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FIRST SINCE WAR END

Operation 'Boat Cloak' Considered As Prelude

By ED WALTERS

D'ESCOUSSE, N.S. (CP)—Operation Boat Cloak, a 12-day grind bringing together the army and navy on bleak Ile Madame off the south coast of Cape Breton in the first large-scale combined exercise since the Second World War, may be a prelude to bigger things.

Maj.-Gen. R. W. Moncel, officer commanding the army's Eastern Command said in an interview Thursday at Halifax that further exercises are planned.

Gen. Moncel said a main difficulty in planning a large-scale army-navy exercise is to have a sufficient number of units from both sides available at the same time.

Operation Boat Cloak, which began Monday, was planned by Gen. Moncel and Rear-Admiral Jeffry V. Brock, flag officer Atlantic Coast.

NAVY HEAVILY INVOLVED

The exercises involves 3,500 naval personnel in 19 destroyer-escorts, frigates, minesweepers and smaller craft, and 200 soldiers from the 3rd Canadian infantry brigade at Camp Gagetown, N.B. The ships are anchored in Lennox Passage off this tiny community.

One of the main purposes of the exercise is for the army to teach the navy how to fight while ashore.

"In this exercise the army are the instructors," Admiral Brock said earlier.

The mock fighting centres around a theoretical political situation in which subversive groups have begun guerrilla warfare against an authorized government.

Groups of sailors are sent ashore daily to root out guerrilla bands, played by soldiers. The sailors follow three planned bands, payed by soldiers. The sailors follow three planned routes and are periodically ambushed.

A typical ambush group, consisting of three soldiers armed with C-2 automatic rifles and harmless but noisy firecrackers known as "thunderflashes" to use as grenades, lay in wait Wednesday at the edge of a swamp through which a patrol of sailors would pass.

Two scouts ranging ahead of the patrol were within 20 feet of the ambush before they spotted it. They were theoretically cut down by automatic rifle fire before they had a chance to fire a shot.

PATROL TRAPPED

The main body of 50 men, caught in the swamp and blasted by automatic fire and mock grenades, fanned out on each side. Most went to their thighs in mud and water. They were wearing short leather boots.

A sergeant accompanying the patrol said that in actual war the patrol would likely have been wiped out by the ambush. He said, however, that two or three sailors who gained dry land could probably have outflanked and destroyed the ambush group.

One group of sailors spends each night ashore. They are not told of this until they are preparing to return aboard ship.

Of the 200 soldiers, about 160 spend each night aboard ship. Others remain at the main camp.

Returning to the ships each afternoon is an ordeal for many of the soldiers. Most say they would rather spend the night ashore in tents or shelters they have been trained to build.

Persistent winds and waves up to 10 feet make things uncomfortable for soldiers being transported from ships to shore and back again in 30-foot open navy whaleboats. Many are prone to seasickness.

FARMERS CO-OPERATIVE

Gen. Moncel said earlier in the week that local inhabitants in the exercise area had been co-operative in allowing patrols to cross privately-owned farm and woodlands.

One farmer told soldiers they were free to take rabbits from snares he had set in the woods. He showed the soldiers where to find the snares.

Rabbit stew was the main dish for supper Wednesday at the main camp.

The exercise is scheduled to end Dec. 12 with a full-scale opposed assault on the beaches. The ships, with the soldiers aboard, are to arrive in Halifax the following day.

Car Dealers Get Kickback In Financing

TORONTO (CP)—The select committee on consumer credit was told Wednesday that car dealers get a kickback of up to one-third of the cost of financing a new car.

W. E. Matthews, president of General Motors Acceptance Corporation of Canada Limited, said General Motors dealers receive $117.50 of the total $400 finance charge on the balance of $2,080 financed over 2½ years by GMAC.

Mr. Matthews described the rebates—which are increased for volume sales—as the dealer's "participation" for his expense in completing the credit transaction and for the risk he may assume in the event of repossession of the auto.

Currently, the repossession rate is "very, very good" although it normally runs at three to five per cent of sales, he told the legislative committee.

Sir Alec Plans To Visit Canada

LONDON (Reuters) — Prime Minister Douglas - Home will visit Canada for talks with Prime Minister Pearson Feb. 10 to 12, it was officially announced here Thursday.

The British prime minister last met Pearson in Washington when they attended President Kennedy's funeral Nov. 25.

The Canadian visit will immediately precede Douglas-Home's visit to Washington for talks with President Johnson scheduled for Feb. 12-13.

U.K. Tories Disappointed With Vote

LONDON (CP)—The Conservative government suffered disappointments Thursday in two byelections, one of which saw Science Minister Quintin Hogg win a House of Commons seat as expected.

However, Hogg, the former Viscount Hailsham and a key man in the Conservative party, saw the Tory margin of victory in London's St. Marylebone election district slashed by nearly two-thirds in Thursday's voting. Also the Conservative share of the vote slumped 9.5 per cent below its total in the 1959 general election.

The other disappointment for Prime Minister Sir Alec Douglas-Home and his supporters came in Manchester's Openshaw district, one of three places holding byelections Thursday.

There, with the total vote much reduced, the opposition Labor party held the House of Commons seat — slightly increasing its former winning edge of 1959.

In Openshaw Labor increased its share of the total vote by almost six per cent, while the Conservative share dropped by more than 10 per cent.

MONOTONOUS PATTERN

The slump in the Conservative share of the total votes in St. Marylebone and Openshaw followed the monotonous pattern of many byelections over the last two years that have seen the ruling party's political stock dip low.

Results from a third byelection, in the mixed farming and industrial constituency of Sudbury and Woodbridge in Eastern England were not expected until sometime today.

WEDNESDAY DATE SET

Beef Group To Hear Gov't Yard Decision

By NEIL MATHESON

Directors of the P.E.I. Beef Producers Association will be told next Wednesday forenoon exactly what the government is prepared to do for them in response to their request for backing in the establishment of a livestock marketing yard, they were told last night by Agriculture Minister Andrew MacRae at the first annual meeting of the association which was held in Birch Court.

Earlier Mr. MacRae had told the small meeting—there were an even dozen producers present —that he had come prepared to reveal to them what decision had been reached in Thursday afternoon's cabinet meeting, indicating the cabinet had been sympathetic. However he felt he had to go back to cabinet on account of the most disappointing attendance, when so many of the producers are concerned about their industry and "you people here are trying to help them as the government is also anxious to do."

EXPLAINS EFFORTS

That set the stage for Leo Melsaac, Mermaid, who was named last night as association vice-president, to explain that he and fellow directors had done a great deal of work on the problems facing the beef producers, had completed a study on a comparison of prices received here and elsewhere, and on the problem of establishing a stockyard.

In the next three months, he said, "we must go to the country and do the necessary work to stir up strong backing among our producers. But," he emphasized, "we cannot get results unless we can say to them "the government is willing to do a certain amount—the extent of the proffered aid would have to be known—if you people will do a certain amount—again the definite amount would have to be known—to help yourselves." We must have that knowledge," stressed Mr. Melsaac, who added "if the producers will then do their part, progress will be made. If they are unwilling to do their part, we can drop the idea."

Mr. MacRae explained that he wasn't holding strictly to Wednesday at 10.00 a.m. as the date for meeting the directors, but would meet them on some other day next week if that is more suitable to them.

Prior to this important development Lloyd Lockerby, Hamilton who presided in his capacity as vice-president had expressed strong disappointment at the small attendance, Mr. Lockerby was later named president of the organization.

PRESIDENT RETIRES

He replaces retiring president Daniel Gass, Cornwall who has retired owing to continued ill health. Many of the people in attendance paid warm tribute to Mr. Gass for the splendid work he has done to spark the association's development and its work to date. The directors were acting, it was understood last night, on Agriculture Minister MacRae's suggestion Mr. Gass be named honorary president of the association. His comprehensive report of the year's activities was read by Mr. Lockerby.

Guest speaker was Harold C.

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Sharp Slash In Defence Announced By Hellyer

Savings Placed At $57 Million

By DAVE McINTOSH

OTTAWA (CP)—Defence Minister Hellyer Thursday announced big reductions in the defence establishment and warned that more are coming.

He chopped 28,079 persons—regular servicemen, civilians and reservists—from the rosters and $52,000,000 from the operation and maintenance budget.

"This is an essential first step toward providing . . . a more effective contribution to the national security," the 40-year-old minister said in the Commons, opening a debate on defence department spending estimates.

Outside the House, officials said more reductions are in the offing: In the number of radar stations, warships committed to NATO's Atlantic command and CF-104 nuclear bombers committed to NATO in Europe.

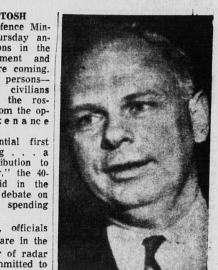
Lopped from the rolls are 1,123 servicemen, 3,316 civilians and 23,640 reservists, mainly in militia. Informants said the objective is a 10-per-cent reduction in the manpower strength of the armed forces, now at 123,246. Current strength of the department's civilian staff is 43,377 and of the reserves 57,200.

Mr. Hellyer announced a 1964 closing for many military bases from Newfoundland to British Columbia.

BOBCAT SCRAPPED

He also announced scrapping of the Canadian Bobcat armored personnel carrier in favor of the American M-113 carrier. Some $8,000,000 has been spent on development of the Bobcat in the last 10 years. The 500 M-113 required for the upgrade in Europe will cost $14,000,000.

Closing of regular force stations will reduce army personnel by 994, navy personnel by 129 and civilian staff by 3,316. The annual savings will be $16,000,000 in the army, $8,080,000 in the RCAF and $7,750,000 in the navy.



HON. MR. HELLYER

The army reserve will be reduced to 30,000 from 51,000; naval reserve to 2,700 from 4,000; and RCAF reserve to 860 from 200. Savings here will be about $15,000,000 in the militia, and $5,250,000 in the navy and RCAF reserves.

Gordon Churchill, former Conservative defence minister, said the armed forces are in their worst state of preparedness since the Second World War.

'SHOCKING NEGLECT'

He said Mr. Hellyer's "failure" to present a policy statement was a "shocking neglect of duty."

Harold Winch (NDP—Vancouver East) praised the courage of Mr. Hellyer in announcing military housekeeping reductions and said millions of dollars will be saved.

Mr. Hellyer said his aim is to find ways to reduce over-

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TOP KILLER THREAT HEARD

The food and drug administration in Florida, U.S.A., has taken the stand that they will ban an entire shipment of potatoes if they find even one potato that has any traces of Sodium Arsenite on it. That is the chemical in the poisonous top killer used by many potato growers here in the past.

The statement was made here by Agriculture Minister Andrew MacRae who told the P.E.I. Beef Producers Association's annual meeting at Birch Court that Marketing Director Reid Sangster has brought back that information from his recent trip to Florida.

And 20 percent of our seed exports go to the United States, observed the minister whose remarks were prompted by a motion supporting the suggested banning of the poisonous top killer that was moved by Leith Townshend, Souris RR, seconded by William Hayden, Cherry Valley. It was adopted unanimously by the meeting.

Gov't Is Asked To Investigate Coffin Hanging

OTTAWA (CP) — Opposition members called on the government Thursday to investigate charges that Wilbert Coffin, hanged in 1956 after a sensational murder trial, was innocent.

Reid Scott (NDP — Toronto Danforth) and Gilles Gregoire (Creditiste — Lapointe) both urged Justice Minister Chevrier in the Commons to inquire into allegations in a book published Wednesday by Jacques Hebert of Montreal.

Mr. Hebert claims in his book, J'Accuse les Assassins de Coffin (I Accuse Coffin's Assassins), that the handyman was unjustly accused and convicted of the 1953 slayings of three American hunters in the Gaspe Peninsula bush.

Mr. Hebert calls for a provincial royal commission to inquire into the case.

Mr. Chevrier said the administration of justice is a provincial field and it was up to the Quebec government to decide on an investigation.

OPENED BY Queen

Elizabeth II in July, 1959, during the Royal Tour, Defence Minister yesterday revealed that HMCS Queen Charlotte, above, is to be closed down in 1965 for economy reasons. The only reserve naval establishment in Canada to be officially opened by a reigning monarch; the Commanding Officer at that time was Commander J.N. Kenny, CD. The present skipper is Surgeon Commander L.E. Prowse, VRD.

Considerable Blow To Island, MP Says Of Navy Plans Here

By FARMER TISSINGTON
Capital Bureau, The Guardian

OTTAWA — Closing of the naval reserve division, HMCS Queen Charlotte, at Charlottetown will be a considerable blow to the city and the Island, Heath Macquarrie, MP for Queens, said Thursday.

He was commenting on an announcement from Defence Minister Paul Hellyer that the Charlottetown division will be one of seven reserve divisions which will be closed down in a drive to effect economies in the department.

DELAY PLANNED

Mr. Hellyer did indicate, however, that the Charlottetown division will not be closed next year because of the Centennial celebrations that will take place there in 1964. This indicates that while the other six divisions will be closed shortly, the Charlottetown division will not be closed until 1965.

Strength of HMCS Queen Charlotte is 19 officers and 67 men and WRCNS who take reserve navy training one or two nights a week. In the winter, the division is used to train university students who are taking officers' training courses.

A spokesman for the navy said Thursday that it is not known what disposition will eventually be made of the building.

Mr. Macquarrie pointed out that the building was only opened in early 1958. He said it had been planned by the Liberal government in 1956 and that when the Conservatives took office in 1957 it came under review. Efforts of Conservative Island members were exerted to have the building proceeded with and this was done.

NEWEST TO LOSE

"It is one of the nicest buildings in Charlottetown and it seems strange that of all our military buildings, the newest one should be the one to be closed down," Mr. Macquarrie commented.

"I am very sorry about this decision and I am of the opinion the division served a useful purpose. After all, Prince Edward Island has a strong naval tradition and this cannot but help hurt our employment situation."

When Mr. Hellyer mentioned the delay in the close-down because of the centennial, former Conservative defence minister Gordon Churchill interjected with, "politically unsound, is it?"

Youth Training Plan Affected

The eventual closing down of Queen Charlotte, will not only be the end of naval activities in the city, it may also have an adverse effect on the youth training program.

The establishment in addition to providing training for reserve personnel, is also made available for the training of the local Sea Cadet Corps, RCSCC Kent and the Hyndman Navy League Cadet Corps.

Between these two youth training programs close to 100 boys between the ages of 12 and 16 years receive instruction in naval lore and citizenship.

Parliament At A Glance

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

THURSDAY, Dec. 5, 1963

Defence Minister Hellyer announced big reductions in the defence establishment and warned more are on the way.

Gordon Churchill (PC—Winnipeg South Centre) said defences are in a state of unpreparedness like that of 1939 and 1940.

Harold Winch (NDP—Vancouver East) praised Mr. Hellyer's reduction in military housekeeping costs.

A. B. Patterson (SC—Fraser Valley) said he hoped Mr. Hellyer has other dynamic reforms in mind.

Douglas Harkness (PC—Calgary North) Condemned the defence cuts as dangerous, desperate and irresponsible.

Creditiste Leader Caouette said savings in defence costs should go into welfare payments and aid to industry.

FRIDAY, Dec. 6

The Commons meets at 11 a.m. to continue the defence debate. The Senate stands adjourned until Monday, Dec. 9, at 3 p.m.

Cup Aftermath Brings 4 Months

VANCOUVER (CP)—A youth convicted of being part of an unlawful assembly during Grey Cup disturbances in the city's downtown area last weekend was sentenced Thursday to four months in jail.

"This city will not tolerate hooliganism and rowdyism from people who think they can take the law into their own hands and do what they want," Magistrate Les Bewley told David Erickson, 18.

Former U.S. Senator Dies

NEW YORK (AP)—Former U.S. Senator Herbert H. Lehman, 85, once President Franklin D. Roosevelt's "right arm" and spearhead of a successful Democratic party reform movement in this city, died Thursday of a heart attack.

Lehman, also four times governor of New York state, was stricken in his Park Avenue home. Friends said he had been preparing to drive to Washington to receive a freedom award at a White House luncheon today.

His wife, Edith, was with him when he died. The couple had three children, Peter Gerald, a pilot killed in the Second World War, John and Hilda Jane.

Mme. Nhu Plans Home In France

PARIS (AP)—Mme. Ngo Dinh Nhu, widow of the overthrown secret police chief in South Viet Nam, arrived here Thursday and announced she intends to establish a home in France.

She arrived at Orly Airfield aboard a jetliner from Rome accompanied by her 11-year-old son, Quynh, and four-year-old daughter, Le Quyen. Her other daughter, Le Thuy, 18, and son, Trac, 15, came to Paris last month to enroll in French schools.

She chose France, she said, "because France and the French people, either through their chief of state or otherwise, have shown without ambiguity how civilized people should act in the face of the ignominious tragedy of (South) Viet Nam."

This was a veiled reference to President de Gaulle, who has criticized American policy in South Viet Nam.

Senator Suggests Army Come Home From Europe

OTTAWA (CP) — A former Conservative cabinet minister proposed Thursday that the Canadian army brigade in West Germany be returned to Canada and held in readiness to be flown back to Europe in the event of an emergency.

The suggestion came from Senator A. J. Brooks, opposition leader and a former veterans affairs minister, shortly before the Senate approved a $377,400,841 supply bill to enable the government to pay its bills in December.

Senator Brooks' remark was interpreted by several senators as a proposal that the brigade be taken out of NATO. However, he said he was proposing only that the government consider whether money could be saved by stationing the brigade in Canada instead of West Germany.

"With the means we have of quickly transporting troops from Canada, the United States or any other place to Europe in a few hours, we might very well retain in this country our (NATO) brigade and let the Germans, who have now got on their feet militarily and in many other ways, take over the Canadian Brigade's duties in West Germany," he said.

VIRTUE IN IDEA

Senator Brooks said there is a lot of virtue in the idea because NATO could have six German brigades for the cost of one Canadian brigade. The Canadian brigade would always be ready to fly to Europe if required.

Senator Allister Grosart (PC—Ontario) said the presence of Canadian troops in Europe "has a very powerful significance to those countries which are on our front line."

He said he did not disagree with Senator Brooks' suggestion. It was a strategic question as to whether Canadian participation in NATO can be as efficient by having mobile forces in Canada ready to move to Europe within a few hours.

However, it should be kept in mind that some NATO countries believe that "not only Canadian but American and United Kingdom troops should remain in Europe as world psychology."

Seven Kings Projects To Give Winter Jobs

CAPITAL BUREAU OF THE GUARDIAN

OTTAWA — Kings' MP John Mullally Thursday announced that the department of public works will undertake seven projects this winter in Kings under the program designed to accelerate federal works during the winter months. The projects will not be undertaken as part of the usual winter works program but under the plan announced recently by Labor Minister Allan MacEachen to provide more jobs in certain designated areas in Canada.

Largest of the seven is a wharf extension for USEN fisheries at Souris in the amount of $40,000. Mr. Mullally said this amount covers about 45 per cent of the total cost of the total work to be undertaken there. The balance will be included in the main estimates for the next fiscal year. Also at Souris, a $12,000 wharf extension job will be undertaken at Eastpark wharf.

Two projects are planned for Graham's Pond. One is a $23,000 dredging job and the other a $2,000 job of repairs to decks and walls. Some $6,000 will be spent at Red Head for repairs to decks and walls; $5,500 for the same purpose at Naufrage and $6,000 for similar repairs at North Lake.

"The projects are all intended to provide as much man hours of labor as possible, rather than expending the money on large amounts of material," Mr. Mullally explained. "Tenders will be called on the projects and it is hoped to get them underway in the near future."

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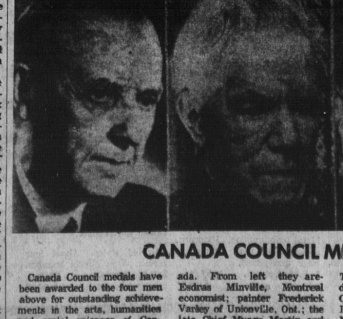

CANADA COUNCIL MEDALS AWARDED

Canada Council medals have been awarded to the four men above for outstanding achievements in the arts, humanities and social sciences of Canada. From left they are—Esdras Minville, Montreal economist; painter Frederick Varley of Unionville, Ont.; the late Chief Mungo Martin and Toronto composer and conductor Sir Ernest MacMillan. Chief Martin, last of the great Indian carvers of the Pacific Northwest, was awarded the medal posthumously. The other three medals carry a $2,000 cash award. They will be presented next March.

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