

### Except New Egyptian-Israeli Cease-Fire Guarantee Today

Jerusalem (AP)—Dag Hammarskjöld is expected to announce a new Egyptian-Israeli cease-fire guarantee sometime today.

A usually reliable political source told a reporter Wednesday night the United Nations secretary-general will issue a communique announcing a fundamental no-shooting agreement for the armistice demarcation line between the two countries.

Hammarskjöld, on a Middle Eastern peace mission for the UN Security Council, conferred privately for a second day with Israeli Premier David Ben-Gurion here.

An official spokesman said the atmosphere was "very, very satisfactory."

Hammarskjöld announced last Thursday that Ben-Gurion and Egyptian Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser had written him that their forces would refrain from all war-

### Martin Gives Outline Of Civil Defence Plans

Ottawa (CP)—In the event of war, Canada has civil defence plans not only for evacuation of cities but also for guarding food and water supplies, hunting down fifth columnists and saboteurs and removing vital national documents to places of safety.

Health Minister Martin, respon-

able for CD at the federal level, described these plans Monday night for the Commons estimates committee, considering an item of \$7,000,000 for federal CD work in the 1956-57 fiscal year.

The minister also said Canada is studying a United Kingdom plan to have 30 specially-trained military battalions available primarily for CD work in case of emergency.

**GETTING TRAINING**

At present Canada's regular and military army units were getting CD training. Uome would be available to augment CD forces in the event of war, but their primary function would be fighting the enemy.

Mr. Martin said the RCMP is charged with watching for fifth columnists and saboteurs and there is close liaison between the national police and the CD organization.

The possibility disease might be spread through planting of bacteria was not being overlooked, though it was not receiving the attention it once did.

He did not explain why. But he did say that the prospect of the

intercontinental ballistic missiles is overshadowing all present thinking about CD, including evacuation and decentralization.

Under questioning by Jr. William Blair (PC-Lanark) and Maj. Gen. G. R. Pearkes, VC, (PC-Esquamit-Saanich), Mr. Martin said attention is being given to plans for removal of vital documents from Ottawa in the event of war.

Medical supplies were being stockpiled in areas outside potential target sites, but there could be no guarantee they would be entirely safe from the effects of thermonuclear attack.

Gen. Pearkes suggested a federal CD act to give legal backing to federal plans. Mr. Martin said the justice department "informs us we have all the power we need" short of mobilization of manpower.



**HOLIDAY IN EUROPE**

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith left Victoria, B. C. recently aboard the S.S. Duivendyk on a holiday to Europe and Great Britain which they expect to terminate late in August. They will travel through the Panama Canal and enjoy scheduled stops en route before passing into the Atlantic. Mr. Smith, who retired from his position as Principal of Victoria High School, last year, was presented with the travel tickets by former students. A son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith and a brother of Mrs. Keith S. Rogers, Mr. Smith visited Charlottetown for a few days last May.

### Photographic Squadron Has Busy Summer In Arctic Work

Montreal (CP)—Men and planes of the RCAF's No. 408 photographic squadron will scour the Arctic islands this summer, mapping them on the map.

The work, combined with other tasks, means the busiest year yet for the unit from Resolute, Ont. More than 300 of its personnel will be stationed between the 69th and 75th parallels far above the Arctic circle.

One camp will be smack on the magnetic pole.

Eighteen planes will be used on operations extending the shoran survey of the north. The Canadian mainland has been completed since the work began in 1949.

Shoran is a highly-accurate method of aerial survey, using radar to measure distance. Aerial photos taken in the last 34 years by RCAF and commercial operators tell what the country looks like. Shoran shows where the photos fit in.

**TO AID DEW**

Elsewhere, three squadron Lancasters will be based at Resolute Bay, Cornwallis Island—900 miles from the North Pole—to carry out ice reconnaissance patrols for vessels engaged in transporting DEW—Distant Early Warning—line supplies. Another plane will be engaged in photographing tactical army-air force exercises at Camp Gagetown, N. B.

The northern operation starts May 1 with four Lancasters, six Dakotas, three Otters and four Canos flying from bases at Cambridge Bay, Victoria Island and Port Churchill, Man. A helicopter will be added.

Flying boxcars of Air Transport Command will airlift ground stations to intermediate icestrips along the Arctic coast. Shore crews will live on the ice in tents at first. The work is expected to be completed by late August, leaving one more season to wrap up the basic coverage as far as Ellesmere Island.

### Concert At York Provides Fun And Suspense

A large and delighted crowd greeted the York players Wednesday evening in their initial presentation of their variety concert, under the auspices of the Women's Institute.

Two one-act plays were the feature entertainment and added hilarity and enjoyment was given by the appearance of several well known artists: Mrs. Arthur Henry in readings, Donnie Allan in piano and harmonica ensemble, vocal solos and highland dancing by Joanne Lilly and Janet Folland respectively.

The first play, a comedy entitled, "So Early in the Morning" was directed by Nelda Murray and

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judging by the audiences response, proved to be vastly entertaining. Leading roles were realistically played by Irene Hardy and Mayme Vessey with their precocious children, Shirley Vessey and Nelson Vessey. Others in the large cast included Edith Brown, Gertrude Vessey, Ella Chappell, Beverley Simpson and two particularly fine comedy characterizations by Pearl Cooke as a tourist from the deep South and Reuben Watts as an eccentric elderly deaf man.

**SPINE—TINGLING**

Following a sale of lunches, the second play, a spine tingling mystery drama, "Drums in the Night" was presented. For the best part of a half hour the large audience was breathless with suspense, as the story, taking place in a large, supposedly empty house, unfolded through its various clever episodes to a totally unexpected ending.

In this production, directed by Arthur Vessey, leading roles were most effectively portrayed by Nelda Murray and Dick Vessey, who received able support from the remainder of the cast, Margaret Proud, Vaunda Lewis, Marion Vessey, Florence Lewis and Harry Vessey.

This complete entertainment will be repeated at York tonight. For those who have followed York productions in the past, this should prove an event many people will not care to miss.

**QUALIFIED STATEMENTS**

But the Washington and London declarations were both qualified. Murray Snyder, assistant press secretary, read a statement saying the president welcomed the Soviet real desire and determination on the part of the Soviet Union to back the United Nations effort.

Lloyd said Britain, France and the United States retained the right to take action on their own regarding the Middle East. Emphasis on action within the United Nations, he said, "does not remove the possibility of action outside the United Nations." The three powers, in a 1950 declaration, pledged action within or outside the UN whenever necessary to prevent violation of the armistice lines.

### Car Loadings

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