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Comments On New Post-War Homes

OTTAWA, Dec. 15 — (CP) —It may be cruel to interfere with the building of castles — and bungalows—in the air, but . . .

Housing Administrator F. W. Nicolls said today that in his [illegible] think the average Canadian post-war home won't be built of plastic, won't be heated by atomic energy, won't cook meals by the mere pressing of buttons.

In fact, the post-war home probably will be very like those of today with perhaps some improvements in arrangement of rooms, a slight increase in size and a few new fittings, Mr. Nicolls said. Some of the homes may be prefabricated, and prices generally will be governed by prevailing conditions not readily forecast.

Mr. Nicolls said his branch is developing plans for what it expects the post-war house will be like. While they are not intended to compete with the work of architects designing houses for individual customers, they would give an indication of probable trends in construction.

In a recent statement on post-war building probabilities, Mr. Nicolls said there never was a time when so many new ideas and innovations were being developed for building. There had been some "fantastic" publicity on what the post-war home would be like.

The "freakish" house, containing all suggestions for housing improvement, would always be beyond the reach of the average man. The feeling that they might be able to obtain such homes caused many persons to postpone owning or suppress their desire to own a new modern home.

PERMIT LIGHTED TREES

FREDERICTON, Dec. 15 —(CP) — Lighted Christmas trees may be placed on verandahs of New Brunswick homes this year but they will not be allowed on lawns, D. W. Wallace, Deputy Director of Civilian Defence in the province, stated today.

LONDON — (CP) — Princess Elizabeth will play the role of Aladdin in the pantomime at Christmas. Princess Margaret will play the princess and the other roles will be taken by friends of the princesses and 25 boys and girls chosen from a school in the country.

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Can Travel In China Despite 77 Months Of War

By CLYDE A. FARNSWORTH
(Associated Press Staff Writer)

WITH CHINESE FORCES IN NORTHERN HUNAN, Dec. 13 — (Delayed) — (AP) — China's internal transport system, after 77 months of war, is badly bent but far from broken

The impact of war on transportation facilities, while obvious in Chungking with the capital's junkyard buses and battered rickshas, is even more noticeable in the course of nearly a 1,000-mile journey to the principal fighting front by air, land and waterway, such as this correspondent now is on.

Before our journey to the fighting front is ended, our party will have ridden on shallow-draft sailboats, horses and sedan chairs, and will also have walked a considerable distance. We set out from Chungking in a standard type of transport plane which the Chinese National Aviation Corporation gets from the United States by lend-lease.

Considering the difficulties of replacement of whole planes and parts, the C.N.A.C. is running an excellent service, both domestically and to India. Except for the fuelling done on the other side of Burma, all the gasoline for this service has to be flown into China.

The next portion of our journey was by rail over part of a system operated at its two ends by the enemy and by the Chinese in the middle. Occasionally along the way our party of correspondents and military attaches saw signs of war's outright destruction and damage—locomotives and freight cars knocked apart by Japanese bombs and airborne cannon, and railway buildings scarred by old attacks.

But the war's greatest effect on this railway is the wear and tear that was not readily visible, such as the washiness in steel rails under long pounding.

The coal available in Free China is soft and of poor quality, thus further handicapping railway power. The railways even lack the proper lubricants. They use vegetable oil

Yet the railways are carrying on, moving freight and passengers on the basis of military needs first. This means turning gondolas and box-cars into passenger coaches. Despite the high fares, there is always a considerable number of civilian passengers. They come to the stations hours ahead of train time, sit in the cold amidst mountainous luggage to win places in the hard-seated third-class coaches or even on flat-cars.

Allies Cold To Balkan Peace Feelers

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 — (AP) — Balkan peace feelers are a dime a dozen and the Allies aren't buying any.

When Bulgaria, Hungary and Rumania want to get out of the war badly enough, they will have to come forward with a different kind of article, labeled "unconditional surrender."

Those are the main facts in the complicated set of military and diplomatic factors known as the Balkans situation. They reflect what must be regarded as the central truth of this situation.

Bombed by Allied planes and bombarded by propaganda, shaken by threat of political upheaval at home and convinced that Germany is doomed, Hitler's Balkan satellites desperately want peace — but not desperately enough to take the only avenue the Allies have opened to them, full surrender.

Out of this predicament springs the peace feeler campaign in which the Bulgarians have been especially enthusiastic participants. In Ankara, capital of neutral Turkey, they have planted hopes and wishful thoughts under the impression they might be able to harvest an armistice short of abject defeat.

Not Official

These feelers have neither official nor semi official status. They are strewn about by business men, diplomats on the loose or others with no authority to commit their governments. Such persons sometimes speak only for themselves, sometimes with secret official sanction.

Thus the satellite governments avoid putting themselves in line for a turn down, yet make known their most desirable terms.

Here was the apparent Allied answer to the feelers:

Sofia was bombed last Friday. State Secretary Cordell Hull issued a statement Saturday, warning Bulgaria, Hungary and Rumania to get out of the war or suffer the same consequences as Germany. The Moscow Radio Tuesday Allied bombers hit Piraeus, a potential invasion port in Greece.

Remember 1918

These and many other recent developments fit definitely into a pattern of Allied effort to eliminate the satellites in order to bottle up, blockade and bomb Germany unmercifully as a preliminary to invasion from the west. Also it is expected that the German people will remember that their defeat in 1918 began in the Balkans.

BRITISH VICTORIES CAUSE SAVINGS DROP

LONDON—(CP)— British military successes have resulted in a "disturbing" drop in small savings in the last four months, from 15,500,000 pounds ($69,750,000) to 11,500,000, says Lord Kinderaley, chairman of the National Saving Committee.

"We must get our savings results into step with the tremendous efforts which the fighting forces are making, and the still greater efforts which they will soon be called upon to make," he said.

Income Taxes for Auxiliary Services

LONDON, Dec. 14 —(CP Cable) —Seventy-five per cent of the 350 auxiliary services supervisors with the Canadian forces overseas are threatening to resign in protest against the Canadian Finance Department's order that they pay income tax.

The supervisors are technically civilians, although attached to the forces. They are paid by the forces and come under military law and discipline. Because of their civilian status they are liable to income tax but for the last four years the tax policy regarding supervisors has not been decided and no tax was imposed. Under a new departmental order, income tax deductions from their pay begin Dec. 22.

Meantime an effort is being made to have the order changed and their position clarified. Heads of the four services—the Y.M.C.A., The Canadian Legion, The Knights of Columbus and The Salvation Army—are going to meet Col. J. L. Ralston, Canadian Defence Minister who now is in London.

Overseas army authorities recommended to Ottawa that the supervisors be treated as army personnel for purposes of income tax exemptions. Service personnel overseas pay no income tax.

Auxiliary services officials said tonight they felt imposition of the tax was unfair to the supervisors because they shared the forces' hardships.

There are 300 supervisors with Canadian army regiments and formations and of this total 81 are with the Canadians in the central Mediterranean. About 40 supervisors are with the R.C.A.F. and 10 with the Royal Canadian Navy. They received $8 50 a day, equivalent to an army captain's pay.

War Makes Home Nursing Imperative

With the ever-growing shortage of doctors and nurses throughout Canada the teaching of Home Nursing by the St. John Ambulance Association has become increasingly important and the number of classes and attendance has been on the upgrade for several months. To keep teaching methods and manuals in line with modern practice, the Nursing Advisory Committee of the Association and Brigade has met in Ottawa to go over the entire field of training and instruction. All Home Nursing classes now are conducted under the St. John-Red Cross Joint Committee.

The Nursing Advisory Committee of St. John consists of Lieut.-Col E. L. Smellie, Matron in Chief, R. C. A. M. C, Miss Maude H Hall, Acting Supt., V. O. N.; Miss Blanche Anderson, Asst. Supt. of Nurses, Ottawa Civic Hospital; Miss Marion Lindeburg, President of the Canadian Nurses Association: Dr. T. B Bain, Dept. Pensions and Health; Dr. T. H Leggett, Surgeon in Chief of St. John; Mrs. Thomas Gilmore, Lady Supt. in Chief of St John and Miss Edith Fenton, Chief Nursing Officer of St. John. At the meeting Mr. Allan T. Lewis, K C., and Senator Norman M. Paterson, Lieutenant and Deputy of the Order; Lady Redfern, the Dominion V A D Officer, and W J Bennett, Director of Ambulance, also attended.

The committee plans to study and advise St. John on all matters pertaining to Home Nursing and will give special attention to the needs of refresher courses for teachers.

Nazi Propaganda Experts Frantic

LONDON, Dec. 14 —(AP)— The all-out allied war of nerves, synchronized with the thunder of bombs on German cities, is driving Hitler's propaganda experts to weirdest outbursts of the war.

All the Germans know for certain is the Churchill-Roosevelt-Stalin pledge at Teheran—that the allies will strike soon from the south, east and west, and that "no power on earth can prevent us from destroying the German armies."

In one breath, Berlin says the allied grand assault will spring from Britain across the fog-shrouded English channel this winter, timed with a great new Soviet winter offensive. Thus, the Nazi-controlled Scandinavian Telegraph Bureau reports, "the High Command spokesman confirmed that Germany's defences in the west are now considered much more important than the defence of Italy."

The Bureau adds Field Marshal Gen. Erwin Rommel has been named anti-invasion chief.

In the next breath, alarmed by the bombing of Sofia and mystified over Turkey's intentions, Berlin declares the main blow will fall against the Balkans, with British and American armies thrusting across the Mediterranean to join the Russians driving toward Rumania and Old Poland from the east.

Far-Ranging Alarms

Immediately the German High Command is reported rushing defences on Kos, Leros, Samos and other Aegean Islands off the Turkish coast and massing troops along the Turkish-Bulgarian frontier.

In between these far-ranging alarms, Berlin wails against the devastating allied "terror attacks", blandly forgetting the words spoken by Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels in 1940 after the Nazi bombing of Coventry:

"We Nazis can only laugh at those who complain about our bombers, a Nazi has no sympathy. We leave that to the degenerate democracies. We Germans will bomb and bomb and the cries neither of mothers nor children will stop us from conquering."

Goebbels' propagandists now are attempting to comfort the bomb-dazed German people with promises of bloody retaliation—with stories of a monster rocket gun that will shoot 130-ton shells more than 100 miles to blast English cities into final ruin.

Weeks have passed since the Germans began boasting of this fabulous new secret weapon, and while Britons have been cautioned officially against discounting it entirely, some here believe the rocket gun either has failed to live up to expectations or allied planes have destroyed the factories producing it.

Meanwhile, forced to divert all available planes to the home front to combat the British and American air offensive, the German High Command has been solemnly informing the troops on the fighting front that Germany is using a new "silent airplane" telling them "the reason you don't see and hear so many planes now is because we are using this invisible machine at night."

WRITERS IN UNIFORM ALLOWED EXTRA TIME

TORONTO, Dec. 14— (CP) — Service men who write are to have an extra year in which to produce in the intervals between battle action their entries for a $2,500 prize offered for the best book produced by a member of the United Nations forces.

The award, offered by Macmillans in celebration of their centenary, was to be given on the basis of manuscripts or plans for books of fiction or non-fiction submitted up to the end of 1943 The firm now announces that "recognizing the arduous nature of service in the armed forces during the past year and the distance from London and New York of the position of many units of the British and American forces, it has been decided to postpone the closing date . . . to December 31, 1944."

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