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Armistice So Near Truce Officers Alerted

Large-Scale Exercise To Test Canada-U.S. Fighter Defence In July

OTTAWA, (CP)—A "large-scale" joint exercise will test Canadian and American fighter defences simultaneously in July, it was announced Sunday.

Exercise Tail Wind is the second manoeuvre of this kind but it should find Canadian air defences, at least, in considerably better shape than they were for exercise Sign Post of a year ago.

RCAP statements have indicated that the Canadian radar system should be pretty well in full stride by this fall while a year ago only a few stations were even in incipient operation.

Following the Sign Post pattern, Tail Wind will launch "aggressor" forces, probably including the Comet jet transports, against the joint defences and see how both make out.

It will be headed by the two top fighter defence airmen on the continent, Gen. Benjamin Chidlaw and Air Vice-Marshal A. L. James, who head the air defence commands of their two countries from Colorado Springs, Col., and St. Hubert airport, Montreal, respectively.

The RCAP said it will commit auxiliary or reserve squadrons and other units then in summer training as well as "all elements" of

U. N. Commander Issues Unusual Caution To Army

By George McArthur
MUNSBY, (AP)—A Korean armistice appeared so near today that officers assigned to vital truce jobs were alerted and Allied soldiers were warned against mistaking a cease-fire for war's end.

The UN field commander, Lt. Gen. Maxwell Taylor, issued an unusual radio caution to his multi-national army not to be swept up with thoughts of going home and get caught off guard.

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Light Rain Helps Check Forest Fires In Alberta

EDMONTON, (CP)—Light rain during the week-end helped check a series of forest fires which threatened to engulf the Alberta towns of McMurray and Waterways, 300 miles northeast of Edmonton.

The rain came as miles of flame moved quickly through dry brush to almost encircle the towns. Eighty firefighters, including army troops flown in from Calgary, along with many of the towns' combined population of 1,000, had battled the fire for days only to have it advance on three sides.

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Damage Is Estimated At \$300,000

By Bernard Dufresne
(Canadian Press Staff Writer)
ST. NEREE, Que., (CP)—A fire early Sunday destroyed almost one-third of this small municipality 38 miles southeast of Quebec, bringing about the death of one man and leaving 95 persons homeless.

Killed in the fire that destroyed 17 homes, four stores, two garages, a blacksmith shop and the village convent was Joseph Laprise, 67-year-old church organist, who was overcome by smoke as he attempted to save some of his belongings.

Laprise collapsed face down in his vegetable garden, parts of his body badly burned.

Rev. Lorenzo Cote, parish priest, and Mayor Georges Laprise estimated damage about \$300,000.

The 24 homeless families are composed of 44 adults and 51 children.

Started Saturday Night
The fire started late Saturday night in the summer kitchen of Alphonse Lapointe's home in the rear of his dry goods store. The Lapointe family, including 11 children, were asleep at the time.

Roland Godbout, whose nearby house was also destroyed, was the first to notice the flames in the Lapointe house and gave the alarm about 10:45 p.m. Saturday night.

Firemen from several nearby towns were called to fight the fire which was brought under control more than seven hours later.

Firemen were hampered by lack of water.

South Korean Units Buckle Under Fierce Communist Pressure

SEOUL, (AP)—The South Korean fifth and eighth divisions today buckled under a crushing attack by waves of thousands of Chinese who rolled back the Korean truce demarcation line as much as two miles in some places.

Some 30,000 Communists were attacking along a 30-mile sector of the central and eastern fronts. It was the biggest Red attack in two years, since the spring drive of 1951.

Infantrymen of the U. S. third division battled with the Reds in the trenches of the Triangle Hills—on the south Korean left flank—and lost some ground before stopping the Chinese assaults.

Tightened Censorship
Earlier reports filtering through a tightened censorship said the South Korean troops were reeling under the attacks. The South Koreans had threatened to ignore any truce and drive northward to the Manchurian border.

At U. S. 8th army headquarters, a grave staff officer said: "The situation could best be described as fluid."

Tanks and artillery were playing a big part in the battle. American officers, with the South Koreans, said the Reds had been forced back by the Chinese assault across about 10 to 15 miles of the front in the east-central sector that spans high hills and deep valleys.

On the right flank, Communists in battalion strength pressed again on South Koreans who regained Christmas Hill.

The Reds attacked in pre-dawn darkness behind a thunderous artillery and mortar barrage. Communist tanks support the attack in the U. S. third division sector.

Queen Accepts Scouting Award
LONDON, (Reuters)—The Queen has accepted the Order of the Gold Wolf—the highest award in scouting—from 1,500,000 members of the Boy Scout movement of the Commonwealth, it was announced Saturday. She is the patron of the movement.

Three Killed When Caught By Train On Bridge

BRADFORD, Ont., (CP)—A man and two women fishing from a railway bridge over the Schomberg River just south of Toronto were killed Sunday when a passenger train roared down on them.

Dead are Mrs. Grier Goodman, 47, Max J. Tyle, 29, and his wife, Annette, 27, all of Toronto.

Mrs. Goodman was cut in two by the train's wheels and the other bodies were thrown in the river.

Another member of the fishing party, George Haberbusch, also of Toronto, escaped because he was buying bait at a nearby boathouse at the time.

Mr. Haberbusch said Sunday night he does not know why the trio did not see or hear the train coming. He heard the train coming down the track while he was paying the boatman for the bait, he said. He shouted a warning to his friends and saw they were only 25 feet from the end of the bridge, where they could have escaped.

"I screamed to them to run for their lives or jump into the water," Mr. Haberbusch said. "I was thunderstruck when I saw them freeze with panic. With the train rushing towards them I saw young Title put his arms around the two women. They were huddled together like that when the train struck them."

14 Homes And School Burned By Sons of Freedom

NELSON, B. C., (CP)—Fire-raiding Sons of Freedom Doukhobors destroyed 14 homes in the west Kootenays early Sunday in apparent retaliation for the 14-year prison sentence passed Saturday on arsonist Paul Popoff.

Popoff was convicted of starting fires which destroyed a \$45,000 planer mill, a community hall and a house during Doukhobor raids last summer.

"I cannot see where there is hope of reformation for this man," Mr. Justice H. S. Wilson said as he pronounced sentence.

A one-room log school house also went up in flames Sunday. The 14 homes, most of them small log cabins, all belonged to Sons of Freedom members.

The UN base camp in Munsby buzzed with activity. Soldiers and medical personnel were told to start prisoner exchange rehearsals. Officers who will serve on the military armistice commission were told to get ready to take over their new jobs.

Peiping's Red radio said liaison officers as well as staff officers were meeting today at Panmunjon "to work out the last administrative details prior to the signing of the armistice agreement."

The first staff officer session today was set for 11 a.m. (10 p.m. EDT Sunday).

Korean Stand Unchanged
President Syngman Rhee called off at least for the moment, the anti-truce demonstrations which had raged for five days in the streets of Korean cities. Instead, 1,000 men and women from 160 churches prayed in a Seoul park last the Allies "surrender to the godless Communist aggressors."

Despite the temporary absence of demonstrations, there was no apparent weakening in Rhee's bit-Continued on page 5, Col. 2

Car Accidents Send Eight To Hospital With Injuries

Automobile accidents yesterday sent eight people to hospital here with minor injuries. Six were released shortly after treatment. The other two patients were held pending x-rays to determine the extent of the injuries.

In the first accident a truck collided with a sedan near Vernon River. Mrs. G. McPhee, wife of the driver of one of the vehicles, and Mrs. B. Coady, another passenger in the same car, suffered injuries about the face and legs. They were taken to the Charlottetown Hospital where the full extent of their injuries will not be known until the completion of x-rays.

The driver of the other vehicle involved was Mr. G. J. MacDonald of Orwell Cove.

In the second accident two cars met on the St. Peters Highway near the turn to Dalvay. The drivers were Mr. Edward Haywood and Mr. Patrick Mullen and neither was injured. The passengers, however, suffered a severe shaking up and were taken to the Prince Edward Island Hospital for examination. After treatment for slight shock and minor injuries they were all released. They were Mrs. Haywood, Mrs. Eli MacLean and Mrs. A. Ferguson in the first car, and Mrs. Mullen and two daughters, Shirley and Patricia, in the second vehicle.

De Gasperi Faces Tough Problem In Forming Gov't
ROME, (Reuters)—Prime Minister Alcide De Gasperi today faces what may well be the hardest task he has ever had to undertake—to form a coalition government for Italy.

His own middle-of-the-road Christian Democrat Roman Catholic party won 40 per cent of the vote in the general election last week-end.

To form a majority coalition, de Gasperi must join forces, either with left- or right-wing parties. Whichever way he moves, he faces the danger of splitting his own party.

For the moment, he is expected to form a provisional government of Catholics and Technicians, leaving final agreement with the other parties until fall.

Lt.-Col. Stone Leaving 2nd Battalion PPCLI

OTTAWA, (CP)—Lt.-Col. James Riley Stone, 44, is leaving command of the first Canadian unit to fight in Korea just before it sails for overseas again, this time for Germany.

The army announced Sunday that an October shift will see colorful Big Jim from Salmon Arm, B. C., relinquish command of the 2nd battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, to a 33-year old paratrooper, Lt.-Col. S. C. Waters of Edmonton.

The unit, now in Calgary, is scheduled to sail for Germany late in the fall to serve with the 27th brigade under the banner of the Atlantic Pact. With it will be other units of the original 25th brigade in Korea.

But Col. Stone will be left behind as chief instructor at the Royal Canadian School of Infantry, Camp Borden, Ont., to teach officers and NCO's what he learned in winning the Distinguished Service Order three times and the Military Cross once in Italy, Northwest Europe and Korea.

He rose from private to commanding officer of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment in the Second World War and his 2nd Patricia's were the first Canadian unit to fight in Korea, starting in the fall of 1950. They came home a year later to become a paratroop unit. Col. Stone commanded the army contingent in the London Coronation parade.

Col. Waters now is a member of the directing staff at the army staff college in Kingston, Ont.

Ford Company's Golden Anniversary Tuesday
By David J. Wilkie
DETROIT, (AP)—An industrial empire that started on a shoestring and poured a golden stream into the pockets of a dozen timid original investors observes its golden anniversary next Tuesday.

The Empire is the Ford Motor Co., incorporated on June 16th, 1903, with \$28,000 in cash paid in and some \$61,000 in stock distributed for services.

Of all the stories connected with the saga of the Ford firm, perhaps the most fanciful is that of Miss Rosetta Couzens. Her brother, James Couzens, a Canadian who was then a coal company employee and later became a United States senator from Michigan, invested \$100 for her. She later received \$95,000 in dividends and in 1919 sold her holdings for \$260,000.

Switzerland Will Serve On Armistice Commission

BERN, (AP)—Switzerland changed her mind Saturday and decided to serve on the Korean armistice and prisoner-of-war commissions regardless of whether South Korea accepts the terms hammered out by the Communists and the United Nations command.

Col. Fritz Rihner, 62, was appointed to lead a 100-man military mission from this traditionally neutral nation to join missions from Sweden, Poland and Czechoslovakia in supervising the armistice as soon as the armistice is signed.

Sixty days after that signing, a second Swiss mission will be dispatched to work with Indians, Swedes, Poles and Czechs on the five-power commission to handle the prisoners of war who refuse repatriation.

Switzerland's seven-man Federal Council cabinet, in announcing the decisions, reversed a stand that the Swiss would stay at home unless the truce was accepted by the government of President Syngman Rhee, who has denounced the proposed terms and threatened to fight on against the Communists.

All the other nations nominated have announced their acceptance, though Prime Minister Nehru told reporters in London Wednesday that India would have to reconsider her position if South Korean troops broke away from the United Nations command.

The Swiss detachment of Col. Rihner, whose rank corresponds to that of major-general in most western forces, will comprise about 50 officers and about 50 other ranks. A professional soldier, Rihner retired last year after serving since 1914 in the Swiss Air Force.

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- *See Corran Bann Players in St. Peters Holy Name Hall Monday, June 15th. Dance afterwards.
- *Brackley W. I. presents two one act plays with speciality. Stanley Bridge Hall on June 15.
- *Special Meeting of ratepayers. North Wilshire School, Friday, June 19th, 8:00 o'clock.
- *Kelly's Cross Picnic, Wednesday, July 15th.
- *See Corran Bann Players in Lorne Valley Hall, Thursday, June 18th. Curtain 8:30. Dance after.
- *Dance, Iona Hall every Wednesday, 9:30 to 12:30. Morrissey-McDonald Orchestra.
- *Show, Morell Hall, Tuesday. "Royal Journey." A picture for everyone to see.
- *Regular Dance, Bonshaw Inn, Tuesday night. Charlottetownians Orchestra.
- *Modern and old time dancing. Mermaid School Monday, June 15th. Refreshments. Good music.
- *Don't forget the regular Monday night dance, Morell Hall, Monday's Orchestra.
- *Come to the Lobster Supper in Annandale Hall, Thursday, June 18th, commencing at 5 P. M. Admission \$1.00 and 50 cents.
- *Mr. Ryan Dramatic Club presents their three act play "Rose of My Heart", in Emerald Hall, Tuesday, June 16th. Curtain 8:30. Dance after.
- *Poultry Plant now operating. Buying all kinds live or rail-grade poultry; also custom killing. Island Co-op Services, Fitzroy Street (Switzer).
- *A meeting of the share holders of the North River Community Club will be held in North River Hall Monday, June 15th at 8:00 p.m. A. C. MacEachern, secretary.
- *Dance in Afton Hall, Monday, June 15th, sponsored by the Kingston Branch Canadian Legion. Dancing 9:00-12:30. Canteen service and lunches.
- *Buying daily, good thrifty sucker pigs. Paying \$28.00 pair, 35 lbs. and over. Will also buy smaller ones. Wellington McNeill & Son, Buntain & Bell's Wharf.
- *Gerald Dollar will be hauling cream to Wilshire factory on Tuesdays and Fridays. Will take back butter on Tuesdays only and feed on Fridays only.
- *See the Kinkora Dramatic Club present the three act play "The Repentant", in Seven Mile Bay hall, Monday, June 15th, curtain 8:30.
- *Everyone come to see Wheatley River concert, to be presented at New Glasgow Hall, Monday June 15, and Wilshire Hall, Wednesday, June 17th.
- *North Shore Queen's No. 1 District Convention will be held in New Glasgow Hall, Tuesday afternoon 2:30 and evening 8:30. Afternoon speaker, Mrs. W. R. Shaw and evening speaker Mr. Allison Proffitt.

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TORONTO, (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	46	70
Victoria	47	60
Edmonton	55	72
Regina	53	78
Winnipeg	65	88
Toronto	56	68
Ottawa	48	75
Montreal	56	75
Quebec	50	80
Saint John, N.B.	42	68
Moncton	40	70
Halifax	43	61
Charlottetown	45	66
Sydney	42	62
Yarmouth	42	70
St. John's, Nfld.	43	60

HALIFAX, (CP)—The Dominion Public Weather Office here says most of the Maritimes enjoyed fine sunny weather Sunday. Afternoon temperatures rose to 78 at Edmundston and 74 at Fredericton. However, along the Atlantic coast of Nova Scotia the weather remained dull most of the day and temperatures were in the 50s and low 60s.

A disturbance south of Cape Cod is drifting northeast. Rain will spread into the southern Maritimes gradually on Monday. However, in northern New Brunswick and eastern Quebec another fine day is forecast.

Regional forecasts:
Prince Edward Island, Eastern N. B. counties, lower St. John river valley: A few clouds becoming overcast in afternoon. Intermittent rain by evening; cooler with light winds increasing in afternoon to northeast 15; low-high at Charlottetown 45 and 58, Moncton 42 and 60, Fredericton 45 and 65, Saint John 45 and 65.
Upper St. John river valley, Bay of Chaleur: Clear with a few cloudy intervals; little change in temperature; light winds; low-high at Edmundston 45 and 75, Campbellton 45 and 70.
Bay of Fundy: Northeast winds 15; intermittent rain in evening; visibility 15 miles lowering to two miles in rain.
High tide today at Charlottetown at 1:42 A. M. and 12:47 P. M.
High tide on the North Shore at 7:38 A. M. and 9:04 P. M.
Sun rises today at 4:26 A. M. and sets at 8:01 P. M.