PROMISED 4 JET SQUADRONS

Canada Will Fall Short On Committment To NATO

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OTTAWA (CP) — For the first time since NATO was formed seven years ago, Canada is going to fall short on a major military commitment to the alliance.

The government promised NATO last year that by the end of 1956 it would have four CF-100 jet fighter squadrons in Europe.

It now is known that only one CF-100 squadron will reach the RCAF air division in Europe by the end of this year. The other three may reach Europe next year.

Senior officials said Monday that the planned movement of the four units to France and West Germany has taken longer than originally expected.

NOT ENOUGH AIRCREW

The chief reason is that though the RCAF now can obtain all the aircraft it wants with relative ease it has been unable to get as many aircrew as it would like.

In moving four squadrons to Europe, the defence department does not want to cut down appreciably home defence air strength.

It appears now that the air force will build up its home strength beyond the present nine squadrons before moving the four units to Europe.

This may be done by adding crews and planes to squadrons now in existence, building four of them beyond normal strength.

This would provide at least the nucleus for new squadrons before the old ones ship out for Europe. Or above-strength squadrons may be split in two. In either case, the result would be substantially the same.

NO SUDDEN DROP

The four CF-100 squadrons will not move to Europe in a batch but one at a time as home defence strength is gradually built up. This will preclude any big, sudden drop in home forces.

The first squadron is scheduled to leave before the end of this year. Which squadron it will be and its base in Europe are still classed as secret.

The RCAF all along has wanted to maintain its present 12 fighter squadrons in Europe — they are equipped with short-range Sabre Jets — without reducing the strength of its nine long-range CF-100 home defence squadrons.

This has presented a hard problem because of the shortage of trained aircrew. That is not to say, however, that the gap between actual aircrew strength and requirements is large.

Seek To Save Three Youths From Gallows

WINNIPEG, (CP)— Commutation of the death sentence to one of imprisonment will be sought from the governor-general in the case of three Quebec youths scheduled to be hanged May 29 for the murder of a Roman Catholic priest near Brandon in January, 1955.

Defence counsel Harry Walsh and A.M. Monnin of Winnipeg announced the decision Monday in a press statement. They said the youths' parents had instructed there should be no further appeals to the courts.

The three—Guy Ferragne, 19, of Riviere des Prairies, Que.; Gerard Yvon de Tonnancourt, 18, and Claude Paqui, 18, both of Montreal—were convicted last November. The Manitoba Court of Appeal unanimously dismissed an appeal April 23.

GET 30,000 SIGNATURES

The youths were convicted of the pistol-slaying of Rev. Alfred Quirion, 43, of St. Edouard, Alta., during a hold-up on the highway near Brandon. The priest was robbed of $90. He had given the three youths a ride in his car while they were hitch-hiking across the prairie.

"Over 30,000 signatures now have been obtained in support of the commutation and have been forwarded to Ottawa," the statement said.

"The grounds set out in the petition are mainly that two of the accused boys were only 17 years of age at the time of the offence and the third, Ferragne, 18.

13 Cities Are Considered Target Area

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ARNPRIOR, Ont. (CP) — The identities of 13 Canadian cities considered by the government as major target areas in the event of enemy air attack were disclosed Tuesday.

Only one, said federal co-ordinator F. F. Worthington, has a proven evacuation plan ready for implementation should the need arise — Winnipeg.

The other cities on the list: Halifax, Saint John, Quebec City, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Hamilton, Fort Erie, Windsor, Ont., Edmonton, Vancouver and Victoria.

Mr. Worthington who, together with his staff has been under constant questioning by the 60 reporters attending a four-day conference here to disclose the targets, said the list is not final.

"Every city of 100,000 or more should have an evacuation plan in its back pocket just in case."

Correspondents were told Monday the list would not be disclosed, but that CD co-ordinators in the provinces had been told to advise the cities to answer press queries should any be directed.

SANDSLIDE FATAL

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The body of a construction worker was dug out early Wednesday from the sandy earth that killed him in a cave-in on Nob hill Tuesday. Will L. Swift, 50, was found with his arms over his head, locked in position when tons of sand funnelled down on him in a posthole 35 feet deep.

Lists Likely Targets In H-Bomb Attack On Canada

By BILL BOSS
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ARNPRIOR, Ont. (CP) —Should a third world war develop, civil defence and armed service leaders said Tuesday, H-bombs are certain to fall on Canada. They listed 13 likely targets.

The only answer seen to the threat was well-organized evacuation plans for their populations, and equally well-organized reception areas to care for them during an emergency.

Maj-Gen. F. F. Worthington, federal CD co-ordinator, slowly went down the list of cities the government thinks "the only obvious attacker" might pick:

Victoria, Vancouver, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Windsor, Ont., Fort Erie, Hamilton, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec City, Saint John and Halifax.

ONLY ONE PROVED PLAN

Only Winnipeg, Gen. Worthington told 60 reporters from coast to coast gathered at the Canadian Civil Defence College, has a proved evacuation plan. Vancouver had one, still under study by Ottawa, and Edmonton was working on one with an eye to a possible evacuation exercise later this year.

No other target city had a plan, although most had CD organizations, while Montreal and Quebec City hadn't even CD setups.

Commodore E. M. Reyno, deputy commander of the RCAF's air defence command at St. Hubert, Que., said that Canada's jet fighter interceptor squadrons "could give a very good account of ourselves" should an enemy attack.

R. B. Curry, director of CD's welfare - planning group, said Canadians soon will be asked to assemble their own survival kits.

Containing essential food and first-aid supplies, they should be kept at home—one for each person—in the office and in the school.

Gen. Worthington said evacuation exercises carried out at Brockville, Ont., Brandon, Man., and St. John's, Nfld., had "worked out the mechanics of getting people out." St.John's had evacuated 20,000 persons in less than an hour.

Toronto Stocks

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Pac Pete	2745	17¾	16⅞	17	+ ⅛
xPeace River	350950	925	950		+ 25
xSapphire	1450	299	295	299	+ 4
Royalite	135	14¼	14¼	14¼	
Peruv Oils	900	225	210	210	—18
Rio Palmer	733	2.4	209	212	—3
xProvo Gas	32400	244	230	243	—
xPrairie Oil	550	540	525	540	
Reef Pete	1000	15½	15¼	15¼	
Fonder	1000	70	70	70	+2
xScurry-R	6000	235	225	225	—4
South U Oils	2000	55	55	55	
Secur Free	3500	320	310	315	—10
xSpooner	8600	48	41	44	—2
xTrans-Emp	100	226	226	226	
xSianwell	1049	60	60	60	
xTrans Era	5950	44	41	43	
Trend Pete	7000	15	15	15	
mTriad Oil	345	875	n Olis		65 5
Vulcan	3000	73	72	73	+1
W Naco	20	115	115	115	
xW Naco lts	1000	29	29	29	
xWilrich	2900	50	48	48	—2
BANKS					
Mont	142	50½	50½	50½	+ ½
NS	125	64½	64¼	64¼	— ¼
Comm	547	51	50½	50½	— ½
Imp	538	55¾	55	¼	
Royal	86	59½	9¼	9¼	— ¼
Tor-Dom	616	46¼	4½	45½	—1¼
INDUSTRIALS					
Aluminium	590	128	126½	127⅛	+1⅛
Anglo Nfld	200	12	12	12	+ ⅛
C Brew	591	30¾	30	30½	+ ⅛
D Mag	950	13⅞	13¾	13⅞	+ ⅝
D Steel	1226	22	21½	21¾	
Simpsons	210	20¼	20	20	
Stedmans	50	24½	24½	24½	
Walkers	473	67¾	67⅜	67¾	

Total sales on Toronto Stock Exchange May 16: 4,395,000 shares.

Montreal Stocks

MONTREAL CLOSING STOCKS
By The Canadian Press

Abitibi	29¼	Gt Lakes		52
Abit pr	22	¼4ow Smith		48
Asbestos	4	How Smith pr		48
Bank Mont	5½	Hud Bay Min		77¼
Bnque C Nat	40	Imp Oil		48¾
Bathurst A	40	Int Nick		92½
Bathurst B	65	Int Pap		132
Bell	40½	Int Pete		35½
Brazil	6½	Mass-Har		8
Bldg Prod	35	McColl		49
C Cement	30	N St Car		30
C Cement pr	29	Noranda		58
C Bnk Com	50½	Price		70
Cdn Brew	30¼	Que Pow		28
Cdn Brew pr	30	Royal Bank		59
Cdn Celan	17	Royalite		14⅝
C Chem	9½	St L Corp		84¾
CPR	32¼	Shawin		85½
Foundation	24½	Cons Pap		35⅝
Fraser	35¾	Ford		119
Seagrams	35¼	Un Steel		16
D Bridge	20½	Walker		67⅛
Dom Tar	16¼	CANADIAN		

N. Y. Stocks

NEW YORK CLOSING STOCKS

Beth Steel	149⅞	Monty W	87⅜
Borg Warner	44⅜	NY Cent	41¾
C and O	63⅞	Radio Corp	43¼
Cons Edison	46	Std Oil NJ	57¼
El Auto L	35⅝	Utd Aircraft	69
Gen Elec	59¾	Vanadium	49¾
Goodyear	69½	Westngse	55
Gt Nor Bay	45	AMERICAN	
Int T and T	33	Ill Zinc	24¾
Kennecott	128		

Grain

WINNIPEG (CP)—Most prices showed a steady tone Wednesday on the Winnipeg grain exchange, aided in part by upturns on United States markets.

Closing prices:

Oats: May 82&; ly 79; Oct 75⅝b; Dec 72¾b.

Barley: May 1.20; Jly 1.11⅝; Oct 1.07; Dec 1.01¾.

Flax: May 4.03½b; Jly 4.02b; Oct 3.58½; Dec 3.41b.

Rye: May 121⅝; Jly 1.21⅛-a-¾, Oct 1.20⅜-½; Dec 1.19½a.

Prices for class two wheat for export to countries outside IWA: 1 nor 1.75; 2 1.72; 3 1.62; 4 1.58; 5 1.38; 6 1.34; 1 durum 2.54; 2 2.52; 3 251

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Produce

MONTREAL CP — Agriculture department quotations:

Eggs Small cases, extra-large 49½-50½; large 48½-49½; medium 45 - 56; small 40; B 43 - 44; C 39. Receipts: 908.

Butter: current receipts, 57¼, fresh grade creamery prints job price 5859; fresh non-tenderable 58-58. Receipts: nil.

Cheese: f.o.b. factory, Ontario white 30; colored 30; delivered Montreal, Quebec white 29½; colored 29¾; wholesale Ontario white 31¼; colored 31; wholesale Quebec white 30½; colored 30¾. Receipts: Nil.

Potatoes: Florida white 50s 3.50-3.75; No. 1 N. B. new white 75s 3.50-3.75; No. 1 N B 50s 225-2.75; No 1 N B 10s 55-60; Quebec No 1 75s 2.75-3.00; Quebec No. 1 50s 2.00; P.E.I. No 1 75s 3.75 4.00

Livestock

TORONTO, (CP)—The light offering of slaughter cattle at the public stockyards today sold actively at prices firm to the week's advance of 50 cents a hundredweight. Cows and bulls were strong.

Receipts: Cattle 377; calves 74; hogs 148; sheep and lambs 59; carryover 750.

Prices: Choice steers 19.25-19.75, sales to 20; good steers 18.50-19.25; mediums 17-18; commons 15-17; good heifers 17-17.50; mediums 16-17; commons 15-17; good fed yearlings 18-19; mediums 17-18; good cows mostly 12.50, sales to 13; mediums 11-12; commons 10-11; canner and cutter cows 8-10; good heavy bologna bulls 14-14.25; common and medium light bulls down to 9.

Replacement cattle: Good stockers and feeders 18-18.50; mediums 17-18; commons 16-17.

Calves: Receipts were mostly common and medium grades, few good calves sold up to 21 cents a hundredweight, Mediums 17-24; comons 12-17.

Hogs: Grade A 24.25-24.50; sows 16 a hundredweight dressed, stags 13 a hundredweight dresed.

Spring lambs were 30-31 a hundredweight, and one lot of native feed-lot sold for 24 a hundredweight, sheep were 3-10 a hundredweight according to quality.

Currencies

MONTREAL, (CP)— The U.S dollar closed at a discount of 27-32 per cent in terms of Canadian funds, unchanged. It took 99 5-32 cents Canadian to buy $ American. Pound sterling 2.78⅛ up ⅛.

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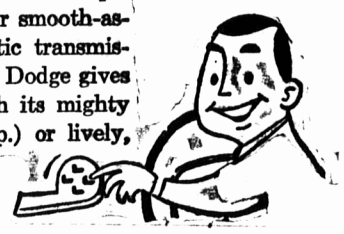

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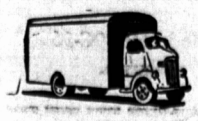

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