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CARRIER PLANES IN BIGGEST STRIKE OF KOREAN WAR

Iron Curtain Army No Bigger Than Year Ago

Inquest Held In Death Of S'ide Taxi Driver

Roy B. Pidgeon, 51-year-old Summerside taxi driver died in the Prince County Hospital about 10:30 a.m. yesterday morning from injuries sustained when his car left the highway about 3:15 a.m. Sunday morning at a point east of the Imperial Diner on the south side of the paved highway west of the town of Summerside.

A coroner's jury last evening, after hearing evidence from six witnesses found that Roy Pidgeon came to his death when his car came in contact with a wood and earthen culvert crossing the ditch adjacent to the highway while travelling at a rate of speed in excess of the speed limit in that area.

"We feel that contributing factors to the cause of the accident are the poor condition of the shoulder of the road at the point where the car left the highway and that another car was passing him at the time, travelling in the same direction."

Members of the coroner's jury were Ralph Dodds (foreman), Norman MacLeod, Roland Phillips, Elmer Offer, Maxwell Robertson, Frank Jenkins, Roy Johnson.

The jurymen visited the scene of the accident yesterday afternoon and later viewed the damaged car that had been driven by Mr. Pidgeon.

At the scene of the accident they noted that the shoulder was about four inches below the paved surface of the road and one section of this area the shoulder fell away sharply from the pavement to a depth of about one foot, which

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But Russian Soldiers Said Better Equipped

PARIS, Dec. 9 —(Reuters)—Atlantic Pact chiefs conferring here were told today that Russia's Iron Curtain army is no bigger than a year ago, but is better equipped.

Many Russian formations in Europe, including about 20 divisions in Eastern Germany, have been re-equipped with more modern armor in recent months. The armies of the Eastern European countries have been strengthened with Russian and Czechoslovak weapons and equipment.

This was the picture presented to the 13 Atlantic Pact chiefs of staff when they met here today to draft their reports for next week's meeting of the ministerial council of the alliance.

The report was drawn up by the pact's top permanent military body, the standing group, from Allied intelligence reports.

The provision of up-to-date arms to Eastern Europe and to China, for the Korean war, has imposed a strain on Russia's resources.

But Western experts say the Russian arms industry is swiftly reaching peak production of conventional arms, and will soon be in a position to meet all the demands made upon it.

Remarkable Progress

Beside Russia's mobilized manpower, Allied resources are still "pitifully small", one senior Allied officer said today, though the 50 NATO divisions represent remarkable progress.

About half of these divisions are ready for immediate battle. The other half are in reserve at a maximum of 30 days' call—many of them at three days.

The active divisions comprise about six American, five British, five French, five Italian, two Belgian (Belgium, Netherlands and Luxembourg) and the rest from Canadian, Norwegian and Danish contingents. Greek and Turkish forces have not yet been fully integrated into the European command.

Allied production peaks, especially American and British, will be reached from the end of 1953, but manpower needs will not be met until Western Germany starts contributing. And that is not likely to be before the end of 1954.

Four Big Rail Junctions Are Reported Bombed

SEOUL, Dec. 10 —(Wednesday)—United States navy planes blasted four big North Korean rail junctions Tuesday—one of them only 12 air miles from Soviet Siberia—in the biggest carrier strike of the Korean war.

It was also the northern-most bombing raid of the war.

The U. S. Navy announced that bombers from the carrier Essex virtually destroyed the vital rail trunk junction at Honyung, through which Communist supplies flow southward from Manchuria and Russia Siberia.

Other U. S. fighter-bombers wiped out rail lines and supply dumps at Musan, Magin and Hyesanjin.

The navy sent 352 individual flights roaring out against the Communists.

Navy pilots said the vital rail trunk at Honyung was wiped out completely. The rail yards lie in the heart of the border city.

Honyung is at the northeastern tip of the Korean strip which thrusts far north of the rest of Korea. Communist Manchuria surrounds this strip on three sides.

Close To Russia

Honyung is close to Soviet Russian territory and is almost as far north as the Russian port of Vladivostok, which lies to the east of it by sea.

British fighter-bombers bombarded the big rail centre at Musan, also near the Manchurian border.

Musan is southwest of Honyung. It was hit hard earlier this year.

Skyraiders Panther Jets and Corsairs hit Musan in morning and afternoon raids. They destroyed locomotives, boxcars and buildings. Propeller-driven planes destroyed a large part of Hyesanjin and smashed the water works system there.

Six buildings in a factory-section were destroyed at Hyesanjin. Eight buildings and a railroad turntable were destroyed at Musan.

Planes from the carriers Bon Homme Richard and Oriskany did more damage on the Communist centres. They struck in an icy wind.

Plan Charges Against Persons Involved In Immigration Frauds

OTTAWA, Dec. 9 —(CP)—A 1951 racket in Canadian immigration from Italy will result in court charges against several former employees of the Immigration Department, it was disclosed today.

Immigration Minister Harris made a partial announcement of the government action in the Commons, saying charges would be lodged against "five or six" persons as the result of a long departmental and RCMP investigation into visa frauds.

Charges now are being prepared by his officers and the Department of Justice. He expected they would be placed not later than a month from now.

The move arises from the discovery last year of the entry of Italian and German immigrants through the use of fraudulent visas, alleged to have been obtained with the connivance of immigration department officials in Montreal, Rome and Karlsruhe, Germany.

The major racket involved Italian immigration and a high official said the current series of charges touches only on the Italian case.

Many Deported

Between 200 and 300 immigrants reached Canada by means of irregularities, from both countries. Many have been deported, a steady stream.

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Violence Continues To Flare In French Africa, Arrests Mount To 500

CASABLANCA, Dec. 9 —(Reuters)—Police opened fire on rioting Moroccans today, killing two and wounding seven as uprisings by Arab Nationalists flared up again.

The rioting broke out in Beni Mellal, a wild district, 100 miles southeast of Casablanca. This city, meanwhile, calmed down after yesterday's anti-French violence in which more than 50 persons were killed and more than 200 were injured.

The Moroccans at Beni Mellal had gathered to demand the release of a man sent to prison for 15 days on a minor charge. When police arrived they pelted them with stones and the police opened fire.

Crack Moroccan troops from nearby Kaiba were called out but did not intervene.

French officials said they did not think this incident had any connection with yesterday's Casablanca riots. Local tribesmen around Beni Mellal are noted for their bitterly independent attitude.

Ch'town Federal Building Plans Not Yet Completed

OTTAWA, Dec. 9 —(Special)—Plans for the proposed Federal building in Charlottetown have not yet been completed by architects and draftsmen of the federal service. It was revealed in the House of Commons here today by Public Works Minister Alphonse Fournier.

Mr. Fournier's statement was in response to a question asked by W. Chester S. McLaure, Conservative member for Queens. Text of Mr. McLaure's question was:

"Are the plans and specifications for the oft-promised dominion building at Charlottetown being completed? If not, why?"

The Minister's reply was:

"This question deserves a special answer. It asks first: are the plans and specifications for the oft-promised dominion building at Charlottetown completed? First of all it is known that the honorable member has promised that building for a long time, and he is having trouble secondly, the plans are not completed."

Later, he asked: "If not, why? Well we are trying to make perfect plans for a perfect building at Charlottetown."

Mr. McLaure rose protesting against what he felt was a run-around, saying: "It is strange, is it not, that the plans are not completed. . . . But was called to order by Mr. Speaker Ross MacDonald on grounds that the Minister's answer was not debatable.

Later, Mr. McLaure confessed himself puzzled by Mr. Fournier's answer to what he termed a re-

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Blame Fog For 100 Deaths

LONDON, Dec. 9 —(CP)—At least 100 persons died from the effects of the dense fog which choked London for four days and the toll may rise to as many as 200, police announced tonight. Most of the victims were elderly persons suffering from chronic chest or respiratory ailments.

The deaths occurred chiefly in the capital's low-lying smoky East End slum area.

A medical expert reported that the high content of soot and grime in the yellowish, acrid fog proved fatal to many sufferers. They died of suffocation after their hearts and lungs were over strained.

Tonight Londoners were breathing a cold misty drizzle—but it tasted like champagne after the soot-laden week-end fog. The weather man said rain will continue.

Mother Charged With Coaching Girls To Steal

NEWMARKET, Ont., Dec. 9 —(CP)—A 29-year-old mother of five children and foster mother of two today was charged with coaching three of her little girls to be housebreakers, receiving stolen goods and breaking and entering.

Police said Mrs. Alice Howse of nearby Keswick on Lake Simcoe told them more than two carloads of loot were taken from cottages and a store in the Indianola Beach area. She said her husband, Alex Howse, a Toronto transport driver, home only once a week, knew nothing of the activities.

The loot, including alarm clocks, electric fans and radios, was valued at about \$500.

The oldest girls, her foster children aged 13 and 11, will appear in juvenile court. The other girl, aged 8, is too young for the court.

Coming Events

- Hazelbrook School Christmas Concert, Dec. 22nd.
- Remember Springvale Concert, Thursday night.
- Graham's Road School Concert, Friday, December 19th.
- Rose Valley School Concert, December 18th.
- Ugg Christmas Concert, December 23rd, 8:30 P. M.
- Reserve December 23rd for Crapaud concert.
- Anglo-Rustico School Concert, December 22nd.
- Dance, Howe's Hall, Brackley Beach, Friday, December 12th.
- W. I. Card Party, Sea View, Wednesday, December 10th.
- Marshall School Concert, Thursday, December 18th, at 8 P. M.
- See the St. Peter's C. Y. O. Variety Concert, in Morell Hall tonight at 8:30.
- Reserve December 19th, Friday, for Lady Fane Christmas Concert. Admission 25 cents.
- Card and Crokinole Party, Cornwall Hall, on December 10th. In aid of school.
- Breadalbane Christian Church Tea and Bazaar, at the home of Mrs. Allan Hiecox, Friday the 12th, 3 P. M.
- See Mexico in film and story by Edwin Johnstone in Springfield Hall, Friday, December 12th. \$8.00 of lunch boxes.
- Contest Fiddling, Dancing and Singing; also Highland Fling, Mount Stewart-Legion Hall, Wednesday, December 10th.
- Attend the Dance at Winsloe Station Hall, on Wednesday, December 10th, in aid of Milton Hockey Club. Dolron Brothers Orchestra.

GET \$4,198 FROM SAFE

THREE RIVERS, Que., Dec. 9 —(CP)—Thieves early today broke into the office of a milk dealer here, smashed open a safe and escaped with \$4,198 in cash. They missed \$125 in a small strong box, \$11,000 in pay cheques and \$1,000 in other cheques.

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\$2 Reward For Finding \$25,000

MONTREAL, Dec. 9 —(CP)—Alexander Stevenson, 22, isn't so sure now that honesty is the best policy.

He found an envelope containing \$25,000 in cheques last Friday while walking a girl friend home and promptly returned it and the contents to an over-joyed owner.

The reward—\$2—arrived today.

U. S. Presidential Election Vote

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 —(CP)—The total vote in the Nov. 4 presidential election passed the 61,000,000-mark today as official returns from 44 states were tabulated by the Associated Press.

The figure—61,152,069—includes unofficial and incomplete returns from four states, California, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and West Virginia.

The total exceeds the previous record established in 1940 by 11,331,757.

The total by parties today stood this way:

Eisenhower—33,718,528
Stevenson—27,190,310
Others—243,231

Montreal Bank Branch Robbed

MONTREAL, Dec. 9 —(CP)—An armed man today held up a downtown branch of the Bank of Montreal and escaped with an estimated \$5,000 to \$6,000.

The short, dark bandit entered the bank during a lull and handed teller Mary Hunter a note demanding money. The man fled and Miss Hunter pressed a burglar alarm, but the bandit had disappeared in a crowd.

Robert Ross, manager of the branch located in the International Aviation Building, said he was surprised when the teller came to him and sobbed out her story.

He said no one, except Miss Hunter, was aware that anything unusual was happening. There were about 11 employees and several customers in the bank.

End Of Throne Speech Debate May Be Nearing

OTTAWA, Dec. 9 —(CP)—A Quebec Liberal said today in the Commons that federal taxes are high and should be reduced.

C. A. Cannon, Quebec City lawyer who represents the fishing constituency of Ile-de-la-Madeleine in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, said he is "convinced that the time has come for this government to reduce taxes."

Mr. Cannon spoke in the throne speech debate, which began Nov. 24 and appeared to be nearing the closing votes on motions of non-confidence in the government proposed by the Progressive Conservative and CCF Parties. The government has announced the House will not rise for Christmas recess until this traditional debate is finished.

Railway-Union Talks To Resume

MONTREAL, Dec. 9 —(CP)—Railway and union leaders will gather around a table here tomorrow for another try at solving their dispute over wage increases for 144,000 non-operating railway employees.

The meeting, suggested by Labor Minister Gregg, will be between officers of the Canadian Pacific and Canadian National Railways and leaders of two national and 15 international railway brotherhoods, representing the employees.

There was no indication whether tomorrow's meeting will be a one-day affair or whether it will last longer.

Canadian Ships At Havana, Cuba

HAVANA, Cuba, Dec. 9 —(Reuters)—The La Hulloise and Crescent of the Canadian navy arrived here today from Halifax on a short visit.

(Lt. J. M. Richards, R.C.N., staff officer of H.M.C.S. Queen Charlotte up until November of this year, is one of the officers serving on board H.M.C.S. La Hulloise.

"Sabotaged" Lancasters Case Remains Mystery

OTTAWA, Dec. 9 —(CP)—The celebrated case of the "sabotaged" ROAF Lancasters had been written off as a mystery.

Defence officials said today that R. G. M. P. had informed the department that they have been unable, after five months of investigation, to find out who stuffed the engines in the plane air intakes of nine ROAF planes at the Greenwood, N. S., base last summer.

The rags were discovered when one of the Lancasters—reconditioned wartime bombers now used in coastal and sea patrol work—took off and found one engine in trouble. It put back into Greenwood and a check disclosed that rags had been stuffed into the air intakes of that one and of eight other Lancasters.

The air force says it is possible that the rags could have caused crashes and loss of life but it also is possible they might have caused

Destroyer Nootka Calls At Malta

VALETTA, Malta, Dec. 9 —(CP)—The Canadian destroyer Nootka is finding out that the long way round is the best way home.

She put in at this famous Mediterranean island en route home from Korea the long way—she is due in Halifax Dec. 17—and her sailors had the time of their lives.

Everybody from Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten, commander-in-chief Mediterranean, to British sailors who fought beside them off Korea went to lengths to make the Canucks happy during a too-brief 30-hour stay.

The ship was due today at Gibraltar and leaves there tomorrow for Halifax.

Consider Creation Of New Type Peer In U. K.

LONDON, Dec. 9 —(AP)—The Queen told parliament today she is willing to defer to its judgment in a proposal to create a new type of peer whose title would die with him.

Tired of waiting for the Conservatives and Labor to decide just what sort of reform they want, Lord Simon, former attorney-general and foreign secretary, has prepared a private member's bill which he plans to introduce in the House of Lords.

It was to clear the way for Simon's bill that the Queen sent her permission today.

Simon proposes the government should be allowed to name 10 new peers each year whose titles would die with them.

This, he reckons, would allow distinguished new blood to mingle with old families in the House of Lords without increasing the total number of privileged British families.

There already are a number of life peerages, but they are exceptional cases. Lord Simon is a life baron by virtue of his office as lord high chancellor, and bishops of the Church of England also sit in the House of Lords for life without passing their titles on to their sons.



HALIFAX, Dec. 9 —(CP)—Official forecasts issued tonight by the Dominion Public Weather Office here and valid until midnight Wednesday.

Synopsis:

There has been little change in the weather of the Maritimes since Sunday. A high pressure area remaining almost stationary over most of the district is the cause of this settled weather. The high will continue to cover the district Wednesday and little change in weather is forecast.

Regional forecasts:

Prince Edward Island—Overcast and continuing mild. Light winds. Low and high Wednesday at Charlottetown 27 and 45.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 4:01 A. M. and 4:52 P. M. High tide on the North Shore at 12:10 P. M.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

Sun rises today at 7:40 A. M. and sets at 4:31 P. M.