

### Construction Association Is Told To Reduce Cost Of Homes

TORONTO (CP) — The Canadian Construction Association was told Monday it must reduce the cost of houses so more families in the lower-income groups may become homeowners.

V. L. Leigh of Victoria, chairman of the CCA's housing committee, said the industry must maintain a high volume of residential construction despite rising costs.

The committee's report said that in 1955 more than half the loans under the National Housing Act were issued to those with annual incomes of \$5,000 or more.

Last year the number of NHA loans dropped and the proportion of those going to people with annual incomes of more than \$5,000 increased.

(At Ottawa Monday, Finance Minister Harris announced that

the interest rate on new NHA loans will be increased to six per cent from 5½, effective today.)

Mr. Leigh said provisions of the National Housing Act should be broadened so that more Canadians could have better housing conditions.

His report said that prices for lots in many cases have risen several thousand dollars during the last five years.

**HOLD CONFERENCE**

The construction industry last year carried out a volume of more than \$6,000,000,000 representing roughly 20 per cent of Canada's gross national product. To keep housing construction near high, the CCA recommended holding a conference with government and financial institutions.

A. Turner Bone of Montreal, president of the Canadian Construction Association, said in his report the predominant feature of Canada's business life last year was the Bank of Canada's credit restrictions.

Mr. Bone said while he personally believed that runaway inflation would be disastrous, the present "burden is borne unevenly by different parts of our economy and it would appear that some more selective measures will have to be devised."

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### Wants To Marry Lonely Stowaway

By JACK BEST  
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VANCOUVER (CP) — Several girls have offered to marry a stateless and lonely stowaway if that will save him from being deported, his counsel said Sunday night.

John Taylor, one of two lawyers fighting a deportation order issued last Friday against Christian Hanna, 23, said the girls "seem to be running a competition."

At least five have offered to become engaged to Hanna, he added, though they have never seen him except in newspaper pictures. One planned to make application today for his admittance as her fiancé.

Hanna, who has no passport or citizenship papers, spent the weekend in custody in the immigration building here awaiting hearing of his appeal by a three-man board today.

He left from the Norwegian freighter Gudveig at Port Alberni, B.C., Thursday after being aboard 15 months. At least six countries denied him permission to land after he stowed away at Beirut, Lebanon.

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leave Port Alberni late today.

Mr. Taylor said the Immigration Minister Pickersgill has been allowing fiancés of Canadian citizens to enter the country "from almost everywhere in the world."

Of the five girls who have offered to sponsor Hanna, three were found after investigation to be "frivolous," Mr. Taylor said. The other two, however, appeared to be motivated by worthy intentions.

One of them said she would appear at the immigration building today to formally make application for Hanna's admittance as her fiancé.

Mr. Taylor said Hanna, alone in the immigration building, knows nothing of the marriage offers.

**ASK TEST BAN**

MELBOURNE (Reuters)—Australia's biggest trade union, the Australian Workers Union, Tuesday adopted a resolution calling for an immediate end to British atomic weapons tests in Australia.



### COMPETITION WINNERS

Above is the curling rink that won the Matheson and MacMillan competition at the Tenth Annual Confederation Bouspiel opened at the Charlottetown Curling Club Monday. The rink defeated a foursome skipped by Dr. Wendall MacDonal in a match that was forced into an extra end of play before it was decided. Left to right they are: Doug Cameron, skip; Dave Walker, mate; Art Burke, second; Joe Saunders, lead.

### OBJECTIVE STATUS

## UN Officer Feels Being Canadian No Hinderance

By JACK BRAYLEY  
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EL BALLAH, Egypt (CP)—Running the United Nations Emergency Forces demands a studied neutrality and an international outlook. But Maj.-Gen. L. M. Burns says he feels very much a Canadian.

"After all, being a Canadian is no disadvantage on this job," says the patient Montreal sapper. "It's well documented that Canada has no direct or selfish interest in this area — other than seeing that a peaceful settlement is reached."

"And both the Egyptians and Israelis know this."

He talked mildly, under the glare of a single spotlight that lit his austere office in the schoolhouse UNEF headquarters in this Bedouin oasis. Armed Yugoslav, Indian and Canadian guards were on duty outside.

**BUSY WORK SCHEDULE**

The evening interview was a break from his 12-hour-a-day, seven-days-a-week work schedule. Even as it continued he signed papers and rephrased telegrams.

Gen. Burns is scrupulously vigilant about the objective status of himself and his 10-nation force but doesn't worry about the dominant role of Canadians in his civilian and military staffs.

His chief finance officer is Charles Poudriere of Victoria. His information officer is King Gordon of Winnipeg. His secretary is Marlon Warren of Hamilton, Ont., and most of the other girls from the UN New York secretariat are Canadians.

On the military side, all his key administrative troops are Canadians, handling mine-lifting, road restoration, communications, transport, supply, repairs and air transport.

His base commander is Col. Mike Dore of Camp Borden, Ont., and his chief air officer is Wing Cmdr. Art Byford of Brandon, Man.

The stocky 59-year-old general looked around at UNEF conferences and decided things were confusing.

**DESIGNED OWN UNIFORM**

"Combatants, occupying troops and even the referee were all turned out in virtually the same cut and color of uniform," he says. "I decided to do something about my own uniform."

Now he wears a blue-grey, American-style air force uniform as the basis and has a big UN hat insignia. His shoulder straps carry a broad gold band, his lapels have light blue tabs studded with a row of stars, and his buttons carry the letters UN. His trousers have a wide black stripe down the side.

His only concession to his record as a Commonwealth fighting man in two world wars—incloding command of a Canadian corps in Italy—is six rows of decorations set out in Canadian order.

After the Second World War he became deputy minister of veterans affairs at Ottawa and says he was content "doing a job that presented a real challenge, coping with the problems of rehabilitating the servicemen." He also got "tangled up" with one of his great personal interests — the United Nations Association—and soon became its national president. But he was happy for the hours he had free for gardening and do-it-yourself projects.

**EVENTUAL DINNER**

The story goes that he went to dinner one night with External Affairs Minister Pearson who had just come from a UN meeting in New York where it was decided to find a Canadian to supervise the uneasy truce in the Holy Land.

Pearson got the general talking about UN and investigated him into giving an analysis of the Middle East situation. The next thing the general knew, Pearson was saying: "You're the man for the job."

Gen. Burns chuckles at this version.

"All I'll say," he says, "is that I had spent an awful lot of time arguing the need for the closest support of UN and its work, and I could hardly refuse the post when it was offered."

When the Suez crisis flared he was chosen as the expert on the situation — as commander of UNEF — the world's first police force.

Since he went to Jerusalem

nearly four years ago Gen. Burns has not been able to take his annual 30-day leave. The most he has managed is 10 days at a stretch.

Now he has no time for recreation. His only relaxing has been a first try at skin-diving in the Red Sea. He tried some spear-fishing but says "I guess no fish would say I fired in anger."

In his time in the Middle East nobody has taken a shot at him. Once his car was stoned by youths in Jerusalem. He receives crank letters from various countries criticizing him and offering weird solutions. But he also gets many letters of encouragement.

**TOUGH PROBLEM**

Burns has a keen appreciation that the problem is deeper than invasion, border skirmishes, a test of arms and sovereignty. All round his headquarters, 40 miles south of Port Said, is evidence of economic blight and sub-standard living conditions — overcrowded mud huts and ignorance.

As I waited to see the general, a pair of slim and graceful Bedouin women, their black robes relieved by jewelry across their veils, came to a waterhole. They filled their heavy earthenware jugs and washed their feet in the same water.

Traffic around the hole included smelly camels, donkeys and water buffaloes that turn the ancient irrigation wheels.

Except for this and other oases, much of the area is desert where wandering tribes, unchanged in life and progress since Biblical times, find a bare existence.

A modern school amid the date palms, bare of facilities, is a start by Egypt to educate some of its people.

Nearby are the battered living quarters of Burns's staff. A former British Suez security post — the canal is only a few hundred yards away — the Nissen-hut-type buildings were holed by the advancing Anglo-French force and scarred by demolition by the departing Egyptians. Living is hard.

**CHILLY AT NIGHT**

While it is almost summery by day, a chill creeps in from the desert at night.

The general has a plain, single room that hasn't even a porch entrance. He messes with the troops of all ranks. English is the dominant language, with anything from a Finnish to an Indonesian accent.

Gen. Burns says that the insistence on English as a basic language is one main reason why Canada was asked to substitute administrative forces for the Queen's Own Rifles.

"We would have liked to have the Queen's Own," he said. "They were in a position to be self-contained with all their own services and gear."

"This wasn't the case with the other contributors, who could give us only infantry. To avoid confusion it was necessary to conduct operations in English so we had to ask Canada for the fine administrative troops we've got now."

He says that doesn't mean Canadians are all at headquarters wielding pens and counting supplies. Canadian sappers are in the van of most take-over operations behind the Israeli withdrawal.

**DELICATE POSITION**

First man to enter El Arish behind the Jewish forces was Maj. Don Morgan of Malton, Ont., a Royal Canadian Dragoon who made arrangements for the Egyptians to take over the civil administration of the town. The takeover also demonstrates the delicate position of Gen. Burns and his force in their relations with their hosts.

Egyptian propaganda preceding the takeover said there had been heavy fighting between the Israeli rearguard and the advancing Yugoslav UN contingent. There was no such engagement.

"At no time were the Yugoslav troops even in firing distance and anyway we've had no trouble like this at all," says Maj. Morgan.

Gen. Burns deals with Egypt's Col. Nasser on a formal basis.

"This is not to say he is not congenial," he says. "In fact, he has charm and is most gracious." Gen. Dayan of the Israelis is always "personally friendly."

Both sides seem to have come at last to a point where they agree to disagree in a most friendly

down when his advancing columns reach frontier positions in the desert and the monotony of waiting for a settlement has to be borne.

A program of rotation leave to rest and recreation centres at spots like Cairo and Beirut—the Indonesians likely will go to Mecca—is under consideration.

"We meet problems as we come to them," says Gen. Burns with a grin. "We've had plenty."

Incidents have been few and the Egyptian government and people have offered fairly close co-operation in clearing roads and restoring communications and other facilities.

**NOT DISCOURAGED**

"I can't say it's encouraging but I'm not discouraged," says Gen. Burns. "Nobody goes away mad — not as us, anyway."

It's been like that since Burns arrived on the first plane into Cairo after the airport was bombed by the Anglo-French force. With a small nucleus of his true observer team and some civilians he began organizing his force.

Observers say the general seems unperturbed by the accumulation of apparently insurmountable problems. He has a quiet but effective way of getting things done.

A base camp was set up, an airstrip cleared and soon his force was growing to almost divisional strength.

"We had problems," says the general. "Transport and supplies had to catch up with the troops in the field. Some had arrived without tents and with few rations, so keen were their governments to support the program."

"This is where the Canadians stepped in and we started to build with a purpose and get organized properly."

**CHIEF WAS ADAMANT**

The general's quiet but commanding voice was behind every stage of the build-up. When the Yugoslavs pulled up at Jemallia for the night, their transports boiling from a fast trip from the disembarkation point at Port Said, the commander was there to tell them to cross the canal to take advantage of withdrawals.

"We'll move first thing in the morning," said the tired Yugoslav commander.

"You'll have to go right now," said the general, and they did, over shell-pocked ground that was almost impassable and suspected of being mined.

"The willingness and co-operation I've had from all contingents are remarkable. Their unity of purpose and friendly inter-unit relations are wonderful. You'd think they'd all been hand-picked for the job." He says morale is "terrific" but he anticipates a let-

### Canadian Officers To Visit Fort Bliss

OTTAWA (CP) — Thirty-five Canadian army officers, including three generals and five brigadiers, will visit Fort Bliss, Tex., Feb. 12-16 to acquaint themselves with United States guided missile equipment, army headquarters announced Monday.

The three generals in the group will be Maj.-Gen. John Rockingham, commander of the 1st Canadian Infantry Division; Maj.-Gen. J. Megill, chief of prairie command; and Maj.-Gen. Geoffrey Walsh, quartermaster-general.

The brigadiers are Frederick A. Clift, director-general of army personnel; Michael S. Dunn, commander of Central Ontario area; J. R. B. Jones, commander of New Brunswick area; Dollard Menard, commander of the 3rd Infantry Brigade; Arthur E. Winch, commander of the 1st Infantry brigade.

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3. In the meantime, measure into a large bowl ½ cup lukewarm water, 1 teaspoon granulated sugar, and stir until sugar is dissolved. Sprinkle with contents of 1 envelope Fleischmann's Active Dry Yeast. Let stand 10 minutes, THEN stir well. Stir the lukewarm milk mixture and 1 well-beaten egg ½ teaspoon vanilla into the yeast mixture. Sift together once 2 cups once-sifted all-purpose flour, ¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon.

Sift dry ingredients into yeast mixture and stir until well blended—about 1 minute.

4. Spoon mixture into prepared cake pan. Cover. Let rise in a warm place, free from draft, until doubled in bulk—about 1½ hours. Bake in a moderately hot oven, 375°, about 35 minutes. Turn out of pan immediately. Serve warm.

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