Government Proved Right On Military Manpower Plan

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OTTAWA (CP) — Willynilly, officials say, the government is gradually being proved right in its military manpower policy by the changing military times.

The government has always held, of course, that financially and politically the volunteer system for the peacetime armed forces has been the only defence possible for Canada.

But many military men and some officials had doubts that reliance on volunteers was militarily sound in view of the huge threat posed by overwhelming Soviet ground forces.

Representatives of other NATO countries have sometimes privately complained that Canada was not pulling its full manpower weight in NATO.

However, Canadian officials who had doubts about the soundness of relying on the volunteer system say now that it is probably the policy that suits these military times.

FEWER MEN NEEDED

The main reason for their change in attitude is the current emphasis on firepower as a partial replacement for manpower with the advent of new arms.

For instance, NATO at one time had a goal of 90 divisions for Europe. The goal now is 30 and that target may never be reached.

There is talk in both the United States and Britain of eliminating the draft. That is much more likely to occur in the United Kingdom where big defence cuts are in the immediate offing.

The big emphasis now is on forces in being — men trained and equipped to go into action at once. So much and often has this been stressed here that there is even a small body of opinion—it is not vocal—that the army militia might as well be done away with.

Even the 47,000-man Canadian Army, as small as it is, is doing away with two infantry battalions. They will be replaced by a new armored regiment—more firepower and less manpower.

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A LAKE OF OIL surrounds tanks at an Anglo-Egyptian Oilfields installation in the Sinai Peninsula. The area was damaged by Israeli troops during operations in the Sinai.

RALPH EDWARDS LEGEND

Honeymoon in Log Cabin No Hardship To Daughter of Fabulous Woodsman

BELLA COOLA, B.C. (CP)—A 10-by-12 log cabin in a five-acre clearing 75 miles from civilization is the honeymoon home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Turner.

It is the house that Mrs. Turner, formerly Trude Edwards, built herself—her "hope chest" complete with barn, a herd of cattle and all the comforts of a pioneer homestead.

The place is at Lonesome Lake, 45 miles by tortuous mountain road and another 30 miles of rugged trail from this coastal village.

But to Trudy the seeming hardship of such a life is just a matter of course. She is the daughter and only child of Ralph Edwards, a rugged woodsman who carved a ranch out of wilderness and conquered every obstacle of isolation.

WALKED TO WEDDING

To prove there are still women around with true pioneer spirit, Trudy walked the 75 miles to her wedding here from her mountain home with the tall, broad-shouldered surveyor who chose to share the rugged British Columbia outdoors with her.

Trudy's parents flew to the wedding here in the family two-seater plane, about the only "modern" convenience to which the hardy Edwards has succumbed since he first found his home on the lake in 1912.

Both Trudy and her father fly. He received his pilot's licence three years ago when he was 62. He also developed the aircraft to meet his needs at the isolated lake.

Ralph Edwards, with steel-grey beard and twinkling blue eyes, quiet and self-effacing, has become a legend in these parts.

With only four years of schooling, he took aeronautical mathematics by correspondence training and used the knowledge to build a completely renovated plane which passed an official inspection.

He built his own sawmill, waterwheel and power plant, using mainly homemade parts of animal hide and wood.

RANCHER-TRAPPER

He installed irrigation and drainage systems and a 150-foot floating bridge on his ranch.

Many more are the tales of his accomplishments carried out while wrenching a livelihood from the land by trapping, ranching and guiding grizzley-bear hunters.

He walked his first cattle into Lonesome Lake from Bella Coola, rafting them over the lake. All supplies and his beef and vegetables for market came in and went out on the backs of pack horses. In 1945, Edwards decided he'd have to find a new method of transportation.

DESIGNED PLANE

He acquired a used 85-horsepower Continental aircraft engine and decided to build his own flying machine. For eight years he studied on his own, from grade school arithmetic to differential calculus. He designed a toboggan-like landing gear which would work on the lake ice as well as the open ocean at Bella Coola.

When he was ready to start construction the department of transport said it would not study his plans unless they were drawn by a licensed aeronautical engineer.

Undaunted, he scraped together all his savings and those of his daughter and bought a used two-seater Taylorcraft and both daughter and father learned to fly. But when the 65-horsepower engine wore out, he replaced it with the 85-horse Continental, converted the whole aircraft to conform to the added power and flew it to Vancouver. Flabbergasted inspectors checked it and found it airworthy to the amazement of everyone but Trudy and her father.

BLACKWOOD on BRIDGE

By EASLEY BLACKWOOD

Safety Plays Often Overlooked Because of Simplicity

When you speak of a safety play, most players think of playing out a certain suit in such a manner as to guard against unfavorable distribution of that suit in the opponent's hands.

There are other and simpler forms of the safety play. Any play you make which increases your chances of making your contract falls, broadly, into the safety play classification.

There was such a play in today's deal but Mr. Muzzy overlooked it—possibly because of its very simplicity.

Mrs. Keen opened the eight of spades in response to her partner's opening bid in that suit. This card did not particularly look like a singleton. Mr. Meek had bid spades but he never rebid them. There were only three spades in dummy and two in Mr. Muzzy's hand—a total of five. In the eight were a singleton, then Mr. Meek had a seven-card suit. Very unlikely.

But however unlikely, there was a play Mr. Muzzy should have made which would have practically guaranteed the contract.

What he actually did was to win the first trick in his own hand with the ace of spades and lay down the king of diamonds. Mr. Meek took the second trick and returned the ten of spades, which Mrs. Keen ruffed. Now a club lead to Mr. Meek's ace defeated the hand.

"I tried to get trumps out as fast as I could," Mr. Muzzy wailed.

"Too fast," commented Mr. Abel wryly. "You should have done something else first. Win the first trick with dummy's king of spades. Lead the ace of hearts and discard your ace of spades. Then when Meek gets in with the ace of trumps on the next trick and returns a spade you could ruff high and pick up the remaining trump."

Mr. Abel was so right. It was not too unlikely that Mrs. Keen had a lone spade. But the odds were overwhelming that she had at least one heart in her hand.

East dealer
East-West vulnerable

NORTH
Mr. Abel
♠ K 9 6
♥ A 10 7 3
♦ 10 6 5
♣ Q 4 3

WEST
Mrs. Keen
♠ 8
♥ Q J 9 5 4 2
♦ 7 3
♣ 9 8 5 2

EAST
Mr. Meek
♠ Q J 10 7 5 3 2
♥ K 8 6
♦ A
♣ A 7

SOUTH
Mr. Muzzy
♠ A 4
♥ none
♦ K Q J 9 8 4 2
♣ K J 10 6

The bidding:

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Pass	5 ♦	All Pass	

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Tooth-Maker Versatile In Other Ways

LITTLE FORT, B.C. (CP)— The man who drew headlines recently by announcing he had made his own dental plates from a buck deer's teeth is a versatile jack-of-all-trades.

Francis Wharton spends most of his life in his workshop, eight miles from this town, 300 miles northeast of Vancouver.

He is a gunsmith and makes his own ammunition, a watchmaker and inventor. Several of his trigger control mechanisms for guns have been patented. He made his own telescopic sights and a welding outfit.

Believing that the cost of false teeth was too high, he shot a buck deer and made himself a set with the buck's teeth.

"I ate the buck with the buck's own teeth," he told friends gathered about a stove in a country store.

"The teeth worked like a charm. Eat steak—anything. I reckon I could bite through steel with them.

"And you can tell those dentists from me that they aren't getting more than $100 of my money for an upper."

It took three hours to file and grind the buck's teeth to the right size. He used plastic wood for the plate, moulding it around the roof of his mouth. Household cement held the teeth in place.

"Why, I can even eat nuts now," he said.

This was not his first dental job. In 1933, he says, he was a hundred miles from the nearest dentist and he replaced a partial plate and teeth from a moose's horn lined with spruce gum.

Some years later, he says, he made an appointment with Dr. Harry Brown in Barrhead, Alta. It was election time and the dental surgeon was elected to the legislature as Social Credit member for Pembina.

"He said he was so tired from campaigning that he couldn't fix me up. He gave me some rubber composition and teeth and told me to make them myself. I did."

U.K. Airlines Woo Children

LONDON (CP)— British airline companies have a new motto: "Catch them young."

Following the example of Canadian and American air lines, the British companies are going all out to make air travel enjoyable for youngsters.

Like Trans-Canada Air Lines, British Overseas Airways Corporation carries a wide range of picture books, games and puzzles to keep young passengers happy. For small children, there are cuddly dolls and fluffy teddy bears and the training program for stewardesses includes lessons in the art of cutting out chains of paper men.

BOAC has also come up with an idea of its own—the skycot, a small baby crib that hooks onto the overhead luggage rack and in which infants up to one year can travel in comfort and complete safety.

Are children good air travellers? "The best—the very best," says R. E. Kester, veteran BOAC steward.

"Generally speaking, they are less trouble and better passengers than their parents."

Shaky Underpinning

VENICE (AP) — Termites have been found seriously threatening the wooden piles on which most of Venice's buildings rest. A commission of experts has been appointed to try to find a remedy.

Fort Restored

FORT MACLEOD, Alta. (CP) — Restoration of old Fort Macleod by a private group at a cost of $40,000 has begun here. First mounted police fort in Alberta, it was built on an island on the Oldman River in this southern Alberta district.

Housewife Shot

TOKYO (Reuters)—Residents near U.S. firing ranges often dug foxholes near targets so they could collect empty shell cases and spent cartridges, a Socialist party spokesman said today. He was commenting on the findings of a party investigation team inquiring into the death of a Japanese housewife shot Jan. 30 by a U.S. soldier. Authorities said the housewife defied warnings not to trespass on the firing range and that her death was accidental.

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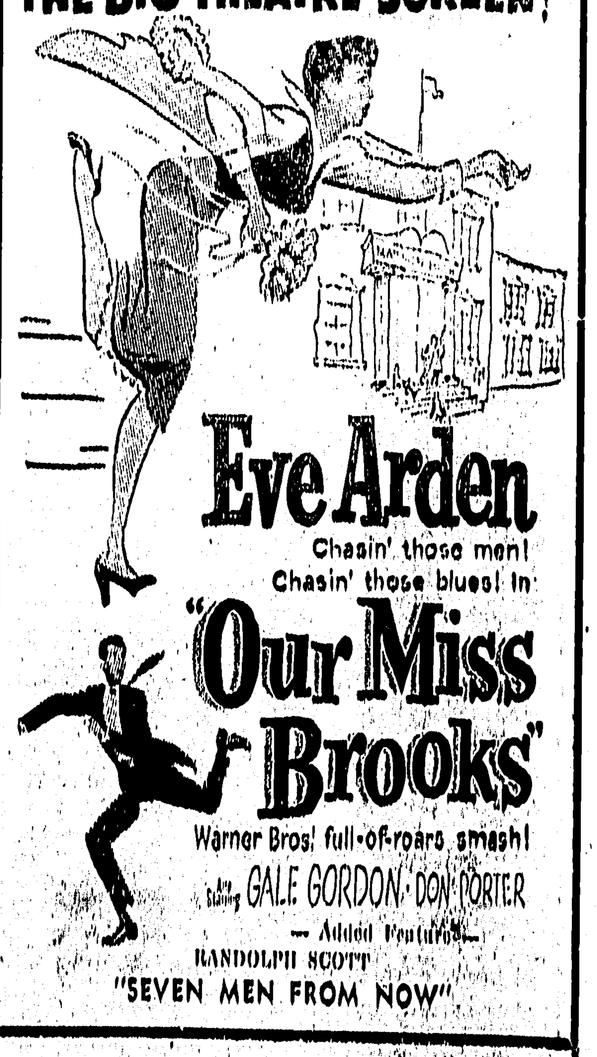
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