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## Stewart Sees Air Mail Soon

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STEWART — The monthly meeting of the Stewart Board of Trade, with Vice-President J. J. McKenna in the chair in the absence of President W. R. Tooth, was informed by the Department of Public Works that, owing to dearth of engineering personnel in the province, a resident engineer cannot, at the moment, be appointed for the Atlin district.

The possibility of getting a regular air mail service becomes much brighter as the postal department is now asking for bids for the transport of air mail to and from the plane.

The irregular service of the government radio service operated by the Department of Transport came in for criticism and representations are being made to the department, to have the power of the station increased. E. T. Applewhite, M.P., is being asked for his co-operation in the matter.

It was reported that the Canadian National were interested in the re-opening of an express office here but that they would like to have it on the main street. The matter is under investigation.

The annual meeting of the Associated Boards of Trade of Central and Northern B.C., which is scheduled for August 19, was discussed and it was felt that this Board of Trade should become a member. The Secretary was instructed to write for particulars.

WINNIPEG — While firemen were extinguishing an attic fire in his home, Joseph Fournau, a fire engineer, served coffee to reporters in the kitchen. He said, "Why should I impose my own troubles on anyone else? Would you like some sugar in your coffee?"

## British, Communists Aloof and "Correct" At Hong Kong Border

[Editor's Note: Bill Boss, Canadian Press staff writer with the Canadian forces in Korea, has visited Hong Kong. In this story, one of a series, he describes the border barriers between the British colony and Red China.]

By BILL BOSS  
Canadian Press Staff Writer

LOWU, Hong Kong (CP)—It was almost 11 a.m. and the Kowloon-Canton train was about due at the frontier. The frontier with Communist China is 32 miles north of Kowloon, the mainland part of the colony of Hong Kong. The border is 17 miles long, and is guarded for 13 miles by a string of pill-boxes. The other four miles are considered impassable.

Through heavy drizzle under an umbrella, a Communist postman came past the barrier to an open shed beside the track.

"They come through for the mail," said a Hong Kong police inspector. "They don't let us take it through. When the train is from the other direction, they also bring the mail to use."

"We never go into their territory."

Passengers have to leave the train from Kowloon, walk across the barrier where they are screened, and enter a Communist train which awaits them on the other side.

This is the Oriental Iron curtain, a gap through which trade, travel and mail pass between Hong Kong and Communist China.

The matter-of-fact scene was astonishing since soldiers from the two sides kill on sight in Korea.

The Chinese police on opposite sides of the frontier scarcely exchanged glances. They have not spoken for two years. There has been no incident since the Communists replaced the Nationalists on the north barrier. None is expected.

On the British side, the police control the frontier zone. Army officers entering the area must be escorted. The police want no trouble.

RADIO WELCOME  
Sharp at 11 o'clock a Russian march thundered from a loud-speaker lashed to a tree on the Communist side, then a couple of folk choruses.

"They think the train's pulling in," said the inspector. "But it's

going to be about seven minutes late."

"Welcome Comrades," said the Red announcer. "Have your vaccination certificates ready."

"Leave behind all your imperialist currency. It will be of no use to you here. Be prepared to surrender any you bring with you."

There followed other directions for travellers returning to "New China"—especially about "anti-social luxuries" they would not be allowed to take, including oranges and tinned foods.

The broadcast ended with Communist news and a signature tune.

"We rather like that one," said the inspector. "We find ourselves tapping our feet to it."

"When they play tunes like that we'd like to play a few back to them. I think we're missing a trick, you know."

The march was just finishing as the train puffed in.

"Now they'll catch it for disobeying instructions they haven't heard," said the inspector.

None of the travellers seemed concerned about the frontier. There were rich men and peasants. Some carried their luggage, others used coolies. The forbidden oranges peeped from many bags.

About 500 persons cross the barrier daily in each direction. One mile eastward at Mankow there's a foot crossing used by perhaps 150 daily.

Refugee movement across the frontier is not allowed. The colony is overcrowded already.

Hong Kong police admit only Chinese with re-entry permits authorizing their return to Communist China.

But many refugees are smuggled into the colony, either by boat or over that "impassable" bit of frontier.

The price is as high as a frontier guide thinks the traffic will bear. He generally has an agent in Hong Kong to prospect his customer's connections before he takes on the job.

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## "Vodvil" Returns To Civic Centre

A return of "vodvil" will be an added attraction on the program to be presented April 29 by the Little Theatre group at the Civic Centre. Between the two one-act plays, the Pat Bolton-Mel Thompson team will bring back to the stage some of the zany, slapstick comedy of yesteryear.

"Death Writes A Message," a mystery play, is the story of a woman murderer who is haunted

by the "ghost" of her husband. Direction is by Kenneth Boulter, who also stars in the play.

Second play, "From Five to Five-Thirty," is a comedy, in which three women are greatly concerned with their 70-year-old mother who is doing some "high-stepping" since she needs an heirloom for a considerable amount of money. Directed by Gerry Woodside. Little Theatre also has two entries in the comedy and Drama Festival.

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## Stewart PTA Sale Success

STEWART — The Stewart Parents-Teachers Association held a very successful tea and sale of home cooking on Saturday in the club rooms of the Canadian Legion. The Association netted over \$70 from the sale.

Among those assisting were Mr. T. A. Behensen and Mrs. A. Lawrence at the home cooking booth. Mrs. R. Barwise, Mrs. R. Sharp and Mrs. D. Norton serving tea and Miss Miriam Morgan at the cashier's desk. Little Billy Bourck won a cake decorated with a lamb. Mrs. W. J. Crawford won a doll and Bobby Behensen won a baby's dress.

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