

MASTER PLAN FOR NORTH ATLANTIC DEFENCE SIGNED

U.S. Urged To Develop Hydrogen Super-Bomb

Plane With 42 Aboard Missing In Northland

EDMONTON, Jan. 27 — (CP)— Search for 42 persons aboard a missing U. S. transport plane to-night centred along the blizzard-swept Alaska Highway flight route.

It also spread to the Vimy district, only 33 miles north of Edmonton, where school children were reported to have spotted a low-flying plane.

Missing for 24 hours, the big plane was homeward bound to its Texas base, carrying a mother and child, 32 military personnel and a crew of eight.

The four engine C-54 U. S. Air Force transport was last reported over Snag, a tiny weather station settlement in the Yukon, 1,300 miles north of Edmonton.

The big Whitehorse air base, a refueling station for wartime planes bound for Alaska, was put on the alert, but the plane was not sighted there. Whitehorse is about 300 miles southeast of Snag.

A search plane has left to scour the Vimy district. Mrs. A. H. Bernard, a school teacher at Vimy, northwest of here, said some of her pupils saw a plane seven miles east of the town last night.

Seventeen Canadian and American aircraft have entered the search along the winter-shrouded highway route. Others, from far-flung U. S. bases, are heading for the north.

The planes took off from bases at Whitehorse and Watson Lake in the Yukon, and Fort Nelson, B.C.

The transport, scheduled to fly non-stop from Anchorage to Great Falls, Mont., was two hours out of the Alaska Elmendorf Field when it passed over Snag.

Airmen described the weather as "not too good" at the time, and heavy icing conditions were reported in the search area today.

Snag, 20 miles from the Alaska boundary, has often been in the news as the "coldest spot in North America."

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Get It Before The Russians, Is Scientist's View

NEW YORK, Jan. 27 — (AP)— Dr. Harold Urey, one of the top atomic scientists in the United States, urged tonight that the United States develop the hydrogen super-bomb before the Russians do it first.

"We may already have lost the armaments race," he said. Urey, who played a leading role in developing the atomic bomb, told a "Roosevelt Day" dinner possession of the super-bomb would make a country so powerful that the bomb might never have to be used, and he added:

"I do not think we should intentionally lose the armaments race. To do this will be to lose our liberties."

Urey, now with the University of Chicago Institute for Nuclear Studies, coupled his H-bomb recommendation with a plea for an immediate federal union of democratic countries to give the West overwhelming strength in its relations with Russia.

The scientist said that "due to some curious prejudice," the advisers to the U. S. Government "have not wished to follow certain lines of development" in atomic research.

"No such prejudice exists among the Canadians, British, French and presumably the U. S. S. R.," he said, "and this has put the U. S. in a very unfavorable position relative to what might have been."

The result of this is a situation highly dangerous to the U. S. Urey said the Russians might well reason along this line:

"It is true that the bomb is exceedingly dangerous, and we would not wish to produce so much radioactivity in the world as to endanger ourselves and the people of Russia, but the explosion of a few of these bombs will win us the world."

"Therefore we will build these bombs and issue ultimatums to the western countries, and the millennium of Communism will be with us immediately. After this the United States will be a dead weight."

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Ferry Company Requests More Extended Contract For Wood Islands Service

A request from the Dominion Government to Northumberland Ferries Ltd. to continue the Wood Islands-Caribou ferry service for another year has been turned down except on condition that a more permanent arrangement can be made, it was learned yesterday from Mr. R. E. Mutch, president of the company.

In its reply the company maintained that it was unfair to expect them to operate on a one-year contract, and at the same time be required to make extensive alterations, involving weight-tight bulkheads and other changes, at a total estimated cost of \$50,000. If a guarantee of several years' operation could be obtained they would be prepared to consider the proposal.

Recently it was announced from Ottawa that the Canadian Maritime Transportation Commission had recommended that a new million dollar ferry be built and that the operation of the service be taken over by the Canadian National Railways.

Polio Patients Flown To Hospital At Montreal

MONTREAL, Jan. 27 — (CP)— Six small children suffering from poliomyelitis tonight were flown into Montreal for hospital treatment from remote St. Augustin, Que., on the bleak shore of the Strait of Belle Isle.

An R.C.A.F. Dakota transport from Goose Bay, Labrador, picked up the children in St. Augustin today, then flew on to Montreal, 1,000 miles away. The plane stopped to refuel at Mont Joli, Que., and touched down at Dorval Airport here at 9:08 p.m.

Canadian army ambulances whisked the children away to hospitals in Montreal.

Wing Cmdr. Eric Campbell of Toronto and Saskatoon, the R.C.A.F. doctor who has been investigating the polio epidemic at St. Augustin, identified the six victims brought in tonight as:

Freddie Maurice, 7; his sister, Ardella, 9; Marina Lavalle, 4; Nancy Clench, 10; Gerry Bursey, 8 and his cousin, Eleanor Bursey, 2.

All are from St. Augustin, a remote hamlet near the Quebec-Labrador border.

Wing Cmdr. Campbell said he had examined 35 patients at St. Augustin during recent days and "most of them seemed to be suffering from some form of polio."

He said there were 350 persons living in the town, 200 of whom were children.

So far, there have been two deaths.

Davy Leon, 6, was flown to Quebec City for treatment and died last Tuesday, Frankie Driscoll, 8, died in St. Augustin Wednesday.

Campbell said the people of the town were deeply concerned over the unusual wintertime epidemic but there was no panic.

He said the six brought out today were felt to be those who would benefit most from treatment.

As far as he knew, he said, there was no immediate danger of further deaths.

"The victims seem to be rallying somewhat," he added.

Pilot of the Dakota making today's mercy flight was Flt. Lt. Stan Yoder of Edmonton.

A passenger was Group Capt. J. A. Verne of Vancouver, commanding officer of the R.C.A.F.'s Goose Bay station.

Clears Way For Flow of Weapons To Re-Arm Europe

By John M. Hightower

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27 — (AP)— President Truman formally approved today the grand defence strategy of the Atlantic Allies and cleared the way for a \$1,000,000,000 flow of American weapons to help rearm Western Europe.

At the same time State Secretary Dean Acheson of the United States and representatives of the eight European countries which will receive the arms signed agreements guaranteeing to use them in strengthening the defences of the North Atlantic area.

In a third move, Truman issued an executive order placing Acheson in charge of the arms program with instructions to administer it in consultation with Defence Secretary Louis Johnson and Paul C. Hoffman, European recovery chief.

Truman's Comment

Truman said in a statement: "The successful implementation of the North Atlantic treaty will require constant and continuing effort and co-operation by all its members. Planning for defence can not be static."

Neither the President nor any of the other major figures in this day's intense round of diplomatic activities aimed any direct verbal slaps at Russia. But the intent of the rearmament of Western Europe with American aid is to make that area strong enough to discourage any Soviet attack or to resist it if it occurs.

The authorization for military aid to the Atlantic Allies was given by Congress, along with necessary funds, last fall.

The military and defence committees of the 12 Atlantic treaty countries and the Atlantic Council worked out and approved the secret plans for integrated defence.

Officials said that arms will begin moving to Europe in about a month.

In the signing ceremony today the U. S. concluded arms-aid agreements with Belgium, Denmark, France, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway and the United Kingdom.

Must Be Strong

Acheson told the signers that the agreements "represent a major concrete step" in carrying out the principle of self-help and mutual aid subscribed to by the members of the North Atlantic treaty which was signed last year.

"Free nations must be strong to remain free," Acheson said, "and the mutual defence assistance program will contribute to the growth of strength and security in all of these nations."

Four of the agreements became effective immediately, the state department said. They are those with Britain, France, Italy and Denmark. The Department said that those with the Netherlands, Norway, Belgium and Luxembourg require ratification steps to make them effective.

While all the agreements differed in some details their major provisions are the same. None of the countries receiving American arms can use them for purposes other than the defence of the North Atlantic area unless the United States agrees.

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Civic Finances Reviewed In Auditor's Statement

The general statement reads as follows:

An increase of \$67,959 in the net debt of the City during 1949, due mainly to capital expenditure on streets, and a deficit on current account of some \$8,379, is reported in the auditor's statement submitted at last night's annual meeting of the City Council.

The statement, signed by Mr. Brenick M. Sears, chartered accountant, gives a clear picture of civic revenue expenditure on current and capital account, housing account, and balance sheets of accounts, trusts and sinking funds, and is drawn up in accord with the formula of the financial branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics for municipalities across Canada.

Current or Balance Sheet

	Amount	Year	1948	1947	1946 and Previous
Real Estate	60,700.13	28,719.53	9,902.97	5,974.34	16,104.29
Personal Property	48,563.10	12,387.50	5,776.24	3,743.62	26,655.74
Poll	78,183.28	6,600.75	4,300.85	5,043.95	62,237.73
	\$187,446.51	\$47,708.78	19,980.06	14,761.91	104,997.76

"I have reviewed the reserve for uncollectible taxes and consider it to be more than adequate. I recommend that it be reduced to \$104,997.76 which is the total amount of taxes owing for the years 1946 and previous. Close attention should be given to tax arrears for these latter years and any deemed uncollectible should be written off against the reserve.

Part of Aga Khan Loot Returned In Paper Package

MARSEILLE, France, Jan. 27 — (AP)— More than half the fortune in jewels four gunmen seized from the Aga Khan and his wife last Aug. 3 was mysteriously turned over to police in a brown paper package today.

Estimates of the value of the recovered loot—like that of the total stolen—fluctuated widely, but police and experts finally settled on a figure of 130,000 francs, or \$370,000.

Police declared in an official statement the package was left in the street in front of police headquarters in the night and they were notified of its presence by an anonymous telephone call.

Holding six men and seeking others in connection with the robbery, they stuck to that version despite rumors the return was arranged in a series of meetings with go-betweens after the holder of the gems found they were too "hot" to be marketed.

Police said the most important items missing were a 25-carat diamond worth \$14,000 and gold settings valued at about \$100,000.

N. S. Fire Report

HALIFAX, Jan. 27 — (CP)— Fire Marshal S. S. Wright of Nova Scotia said in a report released here today that fires in the Province last year claimed 37 lives and destroyed property valued at \$2,411,016.

Sixteen of the 37 were children. The Fire Marshal attributed much of the loss to negligence and said that "sub-standard housing" contributed largely.

"There are huge masses of frame construction," the report said, "built below standards were made, poor chimneys, poorly set up heating equipment, sub-standard electrical machinery and wiring. It is in these classes of buildings... that fires are so frequent and devastating in effect."

Dairymen Demand Boost In Cheese Support Price

OTTAWA, Jan. 27 — (CP)— Dairy farmers today demanded that the Government boost the floor price of cheese from the current factory price of 27 cents a pound to 30 cents.

At their annual convention, they also asked that:

1. The Government help finance the export of concentrated milk products which are unable to compete with lower sterling-area prices.
2. The Government fix the support price of butter during the forthcoming production season at no less than the current price of 58 cents a pound.
3. The sales tax be lopped off ice cream.
4. Action be continued to press a campaign against the competition of margarine which was hurting butter sales.

The 30-cent support price demanded for cheese is the same price cheese producers received in 1949. It was the Price Canada received under the 1949 Anglo-Canadian cheese agreement. The 1950 support price was cut to 27 cents at factory and 28 at seaboard when the United Kingdom reduced their buying price to 25 cents, basis eastern sea-

Coming Events

**Mail your Films to Garnham Photo Studio, Charlottetown.

**Opening shoot at Winsloe miniature range tonight.

**Hockey match Sea View Rink tonight, Baltic versus Sea View.

**Hockey in Graham's Road Rink tonight, Bradalbane vs. Graham's Road.

**Fancy Dress Carnival, Long River Rink, Saturday, January 28th. Prizes for best costumes.

**Cake Sale today 2:30 P. M. at Rogers Hardware by Cross Roads Women's Institute.

**Canoe Cove tonight at 8:30. "Eve of St. Mark." Also songs by Jim Austin.

**Skating at Hunter River Rink tonight, Good music and anteen service.

**Cornwall rink tonight, hockey game, Meadowbank vs. Cornwall, skate teams. Skate after.

**Hockey at New Glasgow rink tonight, New Glasgow versus Hope River. Game starts at 8:30.

**Hockey game between Covehead Red Wings and Milton Hornets tonight, skate after.

**Come to social evening and crokinole party in Bradalbane Hall, Jan. 30.

**North River Rink, free skate for children Saturday afternoon, 1:30-3:30. Evening skate 8-10.

**No Sawdust at Milton Mills until after March 16th. Russell Coles.

**Dance, St. Peter's Legion Hall Monday night, January 30th. Cliff Peters Orchestra.

**Hockey, Long Creek Rink to-night, Long Creek School vs. Rice Point School. Game starts at 7 o'clock. Skate after.

**Hockey game tonight, North Rustico Rink, South Rustico Rangers vs. Hunter River Shur-Gains. Game starts at 8:30, skate after.

**We invite enquiries from responsible buyers of straight or assorted carloads of ground and/or whole grain in sacks. Also carloads of bulk grain. We have many satisfied customers all over the Island. The Atlas Grain Company, Board of Trade Building, Montreal.

Mayor Reviews Civic Affairs



Warm commendation of the efforts of all the City Council members, particularly Coun. N. W. Lowther as head of the finance committee, was expressed by His Worship Mayor B. Earle MacDonald (above) last night at the Council's annual meeting.

"We have had our differences," His Worship said, "but nevertheless the City's interests have always been foremost in all our deliberations and argument, even though we have not seen eye to eye, the citizens' interests have prevailed and we have been united one and all to give those people who saw fit to elect us, the very best that was in each of us."

He also commended the work of the staff at City Hall under Mr. James Fullerton's direction, and paid tribute to the late Councilors S. F. Doyle and Peter S. Holland who had passed away during the term.

His Worship noted that in 1949, as the result of representation made to the heads of the Canadian National Railways, an annual grant was inaugurated and paid to this City the amount being calculated on a valuation basis. This additional annual revenue he regarded as a step in the right direction, and an indication of the right of the city to tax Dominion Government property.

He anticipated that in the very near future municipalities will be receiving revenue from all Dominion Government buildings.

He referred also to an increase during the year of from \$1.00 to \$1.50 in the per capita grant from the Province. This together with the C.N.R. grant offset the necessity of increasing the tax rate in Charlottetown.

"I mention this," His Worship said, "because your Council was informed by the Board of School Trustees that an increase of \$16,230.90 would be required to carry

day to stack up traffic at the Heimstedt frontier by fussing with every vehicle.

"The railway system has not been bothered."

C. A. Dix, U.S. transport chief, said the Soviets and their East German Government apparently are trying to encourage shippers to use the rails.

If the truck business is diverted to the rails, Dix said, almost half the empty cars would be utilized and return a revenue.

West German business already recognizes the truck trip through the Soviet zone as a risk and the Russians are trying to enhance that idea, American authorities said. Loss of a truckload in the Russian zone is not covered in Western insurance policies. A special policy, costing one per cent of the value of the cargo, is required against confiscation by the Soviets.

The Allied officials expressed frank concern that continued Russian restrictions would jar the West's faith in doing business with Western Berlin, already staggering under a load of 300,000 unemployed.

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Yanks Talk Reprisals In Berlin Traffic Squeeze

By THOMAS A REEDY
BERLIN, Jan. 27 — (AP)— Western officials declared today the Russian squeeze on East-West truck traffic this week is part of a desperate move aimed to soften West Berlin for Communism.

Americans in this divided city are talking about the possibility of economic reprisals if the trucking with traffic continues. East and West Germany have a trade agreement which could be suspended, it was pointed out.

Informed quarters in the British and American occupation forces said the Soviet restrictions have three objectives:

1. Shake the confidence of West-German business in West Berlin.
2. Make it difficult for West Berlin to get the full benefit from European recovery funds now voted, so the man-on-the-street will be more susceptible to Communism.
3. Divert truck cargoes to the Soviet-controlled railway system, which needs the business.

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International Airport Near Windsor Planned

WINDSOR, Ont., Jan. 27 — (CP)— A proposed international airport about six miles west of downtown Windsor is under consideration by both United States and Canadian aviation interests.

The idea has already been placed before Federal Governments in both Washington and Ottawa.

The international airport idea originated in Detroit after aviation experts decided Detroit city airport was inadequate. Since 1946 major Detroit air traffic has been handled at the Willow Run airport, near the huge U. S. Ford Motor plant and about 32 miles from the city's centre.

Should the Windsor site be approved, the Detroit authority proposes a \$14,000,000 program of construction, covering some 2,500 acres. Four 6,000-foot runways are envisaged.

The proposal may cost in the neighborhood of \$14,000,000 even if the Canadian Government were to purchase the land required and lease it for a definite term to the U. S. authorities. A similar deal was carried out for land to build the Alaska highway during the war.

U. S. authorities expect to finance the \$14,000,000 through Michigan State and Federal grants and by some independent financing on the open market.

HISTORIC MEETING

The first imperial conference was held in 1907.

PAPER FROM SUGAR-CANE

HOLYOKE, Mass., Jan. 27 — (AP)— History of world-wide significance was made today as a 12,040-copy edition of the century-old Holyoke Dairy Transcript-Telegram rolled from its press room—printed on paper made from sugarcane waste. This first successful use of the new paper was hailed as news of first rank to the far-flung newspaper-short areas of the world. The paper was made in the Chemical Paper Manufacturing Company's Holyoke mill, using bleached pulp derived from 100 per cent bagasse fibre.

TANKER AGROUND

PORT AUX BASQUES, Nfld., Jan. 27 — (CP)— The tanker Imperia Hamilton ran aground just outside this west coast Newfoundland harbor today. Heavy weather prevented any immediate towing operations but the tug Foundation Josephine left St. John's to help.



TORONTO, Jan. 27 — (CP)— Minimum and maximum temperatures: Vancouver 14, 23; Victoria 22, 28; Calgary 28b, 1b; Regina 44b, 25b; Winnipeg 35b, 11b; Toronto 22, 23; Ottawa 12, 14; Montreal 16, 16; Quebec 12, —; Saint John 34, 35; Moncton 33, 34; Halifax 42, 42; Charlottetown 35, 35; Sydney 37, 38; Yarmouth 39, 39; St. John's 25, 38, b—below.

HALIFAX, Jan. 27 — (CP)— Official forecasts issued by the Dominion Public Weather Office here tonight:

The weather was much colder in the Maritimes tonight. Temperatures were in the 20s in Nova Scotia, about 10 in Prince Edward Island and Southern New Brunswick, and well below zero in the north shore region. Skies were clear in all sections but widely scattered snowflurries can be expected where the cold northwest winds blow off the water.

A high pressure area approaching from the Great Lakes promises fine weather in most regions Saturday. It will pass the district and southerly winds will give milder weather Sunday.

Regional forecasts, valid until midnight Saturday, with an outlook for Sunday:

Prince Edward Island: Variable cloudiness widely scattered snowflurries, clearing Saturday evening. Much colder. Northwest winds 20. Low and high Saturday at Charlottetown 6 and 16.

Outlook for Sunday — Sunny and milder.

High tide today at 6:08 A. M. and 6:08 P. M.
Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

BORDEN-TORMENTINE FERRY SERVICE WEEK DAYS
Lv. Borden Lv. Cape Tormentine
9:10 A.M. 2:40 P.M.