

UP TO 6,000 MORE CANADIAN TROOPS TO GO TO KOREA

Allied Troops Launch New Offensive In Korea

Advances Up To Six Miles Reported Along 50-Mile Front

By Robert Euston

TOKYO, Feb. 22—(Thursday)—(AP)—Allied troops of five countries advanced today in a new offensive along a front of more than 50 miles in muddy Central Korea.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur, resuming his daily communiques as United Nations commander, said his troops already have gained up to six miles in the new drive, opened at 10 A. M. yesterday.

A special U. S. Eighth Army communique listed one gain of about eight miles by South Koreans west of Hoengsong.

Elements of the 9th and 10th Corps—including Americans, Britons, Australians, New Zealanders and South Koreans—leaped from trenches and began the push against withdrawing Reds. An Indian field ambulance unit moved up with the troops.

A Ninth Corps spokesman said the drive was "a final phase of the Korean campaign."

Report Canadians In Action Erroneous

TOKYO, Feb. 22—(Thursday)—(CP)—Through an error in an announcement at United States 9th Corps headquarters, it was reported in an Associated Press dispatch Wednesday that Canadian troops had gone into action on the Central Korean front.

The original announcement at 9th Corps headquarters had listed troops of nine countries, including Canada, Greece, France and India, in action. Eighth Army headquarters later said only five countries were represented in combat.

The Allied force on the offensive is made up of American, Australian, New Zealand, South Korean and British troops, Eighth Army headquarters said.

Soldiers At Fort Lewis Cheer News

Gen. MacArthur had ordered the attack Tuesday during a visit to the central front pivot at Wonju. The 60-mile front, one of rugged mountains, extends from near Yangpyong on the Han River eastward past Wonju, Yangpyong, a former Chinese Communist headquarters town abandoned to the Allies this week, is 27 miles east and slightly south of Red-head Seoul.

MacArthur, on his return to Tokyo from the Wonju visit, resumed his all summaries which he dropped last December. At that time his troops were falling back before Chinese divisions toward Seoul which the Allies yielded Jan. 25.

On Wednesday Reds defending Seoul repulsed two Allied patrol attempts to cross the Han River.

The Allied punch in Central Korea fell in the same area where last week seven Chinese Red divisions were chewed up trying for a break-through.

That enemy effort, although it failed, had ground to a halt a limited offensive opened by Lt. Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway's army Jan. 25.

MacArthur's summary today said the biggest advance in the resumed offensive was scored around Hoengsong, 10 miles north of Wonju. Hoengsong was the first point over-run by the Chinese in their abortive break-through attempt.

Rain-lashed American infantrymen moved half way back to Hoengsong Wednesday and bumped into the outpost line of an estimated 10,000 to 15,000 fresh Chinese Reds. The Communists were reported under orders to hold Hoengsong at all costs.

Flu Situation Is Improving

By The Canadian Press

Continued improvement in the influenza situation was reported Wednesday from several Canadian communities hit by a mild form of the ailment and by heavy colds.

A Canadian Press survey showed flu on the wane in Toronto and Montreal, the two largest cities reporting outbreaks, and in the Northern Ontario town of Halleybury and at what may be the peak in Ottawa and in Sarnia, Ont.

Toronto school attendance was improved. One large department store reported that the outbreak among its staff appeared to be over.

Two of the 26 Montreal hospitals which had closed their doors to visitors admitted callers on a restricted basis.

Quebec said no cases of flu have been reported in that city.

Coming Events

- Mail your Films to Garnham Photo Studio, Charlottetown.
- Show, Morell Community Hall every Friday, 7 and 9 o'clock.
- Auction and Dance, Millview Hall, Friday, February 23rd.
- Reserve Thursday, March 29th, St. James Church, Easter Tea.
- National Film Board films at Irishtown Hall, Thursday, Feb. 22nd at 8 p.m.
- Hear Hampton Women's Institute present their two one act plays in Hampton Hall, February 27th. Specialties, Sale of lunches.
- Canoe Cove February 24th. Rachel and the Stranger, Starring Loreta Young and Robert Mitchell. Also two reel comedy with Edgar Kennedy. Auspices W. I.
- Motion Picture, Victoria Hall, Friday, February 23rd, at 8.30. Rachel and the Stranger, Starring Loreta Young, Wm. Holden and Robert Mitchell; also a double reel Edgar Kennedy. Auspices Canadian Legion.



HAS TAKEN OVER BRITAIN'S STEEL BUSINESS

Sixty-five-year old Steven J. Hardie, the Scottish millionaire chosen by the Labor Government as czar of the national steel business, has now taken over his new job.

The one-time chartered accountant, who parlayed a \$28,000 investment into a \$90,000,000 industrial empire, has never been a steelmaker. Instead, Hardie has spent most of his life doing just the opposite, breaking up steel as head of a \$30,000,000 industry which does most of the country's ship scrapping.

As boss of the eighth industry to be nationalized by the Attlee Government, Hardie has a tough assignment. But his friends point to his near-fabulous industrial career as proof of his ability to carry out the job.

Potato Disease Spreads In Nfld.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Feb. 21—(CP)—Potato wart disease is spreading rapidly in Newfoundland and will be a serious menace if not soon checked, G. C. Morgan, regional director of the Federal Division of Plant Protection, said here today.

Although not as heavy as in the previous year, Mr. Morgan said losses ranged from ten to 50 per cent. Out of every 100 fields checked, 84 were infected with wart.

Mr. Morgan said he would give a detailed report on conditions here at the certified seed potato conference in Ottawa next week.

Meanwhile, every precaution, including export restrictions, was being taken to ensure against the spread of the disease to other parts of Canada.

Find Lifeboat From Missing Trawler

BOSTON, Feb. 21—(CP)—A sea-battered lifeboat in which some of the 15 or 17 crew members of the Gloucester trawler Gudrun may have been lost, the United States Coast Guard reported today.

The vessel was picked up by another fishing vessel about 65 miles southeast of the Gudrun's last known position off Newfoundland.

It bore the name Gudrun on the starboard bow and Gloucester on the stern.

The Coast Guard said one oarlock was in the lifeboat and "all gear was intact."

The vessel was last heard from Jan. 14.

Anti-Reds Active In Russian Zone Of Germany

By TOM REEDY

BERLIN, Feb. 21—(AP)—The Russian zone of Germany is plagued with daring bands of young anti-Communist playing a reckless game of tag against despotism.

The bands are organized as the old French Maquis which plagued Hitler's occupation chiefs and pecked at Laval's puppet Vichy regime a decade ago.

The young East Germans are set up in cells of three or four. They operate under false names. Few know their comrades by anything except the "cover names." This winter they have distributed 500,000 leaflets urging the German population to resist Communism and Soviet policies.

They leave their "sign" at times, just to irk the security police. The big "F" for "Freiheit" (freedom) painted on walls has appeared even on Russian troop installations.

The movement, which has its headquarters in West Berlin and in Frankfurt, calls itself the League of German Youth. It claims 25,000 members on both sides of the Iron curtain.

Truman Sees Hope Of Averting World War

By ARTHUR L. EDSON

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21—(AP)—President Truman said today that although the United States faces "the most tremendous emergency" in its history, it gradually is approaching a position where "a third world war can be prevented."

But he warned that victory only can come with co-operation and sacrifices from everyone.

He told Masonic leaders the U.S. Government has but one objective: "To keep the peace."

"Everybody, I don't care who he is, or what his condition or his position is — from the President of the United States to the laborer who digs in the trench — must make some sacrifice in order that the whole country may be mobilized to meet the serious situation with which we are faced," Truman said.

He spoke at a breakfast given here for 350 high-ranking Masons.

Jet Bomber Makes New Trans-Atlantic Record

GANDER, Nfld., Feb. 21—(CP)—A twin-jet British bomber failed today in a race to beat the sun across the North Atlantic, but landed with the fastest crossing in history — four hours and 40 minutes.

Strong headwinds slowed the black and grey Canberra bomber, which has a speed rating of better than 600 miles an hour, on its 2-100-mile flight to Gander from Aldergrove air base, near Belfast.

The sun made the swing in 3-1-2 hours — 600 miles an hour. Nosed out by an hour and 10 minutes with an average speed of about 446 miles an hour, the bomber's three-man crew emerged here with the comment: "Lead us to the coffee."

Strong Demand, Big Prices For Pulpwood In N.B.

SAINT JOHN, N. B., Feb. 21—(CP)—An almost unprecedented demand for pulpwood and an expected increase in the price being paid by the British Timber Control for long lumber is providing a bright outlook for New Brunswick forest operations.

While the actual amount of the increase to be paid by United Kingdom lumber buyers is not yet worked out, John E. Sayre, Rothery, president of the Maritime Lumber Bureau, said tonight it would approximate \$5.50 per thousand board feet. The proposal was discussed at a meeting of the Bureau in Moncton last week.

At Fredericton, a prominent pulpwood broker said that peeled pulpwood was bringing \$25 per cord, loaded on freight cars. The price for the unpeeled pulpwood was \$17. Last April, the prices were \$17 for peeled and \$12-\$13 for unpeeled wood, he said.

Larger exports of paper products, especially to Europe, and stocking up by pulp mills were creating the heavy demand, he said, and New Brunswick pulpwood was being purchased for mills as far away as Cornwall, Ont., and New York state.

The demand was greater than at any time during or since the Second World War.

The Fredericton broker estimated some 500,000 cords would be cut in New Brunswick for export this season, providing employment for many hundreds of men at wages ranging as high as \$7 per day.

Irish Author Visits Canada

SAINT JOHN, N. B., Feb. 21—(CP)—Sir Shane Leslie, Irish author, was among passengers who disembarked here today from the liner Empress of France. He will be a guest of Viscount Alexander, Governor-General of Canada, at Ottawa.

Sir Shane, a reformation, enthusiast who is devoting his time to "stirring up the mighty gospel of tree planting," said he planned to obtain first hand information about Canadian forests. The material will be used in a book to be entitled "A Survey Of The Whole Timber Question In The Empire."

One of the youngest passengers was two-year-old Marguerite Celeste Holme, from Surrey, England, en route to Edmonton to live with her godparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Keenan.

Also aboard the liner was A. T. Wilson, young Scottish brick-layer and the first immigrant to come to Canada under the Government's "Assisted Passage" Plan. He will settle in Toronto.

Halifax Vessels To Join Sealing Fleet

HALIFAX, Feb. 21—(CP)—Five vessels from Halifax will join the sealing fleet off the north coast of Newfoundland this season.

The ships are the Titus, Tom, Theron and Trule, operated by Karl Karlson and Co. Ltd., and the Arctic sealer, owned by Shaw Steamship Co. Ltd.

Army Offers Short-Term Commissions

OTTAWA, Feb. 21—(CP)—The army, switching policy to meet expanding defence needs, today offered short-term, active service commissions of three, four and five years for officers up to and including the rank of major.

Usually, when an officer is appointed to active service with the army, he joins for as long as he is needed. Defence Minister Claxton said the new plan has been started because more and more officers are required in the expanded defence program.

The short-term commissions are open to:

- Officers who have served with the army before.
- Members or former members of Canadian Officers Training Corps at universities who have successfully completed two summers of training.
- Members or former members of command contingents of C.O.T.C. who have mastered six months' training at a corps school.
- Men selected from active service ranks.

The educational standard is junior matriculation or its equivalent. Those who complete their short-term commissions and prove themselves up to active force standards can apply for permanent commissions.

Well Known N. B. Photographer Dies

MONCTON, N.B., Feb. 21—(CP)—William Arthur Flett, 48, one of New Brunswick's best-known commercial and news photographers, died here today. He had been engaged in the photographic business in Moncton for 27 years. The news assignments he carried out included taking the first photographs of the crew members of a Russian plane which crash landed on Miscou Island, off the north tip of New Brunswick, in 1936. The plane was attempting a non-stop flight from Moscow to New York.

Local Man Appears In Vancouver Court

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Agreement Reached On Civil Defence Plans

OTTAWA, Feb. 21—(CP)—Canadian and American civil defence chiefs announced today they have reached agreements on joint civil defence activities.

A statement issued after a four-hour meeting in the Parliament Buildings said the agreement was reached "on all points to ensure complete co-operation on all matters regarding civil defence information, research, planning, organization and training."

It added that "as far as possible the object of this co-operation will be to ensure that civil defence activities will be carried on between Canada and the U.S. as if there were no border."

Canada To Send Wheat To Famine-Ridden India

OTTAWA, Feb. 21—(CP)—External Affairs Minister Pearson announced today that Canada proposes to send wheat to famine-ridden India and Pakistan.

He told the Commons the move would be financed out of the \$25,000,000 Canada has offered to contribute in the first year to the Colombo Plan for development of South and Southeast Asia.

Mr. Pearson said: "We are immediately opening discussions with the Indian Government to see whether they would wish that some of the funds we provide this year under the Colombo Plan should be spent on wheat for their famine-stricken country."

"This wheat would, I imagine, be sold by the Indian Government to the people of India under its rationing system. The money so raised could then be devoted to capital developments."

"In the Colombo report, it is

Defence Minister Makes Announcement In Commons

By DOUGLAS HOW

OTTAWA, Feb. 21—(CP)—Canada shortly will send a full brigade of 6,000 to 7,000 men into action in Korea under the United Nations flag.

Defence Minister Claxton made the announcement tonight to an applauding Commons.

He said the unified command of the United Nations asked Canada Tuesday whether the 25th Infantry Brigade — the core of the army's special force — was fully trained, and if so, whether it could be sent to Korea.

Cabinet agreed today that the 2nd Battalions of the Royal Canadian Regiment and Royal 22nd Regiment and supporting arms "should shortly proceed to Korea and join the 2nd Battalion of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry."

Battalions of the three regiments fought together in the First Division in the Second World War.

New Brigade?

Mr. Claxton was asked by reporters whether the new move will delay dispatch of a Canadian brigade group to Europe as part of Canada's commitment to Gen. Eisenhower's integrated force.

He referred them to his recent speech in Parliament in which he said "the force we propose to send (to Europe) will initially be a brigade group or regimental combat team and we hope that it may arrive at about the same time as the additional U.S. forces, but this may depend on events in Korea."

It is considered likely that for the time being the remainder of the special force will be brought back to Canada and formed into a new brigade. The men were originally recruited as reinforcements for the units now going to Korea or already there.

The units going to Korea will take front-line reinforcements with them but it still may be necessary to draw in time on the group kept here. With recruiting booming, the Government will probably build up the second brigade and train reinforcements which could be used for both.

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TORONTO, Feb. 21—(CP)—Minimum temperatures as observed between 7.30 p.m. and 7.30 a.m. EST; maximum temperatures between 7.30 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.:—Victoria 36-49; Edmonton 17-20; Calgary 20-23; Regina 18-12; Winnipeg 27; Toronto 35-38; Ottawa 32-26; Montreal 32-35; Quebec 31; Saint John 30-37; Moncton 28-36; Halifax 32-36; Charlottetown 28-39; Sydney 29-32; Yarmouth 33-42; St. John's 26-32.

HALIFAX, Feb. 21—(CP)—Official forecasts issued by the Dominion Public Weather Office in Halifax.

Synopsis — It was overcast and mild in the Maritimes tonight and there was occasional rain, drizzle, or snow in most of the district.

A storm developing on the American coast is expected to move toward the Maritimes causing wet weather for Thursday. As the storm crosses the district, Thursday evening, colder air will move into the Maritimes and the weather will begin to improve.

Regional forecasts valid until midnight Thursday.

Prince Edward Island — Overcast. Rain and drizzle ending in the evening. Continuing mild. Southeast winds 20 shifting in the evening to west 15. Low early Thursday morning and high in the afternoon at Charlottetown 30 and 35.

High tide today at 11.50 A. M. and 11.27 P. M.
Sun rises at 7.05 A. M. and sets at 5.49 P. M.
Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

BORDEN — CAPE TORMENTINE
FERRY SERVICE
Leave Borden Leave C. T.
9.10 A.M. 2.40 P.M.

SUNDAY SERVICE
Leave Borden Leave C. T.
8.45 P.M. 8.40 P.M.

NCA AIR SERVICE
Lv. Charlottetown for Moncton
5:50 A.M.—11:20 A.M.—4:45 P.M.
Ar. Charlottetown from Moncton
7:40 A.M.—1:25 P.M.—6:35 P.M.
Lv. Charlottetown for
New Glasgow — Halifax
7:55 A.M. New Glasgow only;
1:40 P.M. New Glasgow & Halifax.
Ar. Charlottetown from
New Glasgow and Halifax,
11:20 A.M. from New Glasgow only
4:20 P.M. from New Glasgow and
Halifax.
Charlottetown — Sydney flights
every Monday, Wednesday, Friday.