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ALLIED FORCES CROSS HAN RIVER EAST OF SEOUL

Little Ice Reported As Aerial Patrol Begins

Canada To Have 1,200 Surplus Postmen; Will Go To Other Gov't Jobs

OTTAWA, March 6 — (CP) — Canada will have 1,200 surplus postmen after cuts are made in residential mail delivery April 1 but it is hoped most of them will be absorbed in other government jobs.

Postmaster General Rinfret said this in the Commons today as he outlined the needs and effects of cutting urban residential deliveries from two to one a day at an annual saving of \$3,500,000. To meet skyrocketing defence costs, the country's luxury services must be reduced or no reference, either in the Commons or in giving a similar statement later on the free time "Nation's Business," a CBC broadcast over a trans-Canada network of protests by postmen against the cut.

Opened House



W. J. Turnbull, deputy postmaster, said in an interview that Communists probably are responsible for part of the stormy reaction highlighted by a protest meeting by Toronto postmen demanding maintenance of the 44-hour week.

Blames Communists

Mr. Rinfret made these points:

1. A plan has been evolved for postmen to work the equivalent of 44 hours a week—eight hours a day, six days a week, with every 12th week off. He said this has been "favorably received" by letter carriers.
2. Every effort is being made to place surplus postmen in

N. B. Legislature Opened Yesterday

FREDERICTON, March 6 — (CP) — The third session of New Brunswick's 41st Legislature opened today with little indication of the Government's legislative plans.

The Speech from the Throne read by Lieutenant-Governor D. L. MacLaren gave no hint of the public measures to be submitted, aside from further revision and consolidation of statutes.

One major piece of contemplated legislation was announced previously, however. It will change the Province's fiscal year-end from Oct. 31 to March 31 and necessitate two sets of estimates—for the periods Nov. 1, 1950, to March 31, 1951, and from April 1, 1951, to March 31, 1952.

Some form of automobile insurance legislation has been rumored as a result of study on the matter by government officials and a report by a House committee.

The Throne Speech announced that the Provincial Government "has indicated its approval" of Federal proposals for pensions to all persons over the age of 70 and those between 65 and 70 qualifying under a means test.

Otherwise the Speech was largely a review of the economic, health, social services and educational fields.

Butter Shortage Reported In Montreal

MONTREAL, March 6 — (CP) — The shortage of butter in Montreal led many stores to restrict customers to half a pound each today. The shortage has led to increases in the retail price with local chain stores keeping it around 65 cents a pound and some retailers asking as high as 80.

Austrian Woods

About one-third of Austria's 34,000 square miles is in forest areas.

Famine Threat Serious For Millions In India

NEW DELHI, March 6 — (Reuters) — The spectre of famine will hang over India's millions until the government has built up sufficient imports to create an emergency food reserve, high government officials said today.

A year of crop failures, floods, drought and earthquakes has brought thousands "dangerously near the starvation level," and only a "ship-to-mouth" system of supply is warding off actual famine, they said.

Officially no deaths have been attributed to starvation but government spokesmen say there have been deaths from malnutrition — a long-standing scourge in India.

This malnutrition may increase unless a recent cut of 25 per cent in the food ration, affecting nearly 110,000,000 persons, is restored. Continued lack of proper food would leave the population "easy prey to epidemics."

The ration now is nine ounces of

Long Flight Made Yesterday In M.C.A. Plane

An unusually small amount of ice in the Gulf of St. Lawrence was reported yesterday by Capt. Angus Brown as the annual Department of Transport aerial ice patrol started. Capt. Brown made a seven and a half hour flight yesterday in a chartered Maritime Central Airways plane.

He said the steamer track is open from the ocean to beyond the Magdalen Islands and that there was about 40 per cent loose drift ice on the steamer track from there to beyond Anticosti Island at the mouth of the St. Lawrence River.

Most of the ice is located against the New Brunswick coast. The steamer track is open from the Strait of Canso to Charlottetown, but will likely close shortly as ice drifts down Northumberland Strait from the west.

Between Charlottetown and Borden there is about 60 per cent loose drift ice, and from Summerside to West Point some 90 per cent. Beyond West Point there is up to 95 per cent drift ice, all across the mouth of the Bay of Chaleur and against the Gaspé Coast.

The ice was moving with a strong northwest wind yesterday, Capt. Brown reported.

Weekly aerial patrols are planned now, with daily flights later when navigation is opening to the St. Lawrence river.

Capt. Brown said there was no ice of the east coast of Prince Edward Island.

Yesterday's flight did not extend northward from the Magdalen Islands, but reports from other sources indicated that this ice was not heavy in that portion of the Gulf, off the west coast of Newfoundland.

Large herds of seals were reported.

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Second Death Reported In Western Blizzard

WINNIPEG, March 6 — (CP) — A blizzard raced across the Prairies today behind howling winds.

In Southern Manitoba, a young school mistress died in waist-deep snowdrifts. Roads across Saskatchewan and Manitoba were blocked. Trains ran four to six hours late.

The blizzard hit Eastern Saskatchewan and Manitoba during the night. It was the same storm which swept British Columbia and the Western Prairies yesterday.

The Winnipeg Weather Bureau reported the storm centred east of Lake Winnipeg and moving north-eastward. It probably will miss Ontario centres of population.

Near Boissevain, in Southwestern Manitoba, a 23-year-old country school teacher was frozen to death. The girl, Miss Irma Challeborne, was struggling toward the farm home where she boarded when she collapsed in the waist-high drifts.

Her escort, Earl McCausland, 24, carried the girl on his shoulder, then was unable to go on. He went ahead for aid, but by the time he returned with help the girl was dead.

The couple had been returning from a young people's meeting in Boissevain. When their car bogged down, they tried to complete the journey on foot.

Miss Challeborne's death was the second in the blizzard. Earlier a 40-year-old woman died in Northern British Columbia while attempting to reach shelter after alighting from a bus during the storm.

Worst In Memory

One Boissevain old-timer called the storm "the worst blizzard I have ever seen in this district — and I've lived here a long time."

Today plows battled drifts as high as 12 feet to get Mr. McCausland to hospital in Boissevain. He is suffering severe frostbite and

Winners Are Announced In Essay Competition

The prize winners in the Education Week essay contest, sponsored by the Provincial Command of the Canadian Legion, are as follows:

Prince County: Janis Morrison, Summerside High School.

Queen's County: Mildred Mullen, Glensdale School.

King's County: Lillian McAssey, Head of Hillsboro.

Honourable Mention: Prince: Brewer Auld, Kensington School; Shirley Barras, Summerside High; Jean Murray, Kensington High.

The committee feel that Jean's "is exceptionally good for a child of Grade V."

Queen's: Mary Elizabeth Cox, Glensdale; Notre Dame Academy; Spring Park School.

King's: Duncan Hughes, Morell, St. Charles School.

The essay, "Who Stands If Freedom Fall?" was judged by Legion members as follows:

Prince County: Earl Cannon, Summerside.

Queen's County: Lt.-Col. L. T. Lowther, Charlottetown.

King's: Major J. A. MacDonald, Cardigan.

Prizes of \$10 each will be awarded each county winner by the Legion. The contest met with much enthusiasm throughout the Province and a total of 85 entries were received.

P.-C. Candidate For Queen's On Visit To Ottawa

OTTAWA, March 6 — (Special) — Indications of forthcoming action for a by-election in Queen's is seen here today in the presence in Ottawa of J. A. MacLean, official Progressive Conservative candidate for the vacancy in Queen's caused through the death some months ago of J. Lester Douglas, former M.P.

Next week, Cecil Miller, official Liberal candidate for the seat, is expected in the capital to confer with leaders of his party as did Mr. MacLean today and yesterday.

In discussion with Opposition leader Drew, George Nowlan, president of the Progressive Conservative Association of Canada and W. Chester S. McLure, Progressive Conservative member for Queen's, Mr. MacLean outlined the political situation in the riding at the present time as he sees it. He was questioned on points of detail by party leaders and discussed strategy with them and with Mr. McLure.

While neither Mr. MacLean nor Mr. McLure would confirm the report, it is understood that the official candidate discussed with Mr. Drew the feasibility of two members of the Opposition officially informing Commons speaker Ross MacDonald of the Queen's vacancy. Until this is done either on the floor of the House or in a formal letter, the seat is not regarded as vacant.

It is likely that next week Mr. Miller will discuss with J. Watson MacNaught, Parliamentary assistant to Fisheries Minister Mayhew and with Prime Minister St. Laurent whether the Liberal forces should communicate to the Speaker the fact of the Queen's vacancy.

Even after the Speaker has been so notified, the cabinet is not bound to act immediately, but has a leeway of six months, and can choose a time deemed most propitious for the candidate supporting the Government.

In addition to his talks with top-ranking party officers, Mr. MacLean visited Ottawa headquarters of the party and secured advice and campaign ammunition.

At Same Time Reds May Be Starting Drive

By Robert Euston

TOKYO, March 7 — (Wednesday) — (AP) — Allied infantry today crossed the Han River east of Red-held Seoul but enemy forces loosed an attack in East-Central Korea which may mark the beginning of an expected Red counter-offensive.

The Han crossing was made at two points east of Seoul in a flanking move against that ancient Korean capital.

The crossing, achieved after artillery pounded Chinese Reds on the north bank, broke the quiet of the long-dormant Western front. The attack opened at 8:15 a. m.

After getting to the north bank, the infantrymen moved across sandy flatlands against moderate resistance.

At the eastern end of the central

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Formal Opening Of The Legislature Yesterday

Legislative forecasts were conspicuous by their absence in the Speech from the Throne with which His Honour Lieutenant Governor T. W. L. Prowse opened the Provincial Legislature yesterday. The session opened under exceptionally good weather conditions, and with the customary military display. There was a large attendance of invited guests on the floor of the chamber, and the galleries also were well filled.

A 15-gun salute was fired by a detachment from the 114th L.A.A. Battery of the 28th L.A.A. Regiment under command of Maj. L. E. Welton.

The guard of honor from the Prince Edward Island Regiment was in command of Capt. L. Casley and the guard was headed by the regiment band commanded by Capt. Reg. Mahar. Maj.-Gen. E. G. Plow, officer commanding Eastern Command, represented the army.

One new member, Mr. Harvey Douglas, Second District of King's, was introduced to the Speaker, Hon. Forrest Phillips, before taking his seat.

Premier Jones reported a cabinet change made during the year, when he had taken over the portfolio of Public Works and Highways following the death of the minister, Hon. H. H. Cox.

After introduction of a pro forma bill and the appointment of standing committees, the House adjourned until 3 p. m. today, when the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne will be moved by Mr. Douglas and seconded by Mr. D. A. MacRae, Fourth King's.

This will be the first regular session in which Mr. R. R. Bell, K. C., will take over the duties of leader of the Progressive Conservative opposition. He was chosen leader last June.

This is the fifth session of the 64th General Assembly. It is the fourth regular session but the special session held last year makes this the fifth since the December, 1947, election.

Annual Fat Stock Show At Amherst

AMHERST, N. S., March 6 — (CP) — Farmers from 10th N. B. took honors when the annual Maritime spring stock show and sale opened here today.

Ken Truman of Aulac won top place for the Shorthorn breed. The reserve went to H. F. Carner and Son. also of Aulac. In the Herefords, Iona Bartheaux of Clarence, N. S., took the grand, and her brother Ronald the reserve.

L. E. Wells of Aulac took both the championship and reserve in the Aberdeen Angus class. More than 100 animals were entered.

Prof. L. H. Hamilton of Macdonald College, judge of the show, said the quality was the finest displayed in his experience at the annual event. Auction sale of the prize-winning animals will start tomorrow.

News In Brief

ON BOARD H.M.C.S. ONTARIO AT PEARL HARBOR, March 6 — (CP) — This 8,000-ton cruiser pulled into the United States Hawaiian naval base here Sunday after encountering heavy weather in a week-long trip from Esquimalt, B. C.

SOUTHAMPTON, Ont., March 6 — (CP) — Canada's Weather Service has just lost its oldest active observer.

Agnes J. Tolmie, 88, died Monday after taking observations continuously since she was 13. The weather instruments and a telegraph key on which she sent her reports were set up in her own home in this Lake Huron town in the Owen Sound district.

Andrew Thomson, controller of the Meteorological Service and a long-time friend of Miss Tolmie, described her as "a loyal and careful observer" for whom reporting the weather was her chief interest in life.

"Miss Tolmie had the distinction unique in the annals, not only of our Canadian Weather Service but in all likelihood in the world, of the longest continuous record of service as a weather observer, a record exceeding 75 years," he said at Toronto.

Vast Herds Of Seals Being Hunted Off The North Shore

Seals by the thousands are at present being hunted off the North Shore of this Province by sealing ships from Norway and Newfoundland.

Dr. Dean Fisher, Ottawa, in charge of seal research for the Dominion of Canada, has been making a survey about twelve miles off Cavendish for the past few days, and states it is the first time for many years that such large numbers of the mammals have been so close to this Island province.

He had been making his survey with M.C.A., and yesterday, through the co-operation of M.C.A., was flown by Paul's Flying Service over the area in the hope that the lighter craft would be able to land. It was planned that seals should be tagged and released, but because of the treacherous condition of the ice it was not possible for the plane to land off shore.

Dr. Fisher has been taking aerial mapping pictures of the herds, but so vast are the number of seals that consecutive pictures had to be taken in order to include them all. In addition to the many thousands of adult seals, many young white seals have been seen on the ice floes.

More than 100 hunters are walking as much as five miles from their ships, travelling over the ice floes to reap a harvest. Five sealing vessels are from Norway, and two from Newfoundland.

Ford Has Contract For Tanks In The U.S.

DETROIT, March 6 — (AP) — Ford Motor Company said today that it has signed an agreement with the army to build \$195,000,000 worth of medium tanks. The tanks, the company said, will be built at a plant to be erected in the Detroit area. It will employ an estimated 8,000 workers at peak production.

To Import Ayrshire Sires From Scotland

The Prince Edward Island Ayrshire Breeders Club will import two top notch Red and White sires from Scotland this year if their plans meet with the approval of the Provincial Department of Agriculture, it was decided yesterday afternoon at a meeting of enthusiastic breeders in the Department of Agriculture offices here.

The breeders decided that it was desirable to import some new blood into the province. A four man committee was named to draw up plans for the importation of the sires and if these plans are approved by the Government, the breeders will go ahead.

Mr. Fred MacRae of Charlottetown Royalty was appointed to make the purchase in Scotland. They will be made as soon as the breeders receive the green light, probably within a month.

One of the sires will be kept at the Experimental Station here and used artificially. The other bull will probably be rotated between Prince and Queens Counties, spending certain periods of time in each.

Ten breeders were present at yesterday's meeting. Among them they raised about \$1,400 for the purchases. They expect that a large number of other breeders will be interested in the project. The remainder of the money will likely be made up from the annual Provincial Government grant.

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TORONTO, March 6 — (CP) — Minimum temperatures observed between 7:30 p. m. and 7:30 a. m. EST.; maximum temps between 7:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.: Victoria 26.35; Calgary 33b 22b; Regina 18b 13b; Winnipeg 7b zero; Toronto 32.46; Ottawa 18.36; Montreal 25.37; Quebec 31.33; Saint John 25.39; Moncton 18.36; Halifax 30.40; Charlottetown 20.29; Sydney 28.32; Yarmouth 29.38; St. John's 33.35.

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Coming Events

- "Mail your Films to Garnhum Photo Studio, Charlottetown.
- "Auction and Dance, Millview Hall, Friday, March 9th.
- "Buying Eggs daily, Mac's Egg Grading Station, 268 Queen St.
- "Cleaning Timothy Seed for the month of March only. John Leard, Craipud.
- "Diocesan Church Society Executive Meeting, 245 today. St. Paul's Parish Hall.
- "Dance in Emerald Hall, Easter Monday. Good music. Lunches served.
- "Bean Supper, Hampton Hall, March 17th. Auspices United Church Women's Auxiliary.
- "Unloading car Quaker mixed feeds, Wednesday and Thursday. Best prices. Ellis Bros., Central Royalty. Phone 1786-7.
- "Parkdale Concert closing performance tonight. Tickets will be available at the door for those who come early.
- "Come to Winaloe Station Hall, Friday, March 9th, 8.15. Program—dance, contests, lunch. Admission 50c. Auspices Highfield United Women's Association.
- "Hockey, North River rink tonight. Second game semi-finals. Overhead Red Wings vs. Cornwall Meteors. Game 8:30 sharp. Skate after.
- "Don't miss the Amateur Cavalcade over C. F. C. Y. every Saturday afternoon from 4:30 to 5 P. M. It is sponsored by The St. John's Gain Feed Mills. Operator in your community for your enjoyment.
- "Take my advice; come and see Benevolent Irish Society of Emerald present their three act comedy drama entitled "Take My Advice." Also the best of specialties by Frank Flood and others.
- "Attention Farmers! Mr. William Johnstone, Cavendish, will be collecting Hogs every Thursday for Canada Packers through Cavendish, Mayfield and North Rustico, commencing Thursday, March 8th.
- "Will be loading hogs at the following points each Thursday: Emer Wilmers, Bradabane, until 11:30 A.M.; Borden Bagnall, Hunter River, until noon, Summerside until 1:30 P. M. and Kensington until 3 P. M. MacEwen and Cassey.
- "Buying pigs, cattle and poultry Monday at Fredericton, Tuesday 9 a.m. Brookfield; 10 Milton; 11 Charlottetown, Market Square; 12 p.m. York; 3 Bedford; 4 Mt. Blawie. Paying \$30 a pair for good pigs over 83 pounds each. Will also buy smaller ones. Knud Jensen.