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ATTLEE-TRUMAN AGREE TO SPEED WESTERN DEFENCE

Higher Pay Coming For Canadian Armed Forces

Canadian Destroyers In Action; Aid In Evacuation Of United Nations Group

OTTAWA, Dec. 8 (CP)—Canadian destroyers covered the night-time evacuation of United Nations personnel from Chinnampo, the port of Pyongyang this week and then "knocked hell" out of the important Korean harbor. There was some resistance but no Canadian casualties.

At home, the Government cleared the way for the R.C.A.F.'s 12 North Star planes of No. 426 Transport Squadron to fly straight into Korea in case they are needed for evacuation purposes because of the present frontline crisis. For five months they have been flying between Tacoma, Wash., and Japan.

News of those two developments

Final Approval By Gov't Expected Next Week

OTTAWA, Dec. 8 (CP)—The Government is in the last stages of consideration of pay increases for the armed forces and final approval is expected next week, authoritative quarters said today.

Defence Minister Claxton has been pressing for months for increases, arguing both that they would help the recruiting drive and that they would relieve genuine distress among some of the 63,000 men already in the three armed services.

Informal quarters said virtual approval has been given now but the final details remain to be worked out and sanctioned, probably at next Wednesday's Cabinet meeting. Earlier it was reported final approval has already been given.

There was no official confirmation immediately of speculation that the increases will run from \$14 to \$90 a month, depending on rank, and affect both officers and men.

It was estimated that increases of that magnitude would add about eight per cent to the current pay, bill for the three forces. They contain about 63,000 men.

There has been debate within the Cabinet about the date when the increases should go into effect. Finance Minister Abbott is reported to have vetoed a move to make them retroactive to last July 1.

Pay problems have been blamed for some of the absenteeism that has hit the army's special force. Some of the men have contended they can't support their families on the money they get.

Talk Evacuation In Northeast Korea

TOKYO, Dec. 9 (Saturday)—(AP)—Growing but unconfirmed rumors of a possible sea withdrawal of United Nations forces in Northeast Korea were heard today in that sector.

The rumors were reported by Associated Press war correspondent Stan Swinton from the northeast front. They coincided with the struggle by more than 20,000 U. S. marines, and British commandos to escape a Chinese Communist entrapment over an icy road leading down to the east coast. This force was reported to have made good progress Friday.

Commanders Gen. Edward M. Almond, commander of the U. S. 10th Corps in the northeast, conferred today with Vice-Admiral C. Turney Joy, U. N. naval commander in Korea. There was no announcement on their discussions.

This conference followed one yesterday by Joy and Lt.-Gen. Lemuel C. Shepherd, commanding fleet marine forces, and other officers. They met secretly on a ship off the east coast.

In the northwest, Allied planes attacked large Chinese Communist convoys moving south toward the Red capital of Pyongyang in a build-up for smashes against the new Eighth Army line. That line is between Pyongyang and the 38th parallel boundary.

Fifth Air Force planes alone flew 350 sorties in Korea Friday. They reported they inflicted 1,100 casualties on Communist troops.

Heavy Opposition Eighth Army headquarters reported at 11 A. M. (9 P. M. Friday, EST) that the main body of the

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But off parade, aboard ship, they beret below decks, they're different men.

Hair All Gone If wives and sweethearts could see them now! No hair! or almost none; a few still sport crew cuts.

The fashion Query started when he shaved Dunphy's head the second day out took an inexorable, rancorous course through the battalion, shearing bales of hair away into the Pacific waters.

Truman Names Press Secretary

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (AP)—President Truman today appointed Joseph H. Short, Washington correspondent of the Baltimore Sun, as presidential press secretary. He takes the post Dec. 18.

Announcement of Short's selection was made by Stephen T. Early, who has been acting as press secretary since Charles C. Ross died suddenly Tuesday night.

A former member of the Associated Press bureau at Richmond, Va., and Washington, Short has been assigned to the Baltimore Sun's Washington bureau since 1948.

He severed his connection with the Baltimore Sun today upon accepting the White House appointment.

The final communique revealed that while the President and Attlee had agreed on 11 positive steps that should be taken to counter Communist threats throughout the world, they failed to agree on a common stand toward Communist China.

Britain continues to believe the Peiping regime should be given Nationalist China's seat on the United Nations.

Leave Door Open For Disarmament Offer From Reds

No Agreement Reached On China Blockade.

By JOHN SCALI WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (AP)—President Truman and Prime Minister Attlee signalled today for a faster build-up of the West's military might but offered to halt the rearmament drive if Russian and Chinese Communist leaders would "modify their conduct" and make an acceptable peace.

The leaders pledged meantime that their countries will "act together with resolution and unity" to meet Communist threats with "no thought of appeasement or of rewarding aggression."

The joint British-American policy statement came at the end of a historic five-day conference to consider the world-wide implications of the Chinese Communist attack on Korea.

A 1350-word communique, issued after the sixth and final meeting, disclosed Truman has promised Attlee he will be kept "at all times informed" of developments that might cause the United States to decide to use the atomic bomb. The statement emphasized, however, the President's "hope that world conditions would never call for the use of the atomic bomb."

The President apparently reserved for himself the right to make a final decision about use of the A-bomb. Despite this, British officials said Attlee is well pleased with his understanding with Mr. Truman on this point.

Attlee announced before leaving for the United States last week that one of his main objectives was to obtain a promise from the President that Britain would be consulted before any such decision.

Leaves For Ottawa Less than two hours after the conference ended, Attlee left by plane for New York en route to Ottawa. Aides described him as "very well satisfied" with the results of his talks.

Attlee was accompanied by L. B. Pearson, Canada's Minister of External Affairs. In Ottawa he will meet with the Canadian Cabinet tomorrow. Sunday the British Prime Minister will make a country-wide broadcast over the CBC.

Mainland Men Charged With Theft Of P. E. Island Cattle

Two men from New Brunswick and one from Nova Scotia were charged at Georgetown yesterday with theft of cattle. The accused are George Albert MacKay and his brother, Charles Oswald MacKay of Georgetown, N. B. and Bernard Anthony Christensen of Bass River, N. S. They appeared before Stipendiary Magistrate Joseph W. MacDonell, K. C., charged under Section 369 of the Criminal Code of Canada.

The charge reads that they "on or about the 8th day of December, at or near St. Peter's, unlawfully did steal certain cattle, to wit, five calves of the total value of \$300, the property of Chester C. Pratt of St. Peter's, contrary to section 369 of the criminal code of Canada."

The arrest was made by members of the Souris detachment, R. C. M. P. The trial began at Georgetown yesterday at noon. The men were not asked to plead and no evidence was taken. The trio elected to be tried by the Magistrate, rather than by a judge or a jury and the hearing was set down for Dec. 14 at 10 A. M. at

Georgetown. Meanwhile Crown Prosecutor S. Hessian, K. C., of Montague, refused to grant bail. However, it is understood that the accused have engaged Mr. D.L. Mathieson, K.C., of Charlottetown as counsel and that he is continuing efforts to arrange bail.

It is understood the accused have been in the Province for three weeks, buying cattle and shipping them to Montreal. They assembled them at various railway stations Thursday and yesterday morning one from St. Peter's. Yesterday morning Mr. Pratt found the door of his barn open and four of his calves loose and five others missing. Investigation revealed the missing animals on a railway car being prepared for shipment. They were removed and Royal Canadian Mounted Police at Souris notified. The arrests followed.

The three accused told police they had cattle at the railway station in pens and that some had escaped. They said the Pratt cattle must have been at liberty and were caught in the roundup.

Long Delay Involved In Proposed Pension Changes

OTTAWA, Dec. 8 (CP)—Federal authorities look on January, 1952, as the earliest possible inaugural date for the contributory old-age pensions program considered at the Federal-Provincial fiscal conference.

The conference ended Thursday with the announcement that the governments will give early consideration to a constitutional amendment allowing the Federal Government to inaugurate a contributory system of \$40-a-month pensions for Canadians of 70 and over without a means test. Similar consideration will be given to an amendment allowing the Provinces to impose an indirect retail sales tax.

Federal authorities estimated today that it would take at least a year to go through the necessary legislative steps and to get the administrative machinery in order. The program might be delayed by: 1. Disagreement among the governments over the wording of the proposed constitutional amendment.

2. The outbreak of a third world war. The governments are anxious to have the amendment so framed that it will be possible to expand the pensions program in future years without another amendment. It is felt that the amendment should make it possible for the governments to lower the pensionable age and increase the pension as soon as conditions warrant such action.

All Must Agree All Provinces will have to agree on the constitutional amendment. (Continued on Page 5 Col. 5)

News In Brief TOKYO, Dec. 9 (Saturday)—(AP)—A spokesman announced today that press briefings at Gen. MacArthur's headquarters have been cancelled for the next two days.

TOKYO, Dec. 9 (Saturday)—(AP)—Vice-Admiral C. Turner Joy, commander of United Nations naval forces in Korea, said today the navy was standing off Hungnam, Northeast Korean port—ready "for any eventuality."

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuters)—Gen. Eisenhower's deputy, as supreme commander of Atlantic Pact forces will probably be a senior Royal Air Force officer, it was learned here today from a usually reliable source. Announcement of Eisenhower's appointment is believed imminent.

TOKYO, Dec. 8 (AP)—Military censorship of Korean war news still appeared remote today despite a British recommendation for it. But American officers have indicated they will make new efforts to have correspondents observe tighter secrecy on matters of military security.

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Coming Events

- Buy your films to Garnham Photo Studio, Charlottetown.
Buying Timothy seed daily. McGuigan and Boyle.
Rummage Sale, Heartz Hall today, 3 P.M. Trinity Junior W. A.
Christmas Concert, Victoria Hall, December 22nd.
St. Teresa's School Concert, Thursday, December 21st.
Christmas Concert, December 19th, 1950, in Spring Brook Hall.
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King William L. O. L. Annual Meeting, December 11th, Kingston.
Unloading Coal Stock and Saturday. Also in Friday and Spruce Shingles, P. J. Noy Co.
Parkdale community concert five nights, opening Feb. 28.
Christmas Concert and Dance, Green Bay School, December 20th.
Reserve Dec. 20th Christmas concert in Donagh School.
Variety Concert, Heartz Hall East Royal, Friday, December 15th, 8 P. M. Admission 35 cents.
Crokinole and Card Party in Harrington Hall, Tuesday, December 12th. Sale of Fancy Work.
Annual Meeting Kingston Telephone Co., December 16th. Edgar Newson, Secretary.
Reserve December 21st for Fredericton School Concert in Fredericton Hall.
Notice—Islanders Country Club Dance Hall is officially closed for season.
The Official Opening of Winslow School will be held on Monday, December 11th, at 8 P. M. All rate payers are cordially invited.
Come to Bradabane L.O.B.A. Bazaar and Pantry Sale, December 9th, at 7:00 P. M. Refreshments served.
Notice—Electric Light Fixtures, Electric Washers, Electric Fridges, etc., in stock now. Get our prices before buying elsewhere. G. C. Green.
St. John's Anglican Church, Millon, with complete interior redecoration will be reopened tomorrow at 3 P. M. See service announcement inside.
Buying live and dressed Chickens, Fowl and Capons. Also dressed Geese and Ducks. Thursday till noon. Highest market prices. W. T. Ling, Wheatley River.
Federation of Agriculture School District Meetings, December 11th to 16th. Consult local Secretary and see handbills for information.
See Santa Claus in Kensington, Monday from 12 noon to 1:30 P. M. and from 4:30 P. M. to 6 P. M. Watch for Paul's Sound Car and Santa will be close.
Buying pigs Monday at Fredericton, Tuesday 9 a.m., Brookfield, 10 Milton, 1 York, 2 Bedford, 3 Mt. Stewart, 4 Waterville, 4:30 Vernon River, 5 Pownal, Wednesday 9 a.m., New Glasgow, 10 Wheatley River, 11 Holmes Corner, 12 New Haven, 2 Bonshaw, 3 Kelly's Cross, 4 Emerald, 4:30 Pownal, 5 Kensington, Paying \$18 for good pigs over 30 lbs. cash. Will also buy smaller ones. Randal Jorgensen.

Fort Rendered Useless

Capt. Brock's fighting ships, placed in positions to cover the whole harbor area, waited for their departure and then let fly. The Canadians here called the operation "successful" in Washington, a U.S. spokesman said the "port was rendered useless to the enemy."

"When they finally left," said a statement issued here, "the harbor was littered with burning oil and wreckage. Flames from burning buildings, oil storage tanks and ammunition dumps ashore were reported to be visible 50 miles away."

Capt. Brock's ship is the Cayuga. The Athabaskan is commanded by Cmdr. Robert P. Welland of Victoria and McCreary, Man and the Sioux by Cmdr. Paul D. Taylor of Victoria. It was one of the most important operations carried out by the destroyers in more than four months in Korean waters.

NO TRACE REMAINS The hanging gardens of Babylon, one of the seven ancient wonders of the world, were built by Nebuchadnezzar about 600 B.C.

Expect Demand For Farm Products Will Continue TORONTO, Dec. 8 (CP)—Present indications are that demand for farm products, and especially for animal products, will continue strong, says the current monthly review of the Bank of Nova Scotia.

The domestic market for food, says the review, is buoyant; population is growing rapidly; purchasing power is high and likely to remain so with defence spending increasing and the economy functioning at a high level. It adds: "Moreover, the capacity of the

Search Woods For Missing Child

McADAM, N.B., Dec. 8 (CP)—Searchers scoured wooded sections four miles west of McAdam tonight for a three-year-old boy who wandered from his father's cabin this afternoon. The young son of Gordon Yerxa became lost in an area where pines are being cut. R.C.M.P. from McAdam led the search, planned to continue all night if necessary.

Gorgeous Gussie In Traffic Smash

OTTAWA, Dec. 8 (CP)—On or off the courts, Gorgeous Gussie Moran can't stay out of the public eye.

The shapely young tennis pro, now on tour, got into the news today by smacking her Cadillac into a telephone pole in a three-car pile-up on an Ottawa street. No one was hurt.

domestic market for expansion is probably considerable, as is indicated by the fact that per capita consumption of, for instance, meat and milk is still below the peak levels reached in wartime and immediately after.

"And, if defence activity should restrict production of consumers' durable goods there may be some overflow of purchasing power to food, as well as other consumer goods."

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U. S. Leads World In Per Capita Income

NEW YORK, Dec. 8 (CP)—The United States leads all other countries by a wide margin with an average per capita income of \$1,450, says a United Nations report on National Income. Second place, U. S. was Canada with an average of \$870. At the bottom of the income ladder is Indonesia with \$23. China's figure is \$27.

Another indication of China's defence preparations is seen in her heavy purchases of raw materials from Hong Kong in the last six months.

The Chinese Government also is reported speeding up the requisitioning of grain as a form of taxation.

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Report China Preparing For Possible U. S. Invasion

By William Parrot. HONG KONG, Dec. 8 (Reuters)—For the first time in modern history China is throwing up a "great wall" against the threat of invasion, building defences against an attack she fears will come from the Western world.

Twenty-three hundred years ago the Chinese built a 1,400-mile wall to guard their back door from attack from Tartar tribes. Her rear now made secure by treaty with Russia, China looks apprehensively at her bulging coastlines.

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Persistent rumors here are to the effect that if a general war did come, the Chinese would not try to hold the southeast or south and central seaboard.

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Crime was higher in almost every Province. Nova Scotia had the largest number of cases investigated by the Federal force—3,787 under the Criminal Code, 12,652 under Provincial statutes and 1,143 under Federal statutes.

In the Provinces the R. C. M. P. investigated 10 cases of attempted murder, 257 cases of arson, 2,616 cases of general assault; 326 cases of cattle stealing; 41 cases of manslaughter; 64 cases of robbery with violence; 41 safebreakings, 3,110 cases

of breaking, entering and theft and 4,342 cases of general theft.

The convictions in the northland were not broken down as between natives and whites who together number close to 17,000 throughout the Yukon and the Northwest Territories. Most of the white population is centred around the larger towns such as Whitehorse and Dawson City, Y.T., and Yellowknife, N.W.T.

In a section dealing with conditions among Indians and Eskimos, the report mentioned drinking by Indians around the larger white settlements. They were getting liquor illegally and though the situation had "never got out of hand" a large number of convictions had been pressed.

There also had been some drinking among Eskimos living at Tuktoyaktuk at the mouth of the Mackenzie delta and a few at Akivik who obtained liquor by illicit means. The report said "this situation now has been remedied and is being watched to prevent recurrences in the future."

73 MORE SHOPPING DAYS

SOME OF THOSE GUYS WHO ARE ALWAYS SAYING WOOD NEVER HAVE ANY WOOD TO SHOW FOR IT!



TORONTO, Dec. 8 (CP)—Minimum temperatures 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 40-49; Edmonton 6-29; Calgary 24-32; Regina Zero-15; Winnipeg 11-18; Toronto 26-32; Ottawa 27-32; Montreal 28-36; Quebec 27-; Saint John 28-40; Moncton 26-38; Halifax 30-42; Charlottetown 27-38; Sydney 35-37; Yarmouth 31-44; St. John's Nfld. 25-29.

HALIFAX, Dec. 8 (CP)—Official forecasts issued by the Dominion Public Weather Office here and valid until midnight tomorrow, with an outlook for Sunday. New England is having rain again, along with mild temperatures. The area of bad weather is advancing northeastward slowly and will reach southwestern forecast regions on Saturday.

Forecasts: Prince Edward Island—Overcast with rain beginning in the evening. A little milder. Winds southeasterly. Low and high Saturday at Charlottetown 28 and 40. High tide today at 12:40 P. M. and 11:47 P. M. Sun rises at 7:31 A. M. and sets at 4:21 P. M. BORDEN — CAPE TORMENTINE