Korea's Christmas Front Peaceful But Uncertain

By JACK MacBETH

OTTAWA, (CP) — Comparative peace prevails in Korea this Christmas season, the first in four years that Canadians serving there have been able to enjoy. But good will is limited.

Although the shooting has stopped thousands of Chinese and North Korean Communists wait in their emplacements across from the 25th Canadian Infantry Brigade. No one can be sure of their ultimate intentions.

As the year draws to a close, some 6,000 Canadian soldiers mourn the loss of 302 comrades who fell in the 37 months before the truce Of these 53 died during the first seven months of 1953.

There are also some 500 sailors serving in three destroyers under United Nations command.

Casualty Record

Following is a record of Canadian casualties up to the signing of the truce last July:

Army: Killed in action, died of wounds or presumed dead, 302 officers and men; wounded in action 1,102; missing, six; injured in action, 101.

Navy: Killed in action, three; wounded, 10; lost overboard, two.

RCAF: One missing.

Bright spot of the year in Korea was the return from Communist captivity of two Canadian officers and 30 men. Two of the men came back in operation "Little Switch" last April, while the remainder returned in "Big Switch" following the armistice.

Many Decorations

Canadian servicemen won many decorations in 1953, receiving 211 from their own country and 10 from the United States. Eighty-five per cent of these decorations were in recognition of service in 1953, the remainder covering actions in 1952.

Army headquarters announced recently that up to Dec. 1, 22,066 all ranks had been on duty in Korea. That's the equivalent of nearly two divisions.

The navy said more than 3,500 officers and men have gained battle experence in the eight Canadian destroyers which sailed in Korean waters.

Operating in groups of three, these ships have steamed some 800,000 miles under UN command. Led by the Athabaskan, with three tours to her credit, they have fired about 50,000 rounds of their main armament against Communist targets and some 70,000 round of close-range ammunition.

In the 37 months ending with the armistice 22 RCAF pilots had flown with the USAF. One was shot down and it still listed missing.

Down Eight MiGs

Canadian fliers, during Korean hostilities, shot down eight Communist MiGs, damaged another nine, and were given credit for the "probable' destruction of one more

In addition, four-engined North Stars of the RCAF's 426 squadron, have made some 600 round trips in logistical support of UN operations in Korea.

Flying between Dorval, the west coast and Tokyo, these transport planes also have carried 12,012 passengers, including a number of wounded. All told, the RCAF said, they have flown more than 6,000,000 miles without a major accident, carrying more than 4,500,000 pounds of cargo.

The Canadian Navy is represented by the destroyers Iroquois, Huron and Crusader. Since the war began RCN personnel have been awarded 42 decorations for outstanding service in Korea.

York And Vicinity

Mrs. Allen Swan recently spent a day in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Murray, Marshfield, spent a day in York

Mrs. Peter Proud, York, spent a day in the city.

Mrs Archie Vessey, York, was a visitor to the city on Dec. 11.

Mrs. Vernon Duck, York, spent a day in the city.

Mrs. Roscoe McDonald, York, spent the week-end in Cornwall, the guest of Mrs. Max Vickerson.

Misses Ruth and Vivian Allen were visitors to the city on Wednesday.

Miss Lillian McAssey, teacher of York school, was a visitor to the city on Dec. 12.

York Shooting Club has started up again, with a good attendance, and is held every Thursday evening in York schoolhouse.

Miss Aletha Brown was hostess to York Young People's Group on Tuesday, with a good attendance, an exchange of Christmas gifts.

Christmas candlelight services with story and song, and color pictures, was held in York United Church on Dec. 13 with an overflow congregation from Charlottetown, Pleasant Grove, Marshfield, Dunstaffnage, Tracadie, Suffolk. Mr. Raymond Vessey showed the pictures, while the Rev. Sproule told the story. The subject was "Joseph and the Nativity". Miss Helen Wilson was soloist, while three senior choirs took part in the singing from York, Marshfield Central, and Brackley United Churches. 20 junior girls of the choir were seated at the front of the church, and sang two beautiful hymns. A duet was sung by Misses Carlo Hardy and Betty Andrew. The church was decorated with evergreen and silver stars by the Evening Auxiliary of York, assisted by the Y. P. U. and Mrs. Sproule.

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ST. PAUL'S BELVEDERE W. A.

St. Paul's Belvedere W.A. held its annual meeting at the home of Mrs. R. D. Buck on Dec. 10. The vice-president, Mrs. Harry MacAusland was in the chair and opened the meeting with prayer.

Canon J.T. Ibbott lead the Bible reading. Nine members were present. The treasurer reported a very satisfactory year's work.

Canon J. T. Ibbott spoke informally on issues of the day. The educational secretary passed around literature pertaining to Africa. Mrs. J. T. Ibbott is the new honorary president.

Other officers for 1954 are as follows:

President, Mrs. M. J. MacMillan; first vice-president, Mrs. Harry MacAusland; second vice-president, Mrs. Sydney Jeffrey; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Sydney Jeffrey; recording secretary, Mrs. Gordon Rice, assistant, Mrs. James Keefe; Dorcas secretary, Mrs. R. D. Buck, assistant, Mrs. Melville Horne; treasurer, Mrs. Arthur Trewin; prayer partner, Mrs. Melville Horne; educational secretary, Mrs. Rowland Hill; Living Message secretary, Mrs. Colin Durber.

Delegates to annual meeting are Mrs. R. D. Buck and Mrs. Melville Horne, along with the president.

APPEAL FOR REFUGEES

TORONTO, (CP) — The Canadian Friends' Service Committee (Quakers) announced Thursday that an appeal for funds to help homeless Koreans and refugees in other countries will be made across Canada this month. Fred Haslam, secretary, said the 4,000,000 Korean refugees would receive a major share of Quaker relief funds.

South Rustico And Vicinity

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Mill and daughter Ona of Clermont, recently visited at the home of the former's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Buntain and family of South Rustico.

Mrs. Frank Gallant of South Rustico, is visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Omer Cheverie and family in Souris.

Tpr. L. E. Durant Jr. and Mrs. Durant and son Jackie of Charlottetown, spent the week-end at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Durant and family, South Rustico. Trp. Durant has just returned from Germany where he was serving for the past year with the 27th brigade.

The Misses Elsie and Eileen Gallant of South Rustico, were recent visitors to Charlottetown.

Mr. and Mrs. Arsenault and little son Eric and Mrs. Kathleen Hennessey of Charlottetown, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Durant and family, South Rustico, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Durant and children Chris, Clair, and Joan were in Summerside on Sunday and visited with the latter's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Durant and family. They also visted at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Mill, Clermont.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Martin and son Gerard of South Rustico, were in Charlottetown Friday on business. —CA

BOY ARRESTED

TORONTO, (CP) — Police said Thursday a 12-year-old boy has been arrested in connection with a fire Wesneslay which gutted the interior of the new Our Lady of Victory Church. Police said the boy wanted to see the fire engines and lit a small fire in the basement of the church. Damage is estimated at $8,000.

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Carnation Milk, 6 tins	87c
Bulk Seedless Raisins, 2 lbs.	37c
Del Monte Fruit Cocktail, 28 oz. tins	49c
Fancy Mixed Cookies, lb.	39c
Tomato Juice, Huron, 2 tins	25c
Bulk Dates, 2 lbs.	29c
Chocolate Mallow Cookies, fresh in for Christmas, lb.	39c
Cheez Whiz, 8 oz. jar	35c
Apple and Strawberry Jam, 4 lb tin	95c
Tomatoes, 28 oz. tins, 2 for	39c
York Peanut Butter, 4 lb. pail	$1.39

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Fruit and Veg. Dept.

Sunkist Oranges, 288's, 2 doz.	69c
Large Grapefruit, pink or white, 3 for	25c
Large Head Lettuce	20c
Large Celery	20c
Northern Spy Apples, 5 lb. bag	45c
Mixed Nuts, no peanuts, 2 lbs.	69c

Candy Dept.

Pot of Gold Chocolates	$1.25
Moirs Luxury Chocolates	99c
Ribbon Candy, 1 lb. bags	62c
Marshmallows, lb. bags	42c
Xmas Hard Mix Candy, lb.	39c

Meat Dept.

Shoulder Roast Beef, lb.	32c
Rib Roast Beef, lb.	35c
Sirloin and T-Bone Roast, lb.	45c
Round Steak, lb.	45c
Swift's Bulk Sausages, lb.	32c
Bacon, sliced, lb	69c
Beef Liver, lb.	35c
Hamburg Steak, lb.	29c
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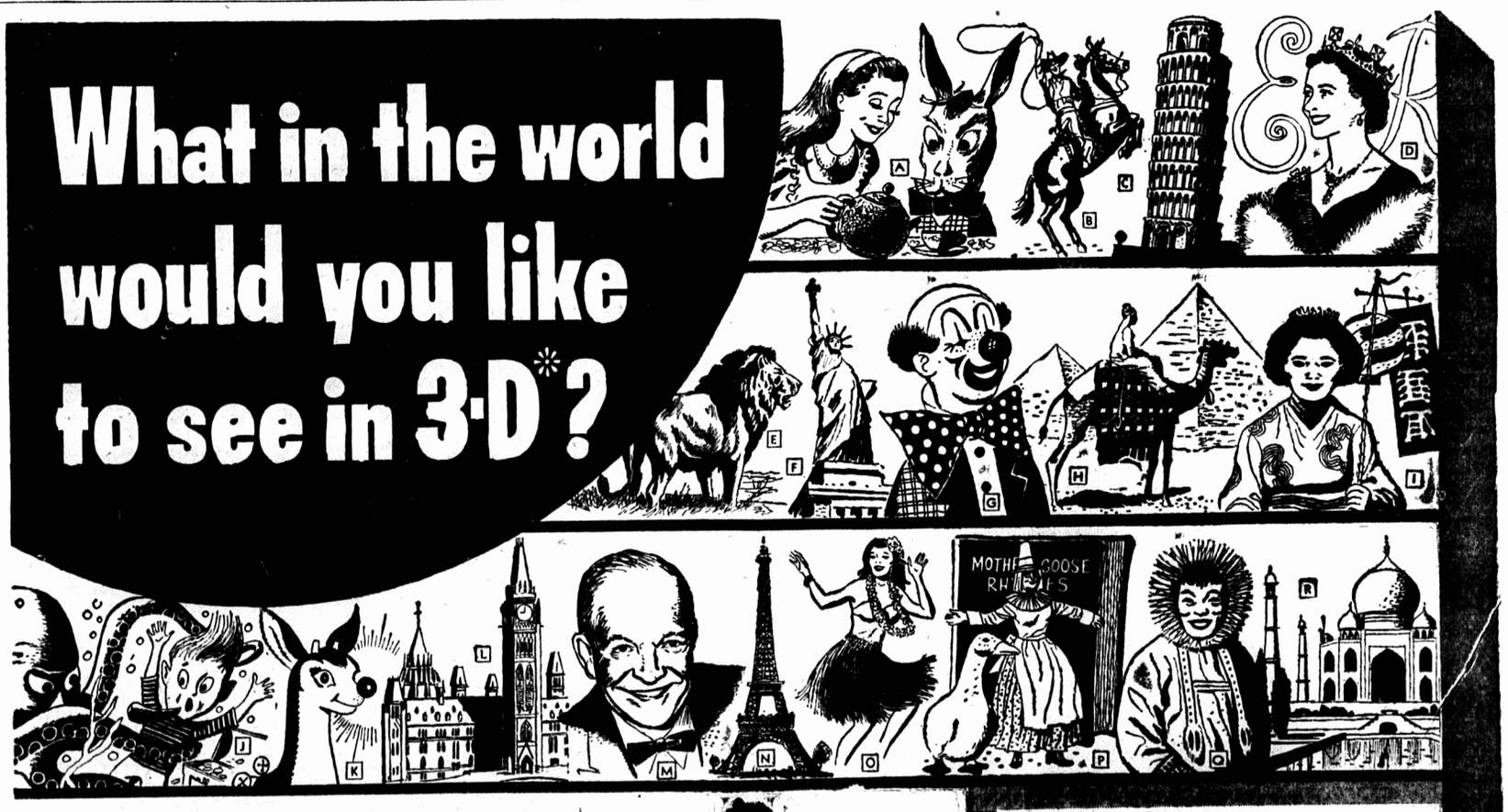

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