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CHINESE FORCES TURN AND FIGHT 11 MILES FROM SEOUL

Atomic Blasts Reported From Testing Range

Latest Meat Ration Cut Threatens Life Of British Gov't

LONDON, Jan. 28—(AP)—The British meat shortage appeared today to be blowing up a political storm which might even push the Labor Government from office. The press almost unanimously attacked the Government on the new 20-per-cent cut in the meat ration, announced Friday. The cut was the third since meat shipments from Argentina, Britain's biggest supplier, were suspended last July in a dispute over the price the British would pay. The new eight pence (about 10 cents) weekly ration of fresh meat is about twice the size of a penny box of matches and a little over half the portion allowed during the worst days of the war. In addition, each Briton is allowed two pence worth of corned beef. Irritation manifested by housewives, butchers and the press is expected to be reflected in the House of Commons, where the Labor Party has a majority of only six members.

Papers Blast Government
Most of the newspapers, Conservative anyway, usually attack Government policies. But this time the independent Times, Independent Liberal Manchester Guardian and Liberal News Chronicle also turned against the Government. Only the Daily Herald, owned by the Trades Union Congress, maintained its support. The papers at the week-end criticized both the bulk buying system of the Government and its negotiations with Argentina. The Government does all the buying of meat, a system started in 1940. "It has been claimed that the present system of purchases has kept the cost of living down in this country," said the Times. "At the moment it is keeping down not the cost of living but the standard of life."

The Times said the price Argentina is asking would cost Britain an increase of only \$5,000,000 (\$15,000,000) a year—or just over two shillings a person.

Bare Shelves Costly
The News Chronicle noted that when the ration goes down the Government pays the butchers a subsidy so they can make a living off their decreased trade. It estimated these subsidies would cost \$20,000,000 a year. "It will, therefore, cost the taxpayers four times as much not to have meat as it would cost the consumers to have it," the paper concluded.

The Labor Daily Herald said, however, it is the principle of the thing and "we mustn't allow ourselves to be held to ransom by President Peron" of Argentina. The Daily Mail said the "wicked Argentines" were serving as a useful screen for the Government to hide "the incompetence of the bulk buying system." It predicted the system will continue "so long as the Socialists retain power."

Coming Events
*Mail your Films to Garnham Photo Studio, Charlottetown.
*Concert in New London Hall, Wednesday January 31.
*Auction and dance, Vernon Hall, Tuesday, February 6.
*Mt. Stewart Legion Hall, Dance, January 29th.
*The road is being kept open to Bedeque Flour Mills.
*Garden Seeds! Send for free catalogue, Arthur Vesey, York.
*Parkdale community concert, five nights, opening Feb. 28.
*Box Social and Dance at St. Peter's Lake School, Wednesday, January 31st. Good music.
*Card party Winsloe Station Hall tonight 8:30, held regularly every Monday night.
*Card Party and lunch, Hope River Credit Union Hall, Tuesday, Jan. 30.
*Ex R. A. F. meeting to be held at the Legion Hall, Tuesday, 30th, at 7:30 prompt.
*We are buying mixed grain or straight oats daily. Get our prices, S. J. MacDougall, Vernon.
*Show, Morell Community Hall, every Friday only. Show starts 8 o'clock.
*Hockey match Long River rink tonight, Long River versus French River. First league game, 8 o'clock sharp.
*Hockey at Graham's Road Rink tonight, First game of Merchants' League, Bradabane vs. Graham's Road.
*Variety Concert, Marshfield Hall, Wednesday, January 31st. Sponsored by Suffolk W. I. Sale of boxes.
*Hockey tonight in Hunter River Rink. Don't miss this league game, South Rustico vs. Hunter River Shur Gains. Skating after.
*Hockey at North River rink tonight, Jan. 29, Nine Mile Creek Bulldogs versus Southport Ramblers. Game time 8:30. Canteen, skate after.
*Putting on a play? Write Mrs. Frank Blatch, Charlottetown R. R. 6 for Drama Booklet telling where to get plays, how to enter Spring Festival, etc. Send today for free copy.
*A Meeting of the Board of Managers will be held in Hartsville Church, Wednesday evening, January 31st, at 7:30 P. M. Collectors are requested to have all Budget Money at Meeting. Nell Nicholson, Chairman.
*Hear W. R. Shaw, M. B. E., in his own inimitable way tell the life story of Burns in Atton Hall, February 1st, at 8 P. M. Also readings, songs and dancing. Luncheon, sponsored by Ladies Aid New Dominion United Church.

Nevada Town Rocked By Three In Four Days

No Details Revealed But A.E.C. Says H-Bomb Not Being Tested.
LAS VEGAS, Nev., Jan. 28—(AP)—The third atomic blast in four days jolted this desert gambling town early today and everybody who felt it agreed it was by far the strongest of the three. The Atomic Energy Commission again shrilled its experiments in silence. But residents of Las Vegas and vicinity heard plenty. Some were rather irked about the whole business.

Tremendous Flash
Today's explosion, occurring at about 6 A. M. P. S. T. (10 A. M. E. S. T.), was described as resembling two great thunderclaps. Hundreds of witnesses beheld a tremendous white flash in the sky, elevated by another flash, orange in color and not as bright. The atomic testing range is about 40 miles from Las Vegas. The blast presumably took place well within its huge perimeter. The A. E. C. wouldn't say it merely confirmed that a nuclear detonation had taken place.

The first test came last Wednesday night. The second occurred Saturday at about the same time as today's. It felt as if the first two were simply build-ups to this Sunday punch.

Whereas many persons slept through the first two jolts, the Sunday punch aroused nearly everybody. The Police Department handled a flood of telephone calls at the rate of four a minute.

Citizens Annoyed
The citizens were miffed. One woman said she was angry because the blast nearly broke her windows. Some callers feared the detonations would damage the foundations of their homes.

No damage was reported anywhere, however, and Richard Elliott of the A. E. C.'s public relations staff said a radiological survey team had surveyed the area within a 100-mile radius of Saturday's second explosion. The findings: No radio-activity. In suburban North Las Vegas, the shock set off all the burglar alarms in business establishments.

Three Burned To Death In Nfld.
CORNER BROOK, Nfld., Jan. 28—(CP)—A father and his two children perished here Saturday when raging fire consumed a large neighborhood-type grocery store and residence.

Dear fire: Gus Elms, his four-year-old daughter Ruby, and one-year-old Margaret. Damage to the store and living quarters was estimated at \$25,000. Elms died in a heroic attempt to save his children. He was successful in passing his son Derek to safety from a second-storey window but was trapped when he returned to save his young daughters. His wife escaped, hysterical but unharmed.

U.S. Rejects Proposed Conference With China
LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., Jan. 28—(AP)—Warren R. Austin of the United States Saturday rejected Arab-Asian proposals for a conference with Communist China on the Far East and Korea. He demanded an immediate United Nations verdict that Red China has engaged in aggression and in effect gave assurances that this would not mean American bombing of Chinese territory.

In a solemn 28-minute speech to the U. N. political committee, Austin answered objections to the U. S. resolution which says Communist China engaged in aggression in Korea and proposes that the U. N. study what to do about it. Committee debate will continue Monday morning on an issue that has rocked the U. N. for three months.

In brief, Austin said: 1. The American people and the American Government feel that the U. S. has delayed too long in calling Red China an aggressor. He could not "conscientiously" approve of further delay. This rejected the Arab-Asian formula and doomed even before it is submitted, perhaps Monday, a new Arab-Asian plan wrapping up

Canadian ideas for a conference within a week on a cease-fire in Korea. 2. The U. S. resolution does not give the U. N. command authority to take any action which the U. N. command does not already possess. MacArthur has taken the position he now lacks authority to bomb Red China's bases. 3. The American suggestion for a special committee on collective measures to study and report to the General Assembly on steps to carry out punishments does not commit the U. N. to any action and does not bind one single member of the U. N. to any sanctions (Britain and other countries have turned down any idea of punishment against Red China). 4. The good offices committee suggested by Austin can get to work immediately. If it finds the Red Chinese have not shut the door to peaceful settlement, the collective measures group can hold up its work while good offices are attempted.

Austin said it is "not true" that the U. S. resolution slams the door on any further attempts at peaceful settlement.

Finland's Hero, Field Marshal Mannerheim Dies

By Michael Goldsmith
LAUSANNE, Switzerland, Jan. 28—(AP)—Field Marshal Baron Carl Gustaf Mannerheim, Finland's hero, former president and leader against the Russians in two wars, died Saturday night in a Lausanne hospital.

The 83-year-old soldier who once was known as "the uncrowned king of Finland" succumbed to heart failure following an emergency operation last Wednesday.

In Finland, the ringing of church bells preceded the news of the Marshal's death in the first morning broadcasts today, and Finnish dirges followed the sombre bulletin. The aged Marshal was immensely popular.

Mannerheim's body is to be flown to Finland Wednesday for burial. Mannerheim's name became known to all the world when, in 1939, the Russians attacked Finland. The line of fortifications across the Karelian Isthmus was known as the Mannerheim Line.

For more than two months, the well-trained Finns under Mannerheim's command held the line against overwhelming odds. The Russian breakthrough meant the practical end of the war for Finland.

But less than two years later, Mannerheim again led his troops against the Soviets with the Germans as Allies. This campaign, also, ended in Finnish defeat. In 1944, he was appointed President with the hope that his enormous prestige would help pull the Finns through the agony of defeat by Russia. An armistice with the Soviets was completed the next month and Mannerheim remained President until illness forced him to resign in 1946.

Canadian Troops And Arms Slated For Europe

Fire Saturday On Kensington Road
City firemen and Parkdale firemen combined on Saturday evening to extinguish a blaze in the Kensington Road home of Herbert Stanley.

A call was received by the City Fire Department soon after 8 p.m. and they arrived at the scene to find a fire well under way in the attic of Mr. Stanley's hangar-type home. Parkdale was called at about nine o'clock and arrived with their pumping machine and 500 gallons of water.

Damage by the fire was confined to the upper portion of the house where it gutted the attic and burnt off part of the roof. The only damage downstairs was caused by water.

Decision Reversed In Mink Ranch Damages Case

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 28—(CP)—A history-making legal case, watched by many aeronautical authorities, took another turn here Saturday when Supreme Court decisions reversed a jury verdict which had granted a mink company damages totalling \$10,000 from Trans-Canada Air Lines.

The case, which likely will have wide bearing on responsibilities of an airline to people on the ground, arose after a T. C. A. aircraft passed over a mink ranch owned by Nova Mink Limited at Musquodoboit Harbor, 28 miles from here.

Investigation of the mink pens, on the day following the incident, revealed a large number of mink "kits" had disappeared. The company claimed they had been devoured by their mothers who had been frightened by the noise of the passing aircraft.

A decision written by Chief Justice J. L. Isley of Nova Scotia, said the mink ranch had been established after the air line began operating along this air line. He said he did not believe the air line had a duty to search for mink ranches or to fly so high that it would not disturb a mink ranch.

Contract To Repair Breakwater At Entrance To S'ide Harbour Let

A contract to repair the breakwater at the entrance to Summer-side harbour, particularly the stonework, has been let to McNamara Ltd., of Toronto, it was learned over the week-end from Mr. J. Watson MacNaught, M.P.

The job will commence next June and the amount of the contract is in the vicinity of \$42,000. Mr. MacNaught said he anticipated that employment would be given to some local labour. Stone will probably be brought in by barge from the mainland.—S.

Heavier Duties On Island M.P.'s

OTTAWA, Jan. 28—(Special)—Senator T. V. Grant was the first of Prince Edward Island's delegation to Ottawa to reach the capital today on the eve of the opening of Parliament. His colleagues, Senators McIntyre and Barbour, were expected to arrive in Ottawa today but were delayed.

Asked if he foresaw legislation at the forthcoming session that would affect Prince Edward Island or the Maritimes as a whole, Dr. Grant was strictly non-committal.

"You'd better ask me that tomorrow after we see the Draft Address," I don't know the Government's legislative plans for this session," Dr. Grant visited members of his family briefly in Montreal prior to returning to his Senate office today.

It is anticipated that one or more of the Island's members of the Commons will join in the tributes which will be voiced at

News In Brief

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27—(CP)—Premier Rene Pleven of France, leading off a dramatic week of Allied strategy talks here tomorrow, is reported to be ready to assure the United States that French troops will fight on in Indo-China—even if Chinese Communists intervene on a massive scale.

OTTAWA, Jan. 28—(CP)—H. M. C. S. Sioux, en route back to Canada after a tour of operations in the Korean theatre, left Peel Harbour today. Naval Service Headquarters announced. The Sioux is due at Esquimalt, B. C. Feb. 4.

WARSAW, Poland, Jan. 28—(AP)—The Government announced Saturday that gasoline will be rationed starting Feb. 15. Private cars will receive enough fuel to travel 125 miles a month.

KALIMPONG, India, Jan. 28—(Reuters)—The bulk of Chinese Communist forces in Eastern Tibet have been withdrawn as a preliminary to Chinese-Tibetan reconciliation talks, usually-reliable sources said here Saturday.

FAST IS FAILURE
KIMBERLEY, South Africa, Jan. 28—(Reuters)—A 32-year-old housewife, who said three weeks ago she would fast until her husband was offered full employment, ended her fast Saturday after 20 days. Her husband still is out of work. Mrs. Sophia Van Den Berg said today she ate because her husband was alarmed about her condition.

ALLIES PREPARING NEW SUPPLY LINE TO GERMANY
BERLIN, Jan. 28—(AP)—The Western Allies have decided their main supply ports of Hamburg and Bremen are too close to the Russians for safety.

COLD WAVE HAS BRITISH COLUMBIA IN ICY GRIP
VANCOUVER, Jan. 28—(CP)—A gale-propelled cold air mass which spilled west over the Rockies and coast range clutched British Columbia in an icy grip tonight.

THREE CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH IN ONTARIO
SUDBURY, Ont., Jan. 28—(CP)—Three children were burned to death early today when a fire, apparently caused by an exploded oil stove, destroyed their three-room home on Sudbury's outskirts.

PURGE IN CHINA
TAIPEI, Formosa, Jan. 28—(AP)—The China Union Press said Saturday the Chinese Reds have executed 17,000 persons in Chekiang Province as part of a country-wide purge. It said most of those put to death were formerly Nationalist officials and military personnel.



TORONTO, Jan. 28—(CP)—Minimum temperatures observed between 7:30 p. m. and 7:30 a. m. EST; maximum temps between 7:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.: Victoria 17 28; Edmonton 20b 7; Calgary 16b 8; Regina 34b 25b; Winnipeg 34b 19b; Toronto 6 17; Ottawa 15b 11; Montreal 7b 5; Moncton 1 14; Halifax 18 28; Charlottetown 4 11; Sydney 17 20; Yarmouth 21 27; St. John's, Nfld. 25 28.

HALIFAX, Jan. 28—(CP)—Official forecasts issued by the Dominion Public Weather Office and valid until midnight Monday.

Synopsis:
A fine Sunday throughout the Maritimes and Eastern Quebec gave way to a snowy Monday. Clouds have already spread across the western regions and the snow is expected to follow soon.

The weather is caused by a disturbance in Pennsylvania, moving rapidly eastward. On Monday the disturbance will pass to the south of the Maritimes and the weather will then improve. It will be a little milder tonight turning colder again on Monday so that the general level of temperatures will remain about the same.

Forecasts:
Prince Edward Island: Overcast. Snow beginning before dawn, ending Monday noon, clearing in the evening. Not much change in temperature. Light winds increasing to north 15 by afternoon. Low and high Monday at Charlottetown 10 and 15.

High tide today at 2:35 A. M. and 2:50 A. M.
Sun rises at 7:38 A. M. and sets at 5:15 P. M.
Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

BODDEN — CAPE TORMENTINE FERRY SERVICE
Leave Borden Leave C. T. 8:10 A.M. 2:40 P.M.
SUNDA YSERVICE
Leave Borden Leave C. T. 6:45 P.M. 8:00 P.M.