

Working Together Is Major Objective Of U.N. Force

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ABU SUWEIB, Egypt (CP)—Entirely different religious and political concepts with attendant sharp contrasts in standards and modes of life are in complicated association with this big United Nations Emergency Force base units camp.

But Hindu and Christian, Yugoslav Communist and Scandinavian democrat are all getting along with a ready goodwill through patience, understanding and compromise.

The big, brawny and decisive soldier behind the success of this vital part of the UN international police experiment is a Canadian—Col. Mike Dare of Camp Borden, Ont.

RUGGED FIGURE

He is 39, six feet one, and 210 pounds, with an impressive Second World War fighting record in infantry and armor in both Italy and the Western Front. He is No. 1 assistant to the commander of the Commonwealth division in Korea.

"The reason why it has been a success," says Col. Dare "is that each one of the dozen countries represented is imbued with the general intent to make this force go. This is the over-riding thought at the moment."

The force had many problems, though. There had not been time for a shakedown before UNEF went into the field.

"Our growing pains are chiefly on methods of procedure and administrative detail that cause a lot of overtime work but no real sweat or hard feelings.

"Everybody is willing and co-operative and trying to do the best possible job. This is a new concept with no precedent to follow and we are working out procedures and conventions as we go.

UNUSUAL TASKS
"This isn't the military way of doing things but we have an international political complexion too and we must make things fit into the program as the new problems arise."

The colonel is riding two rough horses, both with distinctive problems but fortunately both going in the same direction. He is not only UNEF base chief but also commander of the Canadian base units which supply logistical support for the whole force.

He started to qualify for the latter job after an education at Oakville and Brantford, Ont., when he became a reservist in the Dufferin and Haldimand Rifles.

At the outbreak of war, he went into the Royal Canadian Regiment and has been a professional soldier ever since. His wife is from the Dosco Kelly family of Sydney, N.S., and he has three future officer candidates at home, his boys being 10, 7 and 1.

CANUCKS DOMINATE

His base has supplied Canadians to fill UNEF senior posts in engineering, signals, military finance, procurement, provost and assistants in other spots like logistics planning, intelligence and other departments.

With the exception of a few spots like the senior medical officer—a Norwegian—and a senior supply officer—and Indian—Canadians dominate the roster both at El Ballah, UNEF headquarters 20 miles away and at this camp 70 miles northeast of Cairo.

The colonel's deputy is Lt. Col. Ken Wade of Hannah, Alta., "who did a tremendous job in the early establishment of the base camp."

Col. Wade used Canadian ingenuity and enterprise to get impossible things done when reinforcements were crowding in without supplies or rations.

Col. Dare arrived, he found the camp humming with preparedness for the arrival of men, vehicles and stores from the Canadian aircraft carrier Magnificent.

FAST ACTION

The new administrative troop arrivals, despite being drawn from units across Canada, fitted smoothly into the team. Signallers were deployed to forward positions, with permanent equipment taking over from makeshift, two days after the carrier arrived at Port Said, 60 miles to the north.

Ordnance was issuing vehicles as they arrived at the camp, the vehicles were moving in vital supply trains immediately and workshop troops were tackling a backlog of battered and unserviceable vehicles, desperately needed but retired by the early overload.

Meanwhile, staff clerks, postal orderlies and other skilled Canadian trades were moving in and putting the camp into full running order.

Col. Dare is enthusiastic about the meaning of such an operation to the Canadian Army, apart from its obvious contribution to the UN Security Force.

"It gives us the vital experience of working with our allies in the field as an integral part of an international team. This is broadening and educational. Formerly, we have been in many fields of operation, but always as a Canadian component of an Allied force."

"Even in Korea, what integration there was involved British formations with similar rules and traditions. This time we are fully integrated and the urgency and realism of the job and the actual problems we must solve are giving us experience we could never gain in exercises and at staff colleges."

"It has also brought us in close association with our own navy and air force and I think we've all benefited here too."

Some of the problems involving

allies with completely different customs have been solved with typical Canadian logic and enterprise. For instance, the Indians and this rules out beef. So mutton had to be provided in a hurry and on the hoof.

While an Indian butcher and chef were rounded up, a Canadian service corps unit grabbed the only transport it could find—and moved a block of sheep and goats to the Indian kitchen in time for dinner.

The difference in basic things like rations and standards of living posed a stiff problem for Col. Dare, especially as his administration is dominated by Canadians and he leans over backward in treating all alike.

He must follow a delicate course in an effort to compromise between the general Canadian high standards and the various standards of other countries; yet stay within the principles of the integration policy. So far there has been little complaint on either side.

MONEY IN BANK

Morale is generally high. Canadians have accepted without question pay restrictions in line with UNEF standards. The difference is allowed to accumulate and can either be banked, sent home or used later for the rest and recreation program now being worked out.

In the latter case, the money may be used to stake men on leave from the hard and confined living in Egypt to spots possibly in Italy and the Lebanon.

Except for conducted parties, leave in Egypt is out. This is to avoid any possible embarrassment of the UN position of complete neutrality.

But Col. Dare says relations with Egyptian authorities and citizens are "most correct." While he talked, outside his bare office a party of Egyptian soldiers—encompassed in the same area—marched by with friendly waves.

"We're also trying to avoid any possible suggestion that we're an army of occupation, especially in this bombed area where there is naturally still bitterness and suspicion. So we're disarmed and we're trying to maintain a friendly informality in our dealings with the Egyptians."

BEZY TIMES
Canadian and other UN troops have been working so hard they haven't had time to beef about sub-standard, war-battered quarters and the lack of many of the most basic amenities.

Col. Dare is working on these problems with a series of movies being started immediately, limited sports programs and a library. Nearby Ismailia has been put "in bounds" but has few attractions.

"As far as Canadians, anyway, are concerned," says Col. Dare,

B. C. Squadron Wins Naval Air Safety Award

HAMILTON The navy reserve air squadron - VC 922 - of H.M.C.S. Malahat, Victoria, B.C., has been named this year's winner of the Safe Flying Award, Rear Admiral K.F. Adams, Flag Officer Naval Division, has announced.

The award is presented annually to the naval reserve air squadron with the best flight safety record. VC 922 completed 1956 without a single flying accident.

Five naval reserve air squadrons are in operation across Canada, attached to naval divisions in Quebec, Kingston, Toronto, Calgary and Victoria. Last year holder of the Safe Flying Award was VC 924 at H.M.C.S. Tecumseh, Calgary, Alta.

Commanding Officer of this year's award winning air squadron is Lt. Cdr. (P) A.M. Davidson, RCN (R). The resident flying instructor is Lt. Cdr. (P) G.D. Westwood, RCN.

Presentation of the award to VC 922 will be made in March of this year at H.M.C.S. Malahat by Rear Admiral Adams during his proposed visit to western naval divisions.

The Safe Flying Award was donated by Admiral Adams three years ago to promote flying safety in the naval reserve air squadrons. The award is based on each squadron's accident-free record related to the number of flying hours done by the officers of the group.

Tot Burns Home

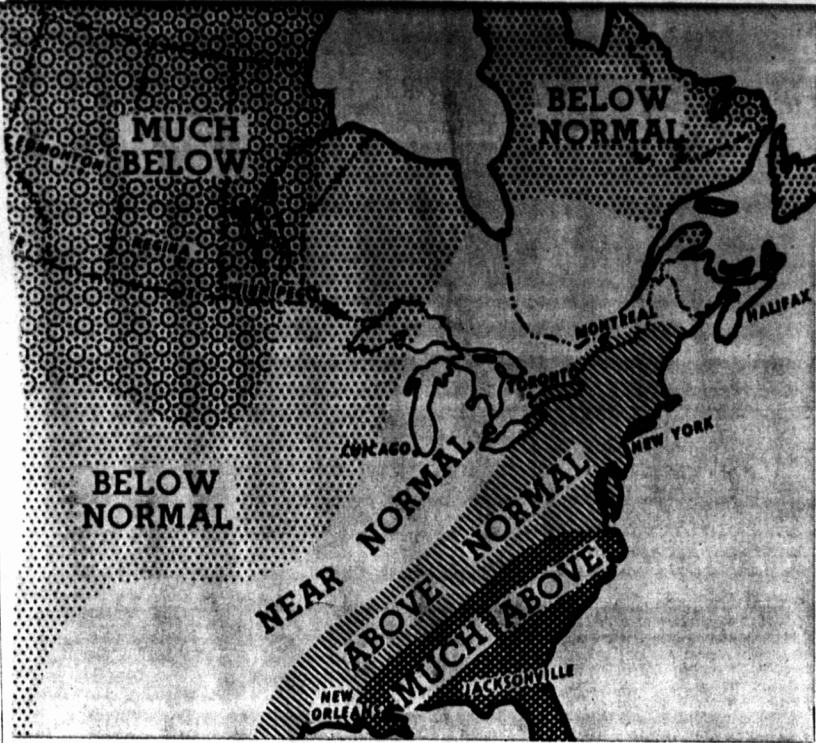
LONDON (CP)—Mrs. Richard Calvert was afraid her two-year-old son, Richard, might be jealous. So, on the way home from the maternity hospital, she bought Richard a picture book. Richard took an instant liking to his new baby brother, but the picture book was just awful.

While the rest of the family gathered around the new arrival, little Richard toddled off, found a box of matches and set fire to the picture book. Now mother and baby are back in hospital suffering from shock and the Calverts are looking for a new home.

"We are professional soldiers in the field.

"We're doing a very necessary job and we have to take the consequences of a hard life, at least temporarily. I must say I'm impressed by the mature outlook of most of the troops on this and other questions."

The usual soldier's morale booster — letters from home—is going to be handled by a fairly speedy airlift, but there still is a lack of news of Canadian origin and this has given the colonel some concern. The only readily available newspaper is an Egyptian daily, printed in English but hewing close to Egypt's propaganda line.



TEMPERATURE OUTLOOK

WASHINGTON—Most of East-Canada can expect near-normal temperatures during the next 30 days but below-normal temperatures are forecast for Western Canada by the U.S. weather service as shown in this map based on the long-range forecast. (CP Wirephoto)

Dominant Party Confident Of Re-election In India

By V. M. NAIR

NEW DELHI (Reuters)—India's dominant political party, the National Congress, is confident of being returned to power for another five years in this nation's second general election starting Feb. 25.

The oldest and most powerful party in India, the Congress has ruled since the country gained its independence 10 years ago. It will offer the electorate a phased program of progress towards socialism and the welfare state through successive five-year plans.

Although sure of success, the Congress party is conscious of certain weaknesses, such as the dead weight of some members of Parliament who won nomination last time in return for former political services, the continued prevalence of the caste system and corruption in the party, and the tendency of some members to opportunism.

This time, the congress high command is trying to bring in new blood to revitalize the party. Members of Parliament who have not proved capable are being rejected as party candidates and young members of high integrity and administrative ability are being nominated in their place.

SEE 5-PER-CENT LOSS

However, some political observers believe that the Congress will win fewer seats in this election.

Opposition parties expect at least a five-per-cent fall in the Congress vote, and a sharper decrease in the Congress majority in Parliament. In the 1951 elections, 51 parties contested the election to the House of the People, although only 26 were able to win seats.

During the last two years, the Congress has set its sights firmly towards socialism and the party's election manifesto declares its objectives as the establishment of a "socialist co-operative commonwealth."

Nehru, who visited Yugoslavia in 1955, is known to have been impressed by the Yugoslav type of socialism, which gives the workers a share in the management and ownership of their factories instead of handing everything over to state ownership.

ARABS FLEE ADEN

HOEIDA YEMEN (AP)—The Yemenite Radio says more than 300 Arab sheikhs and village mayors have fled to Yemen from Britain's Aden protectorate as a result of border clashes.

LEADS TO DISCONTENT

This has led to widespread discontent among rejected candidates. In Bihar, more than 1,000 Congress members who disagree with the selection of local congress candidates rebelled and decided to put up their own men to oppose official party nominees. Another 4,000 members resigned in protest against the refusal of party backing to the state's present irrigation minister.

Other rejected applicants from every state in India are appealing against their rejection. Many are veteran Congress members who spent years in prison before independence and who feel their services should be recognized.

The Congress party led the struggle for Indian independence. Its paid-up membership of 8,704,516 is the highest of any political party in India. In the last general election, the Congress won 364 seats in the House of the People, or 74 per cent of the seats, although it polled only 45 per cent of the total vote.

The main reason for the party's confidence this time is the outstanding popularity of Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru. In the 1951 election, many voters, though dissatisfied with the Congress party, voted for it because of Nehru.

H.M.C.S. Bonaventure's First Carrier Owned By Canada

BELFAST (Special)—As aviation in the RCN came of age last week in the sunshine of this hospitable city, the occasion was appropriately joyful. But HMCS Bonaventure, first aircraft carrier to be owned by Canada, entered service at a time when defence matters were undergoing serious review on this side. There was the gaiety of a coming-of-age party and the pensive moments of a graduation ceremony.

Canada received her new carrier as Britain prepared to disband the air branch of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve and most units of the Royal Auxiliary Air Force. The experts who filled newspaper columns with their comments on new defence policy were emphasizing that economy alone was not the reason for changes.

As concepts of strategy were changing, certain types of armaments were becoming obsolete, it was said. Technical advances seemed to be making service on a part time basis impractical.

CARRIER ROLE

But confidence and optimism surrounded the Canadian ceremonies. All who heard Capt. H.V.W. Gros address the ship's company were impressed by his firm faith in the future role of aircraft carriers.

Most navies, he said, were convinced that air power was paramount in protecting sea lines of communication. Only the aircraft carrier could meet threats above,

and below the sea. Skill, precision and timing were essential to the employment of carriers with their highly technical equipment. He was confident that the man under his command had all of these.

Lord Hailsham, who was just leaving the post of First Lord of the Admiralty, took the boldest look into the future.

Although the time was not far distant when ballistic missiles would begin to replace land-based fighters and bombers, he said, the vital role of carrier-based aircraft seemed destined to remain. As far as could be seen, the carrier would continue to play an indispensable part in maintaining peace and, when necessary, carrying on war.

Even a short tour of the \$22 million carrier impressed one with the degree of technology now involved in naval warfare and gave one a glimpse of the responsibility service planners assume in deciding what to adopt.

Defence Minister Campney emphasized his confidence in British leadership in these matters. Britain had been the first to fly jet planes from a carrier and the first to develop the angled flight deck, the steam catapult and the mirror landing-aid. While acknowledging a great debt to British ingenuity, Canada had seen advantages in choosing aircraft of American design. North Atlantic teamwork seemed to give naval planning the soundest possible foundation.

Believes Britain Has Lead In Know-How For Atomic Power

By KEN METHERAL
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LONDON (CP)—Viscount Chandos, head of one of Britain's four nuclear energy companies, said Thursday he believes Canada will look to the United Kingdom for "know-how" in the development of nuclear power stations.

The chairman of Associated Electrical Industries and onetime state secretary for the colonies is scheduled to leave by sea next week for a three-week visit to Canada and the United States.

The A. E. I.-John Thompson Nuclear Energy Company recently started work on construction of a £35,000,000 atomic power station at Berkeley on the estuary of the River Severn in Gloucestershire.

The project is expected to take about 3½ years to complete and the station will have an output of about 300,000 kilowatts of electrical energy.

"I believe that when the Canadians start building large nuclear power stations to supplement their water power and coal resources, they will find that the gas-cooled graphite-moderated station offers the best solution to their problems," Lord Chandos said at a press conference.

He said Canada has extensive

knowledge of heavy-water reactors, but that Britain has a "clear lead" in the graphite-moderated field. The world's first large-scale atomic power station at Calder Hall in Cumberland is of the graphite-moderated type. It was opened last October.

While in Canada he will have talks with Trade Minister Howe; James Muir, president of the Royal Bank of Canada; James Duncan, chairman of Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission, and a number of businessmen in the engineering and cement industries.

EGYPTIAN TRADE CRISIS

JCAIRO (AP)—Egypt announced Wednesday all imports from the United States and West Germany will be cancelled unless the porters accept payment in Egyptian pounds. The Middle East News Agency announced Tuesday that 23 countries have agreed to accept Egyptian pounds in trade dealings. The countries were not named.

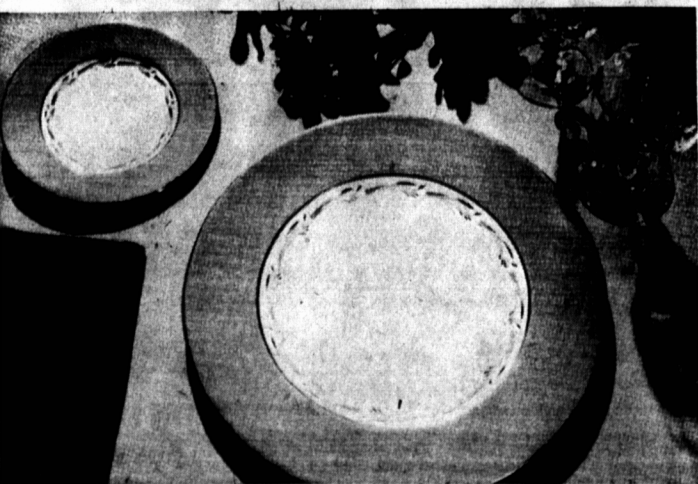
QUEBEC LEADS

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