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## U. S. DESTROYER SUNK IN COLLISION IN MID-ATLANTIC

### Top-Level Delegates To Meet In Truce Talks Today

#### Torch Commando Threatens Action Against Malan

By Arthur Gavahan  
CAPE TOWN, April 27—(AP)—The Torch Commando warned Prime Minister Daniel Malan tonight it will meet "action with action" if his nationalist regime moves against it, or illegally tampers with the Union's constitution.

Leaders of the 175,000-strong veterans' group—formed with the avowed aim of unseating Malan's white supremacy government—announced after a two-day council they are ready to fight to the end to save "this dictatorship-threatened country."

In a blunt statement, the Torchmen said: "We are determined to preserve our democratic way of life and rule of law—come what may."

Commando leaders had assembled here from the Union's four provinces to discuss how they can stop Malan's regime from putting through a bill turning all the members of the senate and assembly into a supreme court to judge whether parliamentary acts are constitutional.

The bill, which passed its first reading last Wednesday, was Malan's answer to the Appeals (Supreme) Court which threw out his law restricting voting rights of coloreds (persons of mixed blood) in the Cape Province. Full debate on the controversial bill begins in parliament Wednesday.

The statement also said the Torch group is ready to meet "any eventuality of government action." Commando leaders believe the nationalists may try to create incidents that would lead to a crack-down against opposition groups. Malan already has claimed the Torch commando is sinned with Communism and that its activities border on the illegal. His government is known to have pondered banning the group under the Suppression of Communism Act.

Informants said during their conference the Torchmen laid

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#### Coming Events

\*\*Dance in Malpeque Hall Monday, April 28th.

\*\*Wiltshire hall tonight, regular crokinole and playoff game.

\*\*Farmers book your clover seed now. McGulgan & Boyle.

\*\*Dance New Glasgow hall Tuesday, April 29. Music by Dolron Brothers.

\*\*Come to the big opening dance at the Bonshaw Inn, Tuesday, April 29th. MacNeils Orchestra.

\*\*Variety concert and dance Rustico Cross school, April 28th, starting 8 o'clock.

\*\*For Snapshots that will not fade, mail your Films and Negatives to Garnum Photo Studios, Charlottetown.

\*\*Card and crokinole party, Marshall Hall, Tuesday, April 29. Aid of Hall, Admission 50c and 35c. Lunch included.

\*\*Springfield at 2 P. M., come to Clarence Haslams for a demonstration of sheep penning, docking, shearing. Government Fieldmen will be present.

\*\*A Congregational meeting of the four Churches of Brookfield Church, April 30th at 8 o'clock P. M.

\*\*Federation of Agriculture meetings tonight, Beedus, Kensington and Crapaud. All Federation meetings in this series will commence at 8 p.m.

\*\*Cape Wolfe at Geo. Shaws a demonstration at 2 P. M. by Government Fieldmen of Sheep Husbandry. An evening meeting in the hall when films will be shown.

\*\*Now in stock, registered Laurentian turnip seed, mangle seed, Timothy and clover seed, barley, fescue, oil cake and bran. Dillon & Spillet.

\*\*Kinkora Hall—See three one-act plays presented by the Sodality Monday, April 28 at 2:30 P. M. and 8:15 P. M. Host Doug Fincau's Orchestra. Dance after.

\*\*Collecting Hogs for Canada Packers Ltd., each Tuesday at Crapaud and Carleton. When roads are impassable farmers are asked to deliver hogs to our trucks at Crapaud, and Carleton, on until 11 A. M. each Tuesday, under the same arrangement as last year. R. Dawson, Phone No. 12-11 or 17.

#### New Outbreak May Not Delay Embargo Lifting

REGINA, April 27—(CP)—Federal veterinarians in the Regina area say they do not expect the newly-confirmed cases of foot-and-mouth disease to set back substantially the date on which quarantine may be lifted.

Dr. Kenneth Wells and Dr. N. D. Christie, in charge of the eradication program, said that date will be set when officials are satisfied that all infected premises have been completely disinfected of any possible remaining traces of the foot-and-mouth virus.

The new cases, announced last Tuesday, were on two farms in the Ormiston area, 100 miles southwest of Regina. The two herds were shot and buried Thursday.

The veterinarians said both farms will be quickly cleaned up without delaying final completion of the over-all disinfection operation. They said that providing there are no further outbreaks "we can breathe easily again" by the end of May.

#### Three Injured In Crossing Accident

ANTIGONISH, N. S., April 27—(CP)—Three persons were severely injured at nearby Mulgrave today in a level crossing accident while on their way to church.

In hospital here are Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Meyers and four-year-old grandson George Meyers, all of Mulgrave, who were thrown clear of their car when struck by a C.N.R. eastbound freight.

The car, carried 150 feet, was demolished. Mr. Meyers, 64, is captain of the provincial car ferry which operates between Mulgrave and Port Hawkesbury.

#### Sigs Officers Conclude Successful Conference

Saturday's conference of signal officers from all over the Maritime Provinces was one of the most successful ever held, said Lieut. Col. K. M. Johnston after deliberations had concluded. In attendance, besides distinguished visitors were Active and Reserve Force officers of the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals from Eastern Command.

During the morning and afternoon Col. Johnston was chairman for discussions at the Armouries. Training plans for summer camps were a prominent part in the talks with advice being given by Lieut. Col. W. H. Ellis, command signal officer and Major P. D. Smith, D. A. Q. M. G., both from Halifax. Individual units represented had an opportunity to air their problems.

On one or two matters that could not be dealt with at that time resolutions were passed for consideration by the Canadian Signals Association at their annual meeting in September. Annual rifle competitions were reviewed and it was announced that a new cup had been placed in competition.

In the evening Dr. O. M. Solandt, chairman of the Defence Research Council, addressed a mess dinner held in the Charlottetown Hotel. Before dinner a reception was held for Dr. Solandt at the United Services Officers Club, followed by another one in the hotel immediately before dinner.

Dr. Solandt spoke to the officers on "the record" on technical and scientific matters, bringing them up to date on many developments.

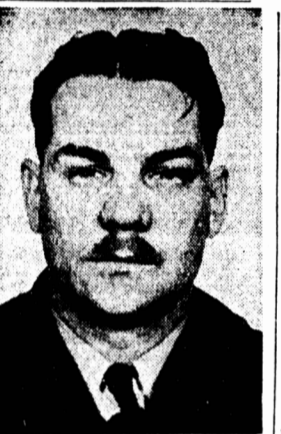
Dr. Solandt is one of Canada's foremost scientists in many fields including atomic, bacteriological warfare defence, chemical warfare and the advisory side of technical equipment development.



Lt. L. K. E. Lussier, D.F.C.



Lt. W. J. N. Burnett, D.F.C.



F. O. K. R. Carter

Pictured above are three members of the Royal Canadian Air Force killed when a Lancaster aircraft crashed and burned at the Summerside Air Navigation School Friday afternoon. A picture of the fourth man killed, Cpl. Joseph Bernard Marcel Lachaine, was not available. (Full casualty list on Page 15).

#### McGill Honours Kirk Organist

At the morning diet of Divine Service in the Kirk of St. James yesterday the Minister, the Reverend T. H. B. Somers, announced to the congregation that the Senate of McGill University has awarded an Honorary Fellowship in the McGill Conservatorium of Music to the Church Organist, Miss E. Lillian McKenzie, Mus. B.

This distinction has just been authorized by the Senate of the University to mark the devoted services given by regional representatives of McGill to musical education in general. Only ten graduates have been selected for this honour and recognition and Miss McKenzie is one of these.

On behalf of the congregation Mr. Somers offered proud and happy felicitations.

TOKYO, April 27—(CP)—The Canadian destroyer Nootka along with the United States destroyer Brush Friday fired 150 rounds at enemy troops, billets and gun positions, a naval summary said today.

#### Heroic Rescue Work At Scene Of Crash In S'ide

##### Here To Examine First Aid Classes



Mr. Albert Batten (above), Toronto, national field supervisor of Red Cross First Aid services, who is making a tour of the Maritime Provinces, arrived in Charlottetown Saturday afternoon. During his stay in this Province Mr. Batten will conduct sessions with instructor refresher groups in Charlottetown and Summerside and will examine standards of first aid classes at St. Dunstan's University, P. E. I. Hospital and the Charlottetown Hospital.

FO. Robert Sinclair was another who strode into the wreckage, knowing that at anytime the Lanc's big tanks might explode and fill the air with flaming gasoline.

Several thousand gallons of high octane gasoline in tank cars were shunted out of the area by C.N.R. crews.

Air Force officials are now engaged in carrying out an investigation to try and determine the cause of the crash.

No official announcement has been made describing anything more than the occurrence of the crash and its tragic results.

It is generally thought that the

FO. Carson Spicer of Apple River, N. S., was among the first at the scene of the flaming, broken aircraft, which was on loan from another unit to take part in Arctic navigation flights which started yesterday.

He walked into the plane, pushing wreckage aside, and helped pull clear the dead and survivors.

One officer said heroism was "supreme . . . of the highest order . . ." on the part of ground crews.

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#### Will Decide Fate of Festival

SAINT JOHN, N. B., April 27—(CP)—D. Park Jamieson, Sarnia, Ont., honorary chairman of the Dominion Drama Festival, said today that the future of the festival "will be decided during the next few days right here in Saint John."

Mr. Jamieson arrived with Michael St. Denis, director of the Old Theatre School in London, England, who will adjudicate the festival which opens tomorrow night.

While the organization faced a serious financial problem, Mr. Jamieson said, there was every reason to believe that the festival would continue to operate and grow as one of Canada's truly great cultural events.

Executive meetings will be held this week and important decisions regarding the festival's future will be reached at a meeting of the governors next Friday.

Mr. Jamieson said the festival had been offered an annual grant of \$15,000 from a distillery and this would be one of the matters to receive consideration. It was likely that other possible means of revenue would be discussed.

Retired Admiral Punches Rector

BRIDGEWATER, Somerset, England, April 27—(AP)—Rear-Admiral Ernest W. Leir (retired), commodore of convoys during the Second World War, was fined £20 Saturday for punching his village rector. Leir told the court he believed Rev. Harold G. Cole was aiming at him in a Sunday sermon against vanity.

ROME, April 27—(AP)—Fascism's followers massed 50,000 strong in the heart of Rome today to join a demonstration and Communistism in a scene unduplicated since Allied armies overthrew Mussolini.

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., April 27—(AP)—Communist China was charged Saturday with waging drug warfare aimed at wrecking the health of United States troops base in Japan.

Harry Anslinger, U. S. narcotics commissioner, drew what he said was a clear pattern of Red China and North Korean links with Japanese Communists to smuggle opium products, "push" them through street-walkers and brothers and smash the resistance of U. S. soldiers by making them narcotics addicts.

He named as two powerful figures in the Communist apparatus Po I-po, alias Heku Iku-Pa, a

far as possible they will be able to remain, when the regiment is reorganized in Canada, with the battery, troops and gun crews with which they have served here.

Says Brooks: "Men naturally want to stay with the comrades with whom they've served in action, and I tell them that insofar as it lies in my power they will do so."

The 34-year-old C.O. has found other means of polishing up unit pride. The R.C.H.A. has acquired a new tactical sign since hitting

#### Allies Cancel Sunday Meeting; No Explanation

MUNSAN, Korea, April 28—(Monday)—(AP)—Authoritative sources today said the top-level Allied and Communist delegations would hold a full-dress meeting on the crisis in Korean armistice negotiations.

The allies canceled Sunday's meeting without explanation only an hour before the delegates were scheduled to meet in the conference town of Panmunjom.

The meeting today was set for 11 a. m. (9 p. m., EST, Sunday), the source said.

There was no immediate official confirmation from Allied truce headquarters.

If the meeting convenes, it will be the first gathering of the full truce delegations since secret talks on the burning issue of exchanging prisoners collapsed Friday.

These talks were in the hands of staff officers.

The Reds broke off the talks after the Allies had advised them that only 70,000 of nearly 170,000 Communist troops and civilian prisoners in Allied hands wanted to be released to the Reds.

There was no official hint as to what caused the last-minute cancellation of Sunday's scheduled plenary session. Speculation dwelt on the possibility that one of the Allied countries might have suggested a new proposal for breaking the critical deadlock.

TEHRAN, April 27—(AP)—Amid glittering trappings of pomp and ceremony, Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi opened Iran's 17th Majlis (parliament) today with pleas for greater social justice and equality. The legislators then recessed until May 8, without tackling any of the difficult financial problems they face.

QUEBEC, April 27—(CP)—Fire destroyed the home of former President W. Howard Taft of the United States Saturday in Pointe au Pic, some 40 miles down the St. Lawrence River from Quebec. The house occupied each summer by Senator Robert Taft of Ohio and Charles Taft, sons of the late president.

#### Canadian Gunners In Korea Claiming Record

By Bill Boss  
WITH THE CANADIANS IN KOREA—(CP)—(By Mail)—Gunners of the 2nd Regiment Royal Canadian Horse Artillery say they've set a record.

They claim to have been in action longer than any Canadian artillery regiment was during the Second World War—more than 11 months steady and still going strong.

The regiment fired its first shot in Korea last May 17. It's been on the go ever since.

And it has fired three times as many shells in the defensive war that has held away since last Oct. 17 than it did during the preceding five months.

During the period May 17 to Oct. 17, when it supported the running battle to Chorwon, the summer patrolling and the autumn offensive to the present line, the R.C.H.A. fired 70,000 rounds.

Since then it has fired almost 220,000. Very soon its 300,000th round in Korea will be coming up. Its record stands in accuracy, speed and tonnage delivered—especially during the epic stand of the 2nd Battalion Royal 22nd Regiment last November—have fashioned a remarkable spirit within the unit.

#### 174 Men Missing After Hobson Collides With Aircraft Carrier Wasp

WASHINGTON, April 27—(AP)—The U. S. S. Hobson, battle-tested destroyer-minesweeper, collided with the aircraft carrier Wasp in mid-Atlantic Saturday night, and the navy said 174 men are missing. Atlantic Fleet headquarters in Norfolk, Va., said 61 men were rescued. Rear-Admiral William O. O'Regan, mine force commander at Charleston, S. C., said 14 officers and 221 men were aboard the ship.

WASHINGTON, April 27—(AP)—The destroyer-minesweeper U. S. S. Hobson, a much-honored fighting veteran of the Second World War, was sunk Saturday night in a mid-Atlantic collision with the aircraft carrier Wasp, herself one of the United States Navy's most fighting ships.

Atlantic Fleet headquarters at Norfolk, Va., reported that 61 survivors of the Hobson had been picked up by rescuers. The ship had sailed with 237 officers and men aboard.

The navy in Washington broadcast implied that there were casualties in the collision and said rescue operations were continuing, nearly a full day after the ships collided in night manoeuvres.

Such operations were hampered—and any swimmers' chances lessened—by unfavorable weather.

A navy dispatch reported "15 knots southwest wind, sea rough and confused."

The Wasp herself suffered damage to the first 75 feet of her bow and was headed for New York for repairs. The navy presumed she suffered no casualties.

Headquarters at Norfolk located the scene of the collision as 1,200 miles due east of Boston and 700 from the Azores.

The time of the crash was given as 1:25 A. M. Sunday Greenwich time, which would be 8:25 P. M. E. S. T. Saturday. The spot being well west of the Azores, the theoretical time at the scene was before midnight.

Fighting Career  
The lost Hobson, built as a destroyer and converted to a fast minesweeper, started fighting early in the Second World War and was nursing wounds after a battle when the shooting stopped.

She helped with the landing at Casablanca in North Africa, took part in the strike at Bodo, Norway, and sank a German submarine.

She was with the destroyer Pringle on the Okinawa operation when the Pringle was knocked out by

OTTAWA, April 27—(CP)—Ray Lawson of Oakville, Ont., former lieutenant-governor of Ontario yesterday was named president of the Canadian general council of the Boy Scouts Association. He succeeds Dr. H. J. Cody, one-time president of the University of Toronto.

An appointment was made at the annual meeting of the council on nomination by the governor-general, Rt. Hon. Vincent Massey, Chief Scout of Canada. The deputy Chief Scout, also nominated by Mr. Massey, is Jackson Dodds, C.B.E., of Montreal, Canada's international commissioner in the world-wide Scout movement.

The new executive members are: honorary secretary, Capt. Barry German, Ottawa; honorary treasurer, R. D. Mulholland, Ottawa; honorary counsel, W. D. Watson, Winnipeg; international commissioner, Maj.-Gen. D. C. Spry, Ottawa.

CHINESE in charge of the central financial and economic committee in Peking, and Akira Ito, a Japanese stationed in Rashin, North Korea.

Anslinger's information, from Japanese authorities and arrested agents, will be presented to the United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs operation here to check up on treaty violations.

Anslinger said information from Japan is that 2,208 narcotics sellers were arrested in Japan last year.

"This segment of the alien population accounted for 29.2 per cent of the narcotics arrests," Anslinger notes, "whereas the alien population is less than two per cent of the total population."

#### Dutch Queen Bids Farewell to Canada

OTTAWA, April 27—(CP)—Queen Juliana bid a reluctant farewell to Canada tonight as she and her husband, Prince Bernhard, sped for Holland by KLM plane.

"I am very sorry to leave Canadian soil," the Queen said. "I had wonderful days here, full of real Canadian hospitality."

On hand to bid her goodspeed was the Governor General, Rt. Hon. Vincent Massey; Gen. H. D. G. Creer, who commanded the First Canadian Army overseas during the Second World War; Charles Faulkes, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

External Affairs Minister Pearson arrived late for the farewell ceremonies. Airport officials were just about to pull away the plane ramp when he hurried up and dashed into the four-engine aircraft to say a few parting words to the royal couple.

The chartered aircraft named "Utrecht" took off at 8:56 P. M. E. D. T., ending a month-long North American visit. Prince Bernhard spent the month in the United States. Queen Juliana was in Canada for the final week, visiting Dutch immigrants and renewing wartime friendships.

#### Seeding, Harvest Go Hand In Hand In Saskatchewan

REGINA, April 27—(CP)—The greatest spring harvest in Saskatchewan's history may be completed by the end of this week if the warm, dry weather holds, agricultural officials in Regina estimate.

Elsewhere on the prairies harvesting of last year's crop and seeding of the new is well under way.

In Saskatchewan, wheat threshed this spring is averaging about no. 4 in grade and is extremely dry. There is some evidence of damage from bleaching and mildew and a considerable loss of weight. But many points report the crop is better than 10 per cent from last fall.

Saskatchewan had 88,000,000 bushels of 1951 wheat still in the fields when winter set in. Alberta had 56,000,000 bushels of wheat unharvested and Manitoba about 2,750,000 bushels. There were also large quantities of unharvested coarse grains.

Officials said that where the crop was tough or damp last fall, now it is dry. But the gain had been offset by shrinkage, and farmers generally are losing a grade or two.



HALIFAX, April 27—(CP)—Official forecasts issued tonight by the Dominion Public Weather Office here and valid until midnight Monday.

Synopsis: Rain will cover all of Nova Scotia on Monday, but is not expected to reach Prince Edward Island or New Brunswick. The disturbance causing the rain is moving slowly northeastward from Cape Hatteras, and clouds from the disturbance will spread into New Brunswick.

Regional forecasts:  
Prince Edward Island: Cloudy and continuing mild. Light winds. Low and high Monday at Charlottetown 35 and 55.  
High tide today at Charlottetown: at 1:46 A. M. and 12:44 P. M.  
High tide on the North Shore at 7:33 A. M. and 9:11 P. M.  
Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.  
Sun rises today at 5:07 A. M. and sets at 7:14 P. M.

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