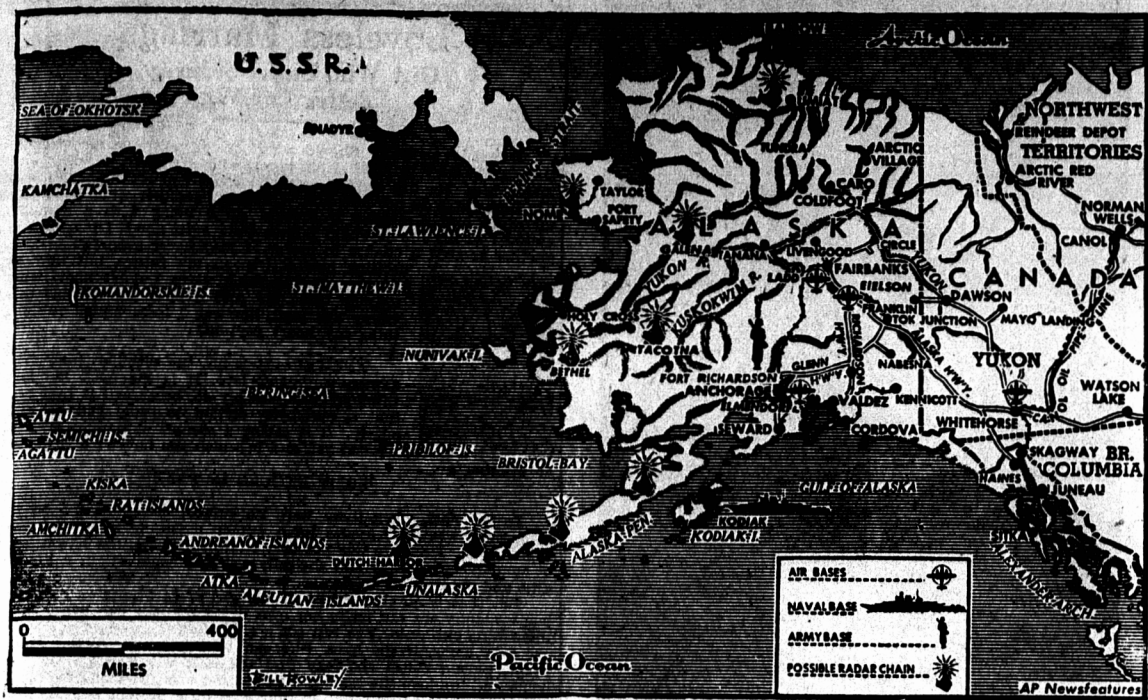


HOW SAFE IS ALASKA?



By CLARKE BEACH

Alaskan residents don't think very highly of the Pentagon's present plans for defense of their territory.

For years their Governor and their delegates in U. S. Congress have pleaded for expenditures amounting to many times the sum now programmed to build up Alaska's defenses.

The matter was brought sharply to focus when a subcommittee of the Senate armed services committee reported recently on its study of the military situation in Alaska.

Committeemen found the people of Nome (population, 1,852) in an uproar over the fact that all combat military forces had been removed from the area. Marks Field, their little military air strip, had been closed. Only small non-combat detachments remained.

Nome residents are among the closest American neighbors to the Soviet Union. Nome is the southern shore of the Seward Peninsula, which at one point is only 56 miles from Siberia. Yet the military has no plans to defend any part of the peninsula by ground action, according to the report.

The idea behind this is that northern Alaska's vast tundra, without highways, railroads or even trails, could not possibly be kept in violation from an enemy lodgement at some point. But unless the enemy got possession of the air fields and the small transportation system in the south, he could do nothing in Alaska that would give him much military advantage.

So the plan is to center Alaska's defenses on the three air force bases, Elmendorf Field at Anchorage and Eielson and Ladd near Fairbanks; on the Army base at Fort Richardson, Anchorage, and on the naval base at Kodiak, the big island south of Anchorage.

Only moderate sized forces will be garrisoned there—entirely too moderate in the opinion of Alaskan spokesmen. When housing and facilities are available, 24,000 men will be kept in the territory. The original plan was to have the full force there by July, 1952. Now, according to the committee, the program has been speeded up. Some of the facilities planned for completion in 1952 will be ready this year.

On the Seward Peninsula are the only U. S. tin deposits of any consequence. If the Malay Peninsula, the principal source for U. S. tin, were lost to the Communists, the Seward supply might be of critical importance.

Another important consideration is the oil in the Point Barrow naval reserve lands—far out on the undefended margin. Up there on the Arctic Ocean the Navy has been exploring potential oil lands for years, has spent \$30,000,000 on the project and plans to spend \$20,000,000 more by Dec. 31, 1952.

No big oil fields of great commercial importance have yet been discovered. But just recently the Navy brought in two good-size wells. And geologists are fairly confident that a rich oil area will some day be opened there.

Even the modest defenses now planned for Alaska are not very well advanced, in the opinion of the committee. The military supply forces there are barely adequate for the present command and would be totally inadequate to give logistic support to an influx of heavy reinforcements, said the report.

Naval, Air Force and Army reserve programs in the territory have been quite unsuccessful. The civilian components number only about 1,000 men in a population of 123,000.

Radar defenses now are "fairly adequate", said the committee. It noted, however, that substantial progress is being made in building up.

No information has been available as to where the new radar stations are to be located. But some guesses about this might be warranted from the committee's remark that there is a new military activity at Tacotna, a post near MacGrath, which is northwest of Anchorage on the Kuskokwim River.

Two other military installations which possibly have similar significance are Galena, which is located on the Yukon River, and Bethel, on the Yukon. They are accessible only by air or dog sled in the winter. In summer the Yukon River is navigable to the interior. Ships from the sea can not enter the river, however, as its mouth is clogged by sedimentation.

"WHY KOREA" ANSWERS VITAL WAR QUESTIONS

A powerful answer to all the questions about why American troops are fighting in Korea is given in the gripping documentary motion picture, "Why Korea?" opening today at the Prince Edward Theatre.

Compiled by Twentieth Century-Fox Movietone News from hundreds of thousands of feet of newsreels, "Why Korea?" is the dramatic story of the events which led up to the United Nations police action in the Far East.

The film highlights the rise of Mussolini and Hitler; the over-

running of Manchuria by the Japanese; the invasion of Ethiopia and the uncontrolled Nazi aggression. It shows how the world turned its back the other way, an attitude which contributed to World War II.

"Why Korea?" illustrates how Communist aggression is following the same pattern and emphasizes the importance of stopping aggression before it goes too far.

The 30 minute subject was undertaken by Movietone News editors following a conference between President Truman and Twentieth Century-Fox Production Head Darryl F. Zanuck in Washington, D. C., last summer.

May Have Real Cure For Baldness

By Howard W. Blakeslee

Associated Press Science Editor

NEW YORK, March 21—(AP)—Is the baldheaded man about to be emancipated?

Has medicine, after 5000 years of complete failure—mostly unadulterated fakery—come up with a magic hormone that will transform a shiny pate into a samsonian growth of beauty?

If it has, then millions of baldies are due for new lives.

The cause of all this is a press announcement made a few days ago by the United Research Laboratories, Philadelphia, a small chemical concern. The announcement said they had isolated a new hormone from the pituitary gland in the brain.

Rubbed on the heads of two men who had been bald for five years, this hormone, the announcement said, induced growth of somewhat sparse hair to a length of half an inch in five weeks, and that it was not fuzzy but real hair. Identities of the men and the doctors giving the hormone were refused.

This is the first claim for a specific hair hormone—for the one thing all baldies have dreamed. It comes in a cream. You just rub it on the bald spot and out comes the hair.

However, the Philadelphia hormone is not on the market, and won't be unless the United States Food and Drug Administration says the claims are true.

And the United Research people say they won't ask for a ruling until other scientific institutions support the hair-growing claims.

Only the pituitary hormone—not the new one but those previously known—have put on any hair, and thus far only a special type of baldness known as alopecia. If you ask your doctor, he probably will tell you that this hair would have grown back anyway. However records to the contrary about alopecia exist at the American Medical Association headquarters in Chicago.

I am getting phone calls about the new hormone, day and night. What do I think? I have no predictions.

I've done a lot of investigating of the Philadelphia company and of the scientific records. I have found nothing to rule out the possibility that a new hormone may have been discovered and that it affects hair. Nor is there any proof yet that this hormone helps bald men.

Of course, what the doctors say isn't going to discourage us baldies.

N. Z. LABOR SHORTAGE

AUCKLAND, N. Z.—(CP)—The labor shortage is acute in New Zealand and today there are openings for nearly 40,000 men and women workers. Machinery in many industries lies idle because of a lack of operators.

New British Weapon Designed Against Submarines

By Alan Harvey

Canadian Press Staff Writer

LONDON, March 21—(CP)—A new British weapon designed to make life a lot tougher for even the speediest submarine has caused ripples of speculation.

One British writer hailed it as capable of doing for the navy what radar did for the R. A. F. during the Second World War.

The new device—its name and details are on the secret list—was mentioned in the House of Commons last night by James Callaghan, parliamentary secretary of the Admiralty. It is a mechanical brain which locates, attacks, aims and fires automatically.

Callaghan told the House that Britain will have 232 new ships in her navy when the three-year naval program is completed. He asked £278,000,000 (\$394,000,000) for the navy this year.

The new units would include six aircraft carriers, eight destroyers, 24 frigates and almost 200 minesweepers and patrol boats.

Discussing the new weapon, Callaghan said:

"I have seen a demonstration of this equipment, which now is undergoing trials at sea. It is a most remarkable piece of equipment in which anti-submarine weapons have developed since the last war."

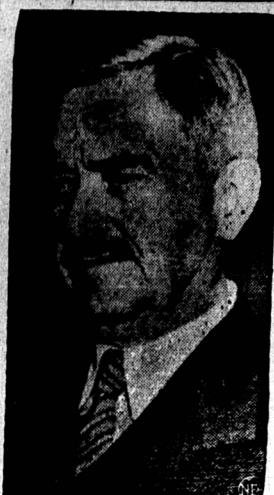
Naval writers took over from there. With remarkable unanimity, correspondents for leading newspapers said they "understood" that the secret equipment constitutes a further development of the post-war "squad," a multi-barrelled mortar which lays down a pattern of shells for underwater explosion.

A. J. McWhinnie wrote in the Labor Daily Herald that the new weapon produces a more devastating explosion than has ever been known in anti-submarine warfare. Nowell Hall, naval correspondent for the Conservative Daily Telegraph, said the new bombs would pierce even the toughest hull if exploded within a certain distance.

W. A. Crummley, naval reporter for the Daily Express, said the secret of the new equipment is that it prevents U-boats from escaping destruction at the last minute.

"It cuts out the asdic 'blind spot' in which the destroyer lost contact with its target in the last half-mile of its full-speed run-in to drop depth charges," said Crummley. "It cuts out human calculations—and errors."

Asdic stands for Allied submarine detection investigation committee, and was the means used for detecting U-boats in the Second World War. The new device is said to leave asdic far behind.



SPOTLIGHTED—Seldom photographed these days, Earl Browder, former head of the Communist Party in the U.S., is pictured as he arrived at Federal District Court in Washington to answer a charge of contempt of Congress. He had refused to answer questions of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Y. M. C. A. News

The Alpha and Beta Philat Chapters got together last Thursday for a trip to one of the local department stores. The girls spent the evening discussing the effect of colors on figures and feelings. Surrounded by bolts of colorful materials, the girls tried color schemes and harmony in order to find out those shades most suited for each individual. The discussion was led by Miss Marjorie Hill of the Vocational School.

The Phalanx Fraternity held a successful bridge party on Friday evening with a crowd of over seventy in attendance. The prize winners for the progressive tables were Mrs. Christine Agnew and Mr. J. C. Saint, and for the non-progressive, Miss Phyllis Murray and Mr. Don Wonnacott. Prizes were presented to the lucky winners following a delicious lunch.

The Hi-Y News for the week is centered upon the two boys' clubs with the Army boys interested and busy at their dancing class and the Alpha Club putting on a rummage sale last Saturday afternoon. This latter was a very successful project. The Delta girls held a special meeting during the week in order to work on curtains for the Hi-Y Club room.

The last regular meeting of the So-Ed series was held on Monday

Expect 25th Brigade To Leave For Korea Soon

OTTAWA, March 21—(CP)—The army reported Canada's 68th Korean casualty Saturday as plans went ahead for shipping 5,000 more Canadian troops to that theatre to help buttress the front against a possible Chinese spring offensive.

Indications were that the 25th Brigade will pull out of Fort Lewis, Wash., late this month or, more likely, early in April to board American troopships for the Far East.

Brig. Frank Fleury, senior Canadian officer at Gen. MacArthur's Tokyo headquarters, flew into Ottawa today to go into conference with army officials about the movement.

Above Average Casualties

Meanwhile, the fourth casualty list issued since the 2nd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, went into action about Feb. 20 indicated casualties are occurring above the average Defence Minister Claxton has said is anticipated.

Mr. Claxton told the Commons

night with a good crowd in attendance. We hear that we have an expert group of golfers now and that our public speakers are also ready for public appearances. The committee in charge plans a special Hillbilly party to wind up things on April 2nd.

some time ago 85 reinforcements a month were planned for the battalion because that was the figure examination had shown was likely to be needed because of casualties. Today's list showed that the Patricia's have suffered 66 casualties in between two and three weeks—17 dead, 46 wounded and five injured in battle accidents.

The lists never state when the casualties were suffered but usually are at least four or five days behind the actual incidents. Some of the wounded probably will be able to rejoin the unit quickly.

Brig. Fleury's arrival from Tokyo is the signal for army headquarters to launch wide-ranging discussions not only about movement of the rest of the brigade to Korea to join the Patricia's but about developments in Korea itself.

External Affairs Minister Pearson told a press conference last week the United Nations forces are being reinforced with the Canadian brigade and other troops "to provide against contingencies," mainly a possible Chinese spring offensive.

It still isn't clear whether that offensive is coming. If it is, the Canadian brigade should be in action against it some time early in May since it takes about three weeks to cross the Pacific.

Sacred Concert In Honor Of Marguerite Bourgeoys

An enjoyable concert was held in St. Augustine's Convent on Friday afternoon and Friday evening in honor of Blessed Marguerite Bourgeoys, foundress of the Congregation of Notre Dame. The main play "Le Voyageur de Marie", was in three acts. The role of Marguerite Bourgeoys was ably played by Bernadette Fineau. In the first act we see Marguerite, a young girl, greatly perplexed as to the state of life she should choose. France, represented by Gisele Painchaud, calls her to stay in her own country to enjoy the pleasures and comforts of life. Canada, Carmella Nadeau, in her turn begs Marguerite to come and teach the Canadian children. However, Faith, Elsie Gallant, will triumph.

In the second act Marguerite's doubts are dispelled when the Blessed Virgin, in the person of Olive Gallant, appears and says, "Go, I shall never abandon you!" This is one of the most beautiful tableaux. While Marguerite prays for light the Ave Maria by Rosemary is sung. The last scene shows Marguerite with her first two pupils, Mr. Malouin, played by Alice Dulong, promises her a stable as her first school. Marguerite asks him to plant the cross on Mount Royal. As the scene closes we see Marguerite Bourgeoys in the procession which is preceded by the cross and we hear her gentle voice repeating the "Our Father" while a Vesper hymn is being played at a distance.

The programme was carried out as follows:—

Duo: First Waltzes—F. Schubert.

Song: Le Canada de prie.

Piano: Marche des Pretres—Mendelssohn.

Act I: La Voyageur de Marie.

Piano: Sonate in G. majeure—Mozart.

Act II: La Voyageur de Marie.

Solo: Ave Maria—Rosewig.

Act III: La Voyageur de Marie.

Sketch: A miracle in Marguerite Bourgeoys life.

Song: We sing to thee, O Marguerite!

Choral speaking: Gloire a Marguerite Bourgeoys!

Song with tableau: O Marguerite!

A large number of parents were present. All expressed their appreciation in words of praise and commendation on the splendid way in which the play was carried.

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