, Montreal and a German waitress.

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Special to The Daily News
SMITHERS—Farmers met with Smithers and District Chamber of Commerce in discussion on marketing of Bulkley Valley produce. All but one of the farmers favored organization to meet present and potential market requirements.

Following lengthy discussion of the need for organized co-operation among producers and problems confronting such a step, decision was reached to form a Chamber of Commerce committee to carry out a survey of all district farmers.

The survey is considered an important step to the gearing of Bulkley Valley farm potential to expanding markets at Prince Rupert and Kitimat, as well as local.

Representatives of a Houston farmers' co-operative and the Bulkley Valley Milk Producers told of success being met in organized marketing through good

quality and steady supply. W. T. Burns, president of the Chamber of Commerce and superintendent of the Dominion government experimental sub-station here said the valley had the natural facilities to produce.

Organization and marketing through an agency would relieve the individual farmer of the responsibility of having to seek his own market and of the abnormal costs involved, the meeting was told.

Local merchants would be glad to see organization so that they might be assured of quality and steady supply. As one merchant stated, they would then be dealing with one outlet instead of several individual farmers each week-end, each trying to clear his stock.

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