

Aggressive Defence Building Objective Chiang's Army

Note: What kind of army are the Chinese Nationalists building in Formosa, hoping some day to win the island from the Communists? Bill Boss, Canadian Press correspondent, reports that the Canadian forces in Korea, recently visited the island stronghold. In this story, he answers the question.

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TAIPEH, Formosa (CP)—The Chinese Nationalists are building a good army here. If Formosa were captured tomorrow by the Reds, it would give the Reds a great asset.

A-Bombs to Test Defence

Simulated Terror Weapons To Be Used in Britain

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LONDON (CP)—To test results of months of study and training, Britain's civil defence forces—about 200,000 strong—will launch a series of large-scale exercises this spring under conditions simulating an actual atomic-bomb attack.

Although the government has not abandoned hope that an international agreement may yet be reached to outlaw atomic force as a weapon of destruction, it is taking no chances.

Civil defence units have been operating for some time in every strategic centre throughout the country. Hundreds of officers and students already have taken special courses at the Home Office Civil Defence College at Sunningdale Park and at three other schools in Gloucestershire, Yorkshire and Perthshire.

Graduates of these schools will instruct local volunteers in measures to neutralize some of the effects of scientific warfare should the country become involved in a third world war.

The British mission that visited Japan after the atom bomb attack on Hiroshima and Nagasaki estimated that 50,000 persons might lose their lives in a typical British city with a population density of 45 persons to an acre—if caught without warning by a high air burst atomic bomb.

REALISTIC TOUCH
The public, however, has been assured that civil defence is far from powerless against atomic attack and that casualties can be greatly reduced by adequate advance preparations, suitable shelters and an efficient defence organization.

The first practical exercises will be devoted to tests of communications at various control levels. The operations will then be gradually extended to bring the military, police, fire and hospital services into action to cope with an imaginary atomic attack in a selected area.

To forestall any possibility of public misunderstanding, air-raid sirens and fire alarms will not be sounded during the exercises.

In some centres defence units will carry out their exercises in training grounds where fire and bomb incidents can be staged and life-saving methods practiced.

Officials in charge of regional groups will distribute memoranda listing imaginary incidents relating to atomic heat flash, radioactivity and blast damage.

CITY COUNCIL

Civic utilities committee, through the city clerk, is calling for tenders for new uniforms for the members of the fire department.

On instructions of the electrical inspector, Prussian hooks on the telephone pole line from the chlorinator to the booster pump near the city limits will be replaced with crossarms at an approximate cost of \$400, the city council decided. Recommendation was made by the utilities committee.

A telephone and power pole line is to be installed down the lane which separates the City Hall from Wallace's Department Store on joint agreement between the city and Northern B.C. Power Co. Recommendation to this effect from the utilities committee was accepted. The cost will be approximately \$750.

Vinland Lodge, Sons of Norway, has asked the city to install a no parking sign in front of the Sons of Norway Hall on Fifth Avenue where congestion often develops, particularly when entertainments are being held. The matter was referred by council to its traffic committee.

Licensing committee reported the granting of trades licences as follows: John T. Knowles, Clifford Mahone, James Moran and William Shrubbsall, taxi operators; C. Sauer, shoe repairer; Northern Properties Ltd., apartment block, and R. G. Ingram, fuel dealer.

No parking signs will be erected at the Fairview Road bus turntable, council decided at recommendation of the board of works.

Authorized board of works to purchase stores materials including 800 feet of concrete culvert pipe, 12 sets of grader blades and 350 drill bits at cost of \$3100.

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Rental Scheme Disappointing

Regret was heard expressed at the monthly meeting of Prince Rupert Trades and Labor Council that the "low rental" housing scheme had turned out, instead, to be "high rental." It was felt that the scheme had failed to provide desired help for the low income group.

A letter from the Needle Trades Union committee informed that, now restrictions had been removed from the purchase of ladies' garments, handbags and other goods from the United States, some firms had been laying off employees, resulting in their living standards and purchasing power going down. The council endorsed a suggestion that Canadian goods be purchased instead of American and that the co-operation of local storekeepers be sought.

At the suggestion of the Tobacco Workers' Union, the council decided to communicate with Minister of Finance Douglas Abbott and E. T. Applewhite, MP, proposing that the tax on cigarettes be further cut in order to bring the Canadian price down to a level equitable with the United States. The present tax after the three-cent cut is still 22 cents per package of 20 com-

pared with eight cents in the and others on short time.

United States. The high tax was considered to have been the main cause for some 800 tobacco workers in Canada having been laid off since last November with threats of further lay-offs.

Ald. J. W. Prusky was a visitor at the meeting and spoke on such city matters as buildings, power, etc. President W. H. Brett was in the chair.

MANY LABELS

The alligator pear is only one of several names for the avocado, a West Indian fruit.

ANCIENT ADORNMENT

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