

# Gen. Chiang Starts New Term; Urges Strong Anti-Communist Alliance

(By Spencer Moosa)  
 TAIPEH, Formosa, (AP)—President Chiang Kai-shek, starting a new term, called for a strong Asian anti-Communist alliance. Chiang's inaugural address was delivered against a backdrop of air and sea clashes off the Red China coast and with the entire Nationalist air force on the alert for Communist air raids on Formosa.

Chiang said all Asian nations facing the Red threat "must establish on the Communist periphery a strong collective organization capable of collective action."

"No good will come out if we overlook such a basic requirement and are satisfied with issuing an empty collective statement bearing simply the slogan of collective security," he added.

Chiang maintained that his forces could reconquer the mainland if given "a reasonable amount of moral and material support from the free world and an adequate supply of the implements of war."

Chiang declared "we have only one enemy—Soviet Russia," and called Mao Tse-tung and other leaders of Red China "traitors."

For the first time in more than a week, there were no reports of air or sea action between the Nationalists and Chinese Communists off the Chekiang Province coast more than 200 miles north of Formosa.

## Contracts For Construction Down

WINDSOR, Ont., (CP)—Raymond Brunet of Hull, Que., president of the Canadian Construction Association, said Thursday the number of construction contracts awarded so far this year is 15 per cent below that for the same period of 1953. Federal government predictions that there will be a heavy volume of construction in 1954 "have not as yet materialized," he said.

"The level of activity is quite uneven in the various regions, although decreasing, is still appreciable and new undertakings are slow in getting started."

He said owners needed assurance that construction costs would remain stable and in line.

"Given these assurances, the industry feels that a high level of construction work and employment may be expected in 1954 and 1955."

## Extend Controls Over Movement Of Goods In Bulk

OTTAWA, (CP)—Legislation to extend federal control involving the rail and ship movement of goods in bulk for further two-year periods was approved Wednesday by the Commons despite opposition protests that the powers are too wide.

Members gave third reading to the legislation which adds a new section to the Department of Transport Act and replaces an order-in-council passed under the Emergency Powers Act. It was introduced because the government plans to permit emergency powers to expire May 31.

Transport Minister Chevrier said the powers contained in the legislation are necessary to ensure the movement of bulk commodities such as grain to meet export requirements. It gives federal transport controller Roy Milner authority over the movement of grain and grain products, ores and minerals, ferrous metals, iron and steel scrap, sand, stone and gravel, pulpwood, woodchip, poles and logs, coal and coke and sulphur and phosphate.

Opposition members agreed that the transport controller should have authority over the movement of grain for export. However, they questioned whether it was necessary for the controller to have power involving the movement of other bulk commodities.

Trade Minister Howe said the controller could not concentrate the movement of wheat without regard to the movement of other bulk products. All commodities moving in bulk used the same type of rail and ship transport.

## Three Committed For Mail Thefts

MONTREAL, (CP)—Three Ottawa men were committed for trial Thursday on charges of stealing two bags of mail, opening the mail and keeping it in their possession.

The three were identified as Lawrence Laviolette, 30; Valmore Germain, 37, and Harold Rodger, 35.

Roger Chapeau, mail-truck driver, testified the bags were stolen from his truck May 19 while he was en route to Dorval airport.

Lieut. Emile Contant of the provincial police said the men were arrested near Ste. Rose when a routine check on automobiles revealed the mail bags one slit open in their car.

## To Call Army Secretary When Hearings Resume

By ED CREAHER  
 WASHINGTON, (AP)—Senate investigators agreed Thursday to call Army Secretary Robert Stevens back to the witness stand when the McCarthy-Army hearings resume next Monday.

Senator Karl Mundt (Rep. S.D.) acting chairman of the investigations sub-committee, said Stevens will be invited to repeat under oath his statement to the army—and not administrative higher-ups—had full responsibility for actions that led to its clash with Senator Joseph McCarthy (Rep. Wis.).

Mundt told reporters he still has no indication what course McCarthy will take when the hearings, recessed since last Monday resume.

The acting chairman said he talked with McCarthy this morning about arrangements for resuming the inquiry, and quoted the Wisconsin Senator as saying:

## "STACKED DECK"

"We still have not made up our minds what to do."

McCarthy contends an order by President Eisenhower, forbidding army witnesses to testify about talks they may have had with White House and other officials in the executive branch, confronts him with a "stacked deck."

He says he can't present his full case so long as this order stands. And Eisenhower, while calling for a resumption of the hearings, has refused to withdraw or modify the order.

Mundt said Stevens will be recalled to testify on one matter only—the question of responsibility for the army's charge that McCarthy and aides sought by improper means to get favored treatment for a former sub-committee aide, Pte. G. David Schine.

Mundt said he looked for the army to wind up its case, and give the McCarthy side its turn some time next week. He said there was general agreement at Wednesday's sub-committee meeting that the hearings can end in "a week or two weeks."

The McCarthy camp charges the army used Schine as a "hostage" in an attempt to choke off an investigation of alleged Communist infiltration in the army.

More than 95 per cent of the population of Pakistan abstains from alcoholic beverages.

# \$23,000,000 Causeway Nears Cape Breton



This scene, from the hills near Mulgrave on Nova Scotia's eastern mainland, shows the new \$23,000,000 causeway, when completed this year, will improve transportation between the mainland and Cape Breton's coal and steel area. Cars and trains, which now take an hour to cross the Strait of Canso by ferry, will be able to move across the 7,000-foot causeway in a few minutes. More than 9,000,000 tons of rock, blasted from Porcupine Mountain near Mulgrave, will have gone into the causeway by the time it is finished. A navigation lock on the Cape Breton side will allow passage for ships. (CP Photo).

## Declares Tuberculosis Germ's Ability To Withstand Drugs Is Overrated

By FRANK CAREY  
 ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. (AP)—Significance of the ability of TB germs to learn to "roll with the punches" of anti-tuberculosis wonder drugs has been over-rated, a new study conducted for the U.S. public health service revealed Thursday.

Results of the study, involving almost 600 patients from five of 22 participating hospitals throughout the country, point "fairly clearly to the conclusion that bacterial resistance has been causing us doctors greater concern than it merits," declared Dr. Sumner S. Cohen, director of Glen Lake Sanatorium, Oak Terrace, Minn., one of the participating institutions.

His report—perhaps the most encouraging yet made on a subject that has worried doctors ever since first started to become available a decade ago—was made at the 50th anniversary meeting of the National Tuberculosis Association.

At the opening of that meeting last Monday, a British doctor, J.H. Harley Williams of London, had spoken of the "amazing power" of germs to develop drug-resistant strains—and he declared "the germs are catching up" on the TB drugs.

Dr. Cohen declared the new study had confirmed that the bugs can develop such resistance to all three of the best drugs—isoniazid, streptomycin and pas—but he declared evidence of persistence of such resistant bugs showed up, for the most part, only in TB cases of long duration and far-advanced lung damage.

And these long-duration, far-advanced cases represent a type wherein present-day drug treatment could sometimes be "expected" to be least effective, he added.

Moreover, Cohen said, the new study indicates that some doctors have hitherto been incorrect in assuming that failure of such cases to improve was directly due to the presence of drug-resistant germs.

Rather than any such cause-and-effect relationship, he said, the new study points merely to an "association" of those two conditions in "a particular kind of case."

## Camp Gagetown Being Prepared For 4,000 Men

CAMP GAGETOWN, N. B. (CP)—The army worked swiftly Wednesday to complete the conversion of 427 square miles of south-central New Brunswick farmland into a gigantic proving ground for troops and weapons.

Four hundred engineers and service corps personnel stockpiled stores and cleared cabbage patches to be used as tent sites for 4,000 men of the 3rd infantry brigade who move into this incomplete training centre June 15 for a month of stiff manoeuvres.

Maj.-Gen. E. C. Plow, the army's Eastern Command chief, inspected the units already here Tuesday and said afterward the spadework is on schedule. Camp Gagetown will cost Canadian taxpayers \$15,000,000 a year but the army says the expenditure will give troops vitally needed experience in major formations which it can't get elsewhere.

The camp also is big enough to permit the testing of long-range weapons like heavy artillery.

The first units to be trained here will live under "active service" conditions. That's army language for tents.

Camp Gagetown eventually will have year-round facilities for 5,000 troops and, Defence Minister Brooke Claxton said last month, "many more" during seasonal training. The base will be finished by late 1954 or early 1955.

The civilian population, mostly farmers, had to be moved out of the district to make way for the army. The government compensated property owners for the loss of their lands.

A lot remains to be done. The service corps currently is housing its jeeps and 15-hundredweight trucks in the cow stalls of barns.

The engineers unpacked drafting boards and typewriters in farmhouse front rooms whose walls still sport flowered wallpaper and 1953 calendars. Neglected blackberry bushes and radishes flourish

## U. S. Living Costs Down In April

WASHINGTON, (AP)—The government reported today U. S. living costs declined slightly in April. The drop, the third in three months, was almost entirely due to lower federal excise taxes effective April 1.

The decline means a penny-an-hour pay cut for about 1,250,000 workers in the auto, aircraft and farm equipment industries whose pay rates are geared by union contracts to the governing living-cost index.

The Bureau of Labor statistics reported its index declined two tenths of one per cent from mid-March to mid-April, lowering the index to 114.5 per cent of the 1947-49 average.

## British Concerned Over Canadian Textiles Inquiry

LEEDS, England, (CP)—The Yorkshire Post says today in a front-page news story that wool and worsted manufacturers are concerned by a tariff board inquiry ordered by the Canadian government.

The story refers to "an unexpected threat to Britain's most valuable overseas market for wool textiles" and says that the inquiry may lead to higher duties on British wools and worsted clothes.

The inquiry was ordered to determine the effect of a preferential tariff on British wools on the Canadian textile industry. The existing tariff, to which the Canadian industry has objected, was set by the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

Britain exported \$13,100,000 worth of wools and worsted—or 23 per cent of its total—to Canada last year.

## Victoria Lady Leads Home-School Group

SASKATOON, (CP)—Mrs. Ernest Evans of Victoria was elected president of the Canadian Home and School Parent-Teacher Federation Incorporated Thursday at the annual convention.

Mrs. J. D. Taylor of Hamilton was chosen to fill the new position of executive vice-president.

H. H. Simpson of Sydney, N.S., was elected eastern vice-president.

## EASILY SPOTTED

OXFORD, England, (CP)—A man just back from Arabia was fined for not having a proper licence plate on his car. His plates were in Arabic.

## New Appointment Made For Atlantic Region Of CNR

MONCTON, May 20 — Mr. E. C. Champ, traffic manager, Canadian National Railways, today announced that Mr. H. V. Hardman has been named to succeed Mr. W. L. Lowther as general mail and baggage agent for the Atlantic region of the Canadian National Railways.

"Mr. Hardman brings 36 years of experience with the railway to this specialized branch of our service," said Mr. Champ. "He has served 21 years in the general mail and baggage department of the system, and not only has a thorough knowledge of the functions of that department. But, also, has earned the esteem and confidence of the travelling public, commercial interests and postal authorities with whom this branch deals. He has worked in the transportation department of the railways, as special clerk to the general passenger agent, and as chief clerk in the tourist and convention Bureau."

Mr. Hardman, who was born in London, England, on May 11, 1904, will take up his new duties on June 1.

Mr. Lowther is retiring under the pension regulations of the railway. Born at St. Shemogue, Westmorland County, N. B. on May 8, 1889, he has been with the railway since September 1906 when he joined the passenger department here as a clerk. He has served as travelling passenger agent at Moncton and Halifax, as City

## Pipeline Company Action Dismissed

OTTAWA, (CP)—The Supreme Court of Canada Wednesday dismissed a \$82,147 action brought by Campbell-Bennett Ltd. of Vancouver against Trans-Mountain Pipe Line Company.

The Supreme Court ruling on an important constitutional question, upheld the rulings of the British Columbia Court of Appeal and the county court of Yale, B. C.

Trans-Mountain contracted with Comstock Midwestern Ltd. for construction of certain portions of its Edmonton-Vancouver oil pipe line. Campbell-Bennett Ltd. agreed to undertake, on behalf of Comstock Midwestern, the clearing, grubbing and grading of construction right-of-way for certain portions of the line.

Campbell-Bennett claimed that because of changes in locations of certain sections, their costs of grubbing and grading were considerably increased. It claimed \$82,147 from Trans-Mountain or in default of payment, sale of the pipe line and right-of-way to pay the claim.

ticket agent and port ticket agent at Halifax, and as chief clerk in the passenger department of those cities. He was named general agent in the passenger department at Moncton in 1947, and appointed general mail and baggage agent here in 1950.

## EXPENSIVE INSPIRATION

BELIZE, British Honduras (CP) Artist Eric Griffiths was sentenced today to 15 years imprisonment for starting a \$1,000,000 blaze because he said he needed inspiration to paint a "magnificent fire." The fire last October killed one man and destroyed a shoe store and a private house.

## Canadian Among First White Men To See Famed Shangri-La



A. J. Lewis, Aldershot, Ont., is one of the missionaries who have become the first white men to locate and set up residence in the remote New Guinea valley of "Shangri-La." A missionary pilot, Lewis, flew a party of explorer-missionaries to the Balem river valley where fierce warrior natives live in stone-age civilization. It is a lush, tropical place cut off by mountains where huge pigs live in houses with tribal women and children, where men paint their bodies, engage in almost constant warfare yet cultivate a rich agricultural plain with methods so advanced as to startle explorers.

NO SPYING  
 GUNTHORPE, England (CP)—Members of a national angling club decided binoculars should be banned in this year's fishing competitions. Previously some anglers used field glasses to detect bites.

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