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Red China Calls U. S.-Nationalist Pact Grave Warlike Provocation

TOKYO. (AP)—Premier Chou En-lai of Communist China today called the U. S.-Nationalist China mutual defence treaty "a grave provocation against the people's Republic of China."

And unless the United States withdraws its forces from Nationalist Formosa and Formosa Strait, "it must take upon itself all the grave consequences," Chou declared in a statement broadcast by Peiping radio.

"On behalf of the government of the People's Republic of China," Chou said, "I hereby declare: 'Taiwan (Formosa) is China's territory and President Chiang Kai-shek of Nationalist China is the public enemy of the Chinese people.'"

To liberate Taiwan and liquidate the traitorous Chiang Kai-shek clique is a matter which falls entirely within the scope of China's sovereignty and internal affairs and no interference of any foreign country will be tolerated."

Million Dollar Airport Fire

ST. JOHNS, Que. (CP)—A \$1,000,000 fire in flames at times shooting hundreds of feet into the air, Wednesday destroyed aircraft and a hangar of Aircraft Industries Ltd.

No one was injured in the three-hour blaze but company officials said the hangar and the aircraft all undergoing repair, were a total loss.

The hangar was located on grounds of the Municipal airport some three miles west of the town, 10 miles east of Montreal. The aircraft company was under contract to the RCAF and several military planes were in the hangar.

Coming Events

- Bingo. Hope River hall to-night.
- New Haven Christmas Concert, December 23rd.
- Harrington Christmas Concert, December 22nd.
- Grandview Christmas Concert, December 17th, 8 p. m.
- Lower Bedeque Christmas Concert, December 22nd.
- Christmas concert, Vernon Hall, Dec. 20.
- Card Party, Clinton Hall, December 9th, at 8 o'clock.
- Kinkora Christmas Concert, Wednesday, December 22nd.
- Fairview Christmas Concert in Fairview School, December 20th.
- Bingo, geese and chickens, North Rustico tonight, 8 p. m.
- Bellevue Christmas Concert in Grandview Hall, December 22nd.
- Annual meeting New Haven Farmers Institute, Friday, Dec. 10th.
- Annual meeting Barton Lodge, Friday, Dec. 10 at 8 p. m. Please attend.
- North Pinette School Christmas Concert, Belfast Hall, Eldon, December 17th.
- Reserve December 23rd for Park Corner School Concert in French River Hall.
- Cape Traverse School Concert in Cape Traverse Hall, Tuesday, December 21st.
- Reserve December 23rd for Park Corner School Concert, in French River Hall.
- Sonia Claus will arrive at Vernon J. Noye's Store, Hunter River, Friday night, 7.30 to 8.30.
- Annual Meeting, Farmers Hockey League, Stanley Bridge Rink, Friday, December 10th, 8 p. m.
- Reserve Wednesday, December 22nd for School Concert in Morell Hall, by Morell School.
- See and hear "The Lads and Lassies" Concert, St. Mary's Hall, Souris, Thursday, December 9th, 8.15. Admission 50 cents and 25 cents.
- Monthly Meeting Kingston British Canadian Legion at Charlottetown, December 9th. Special attendance requested. Time 7.30 p. m. Please.
- Buying good pigs weighing 35 lbs. or over, until noon, Friday, buying \$26.00 pair, Wellington McNeill & Son, Buntain & Bell's Wharf.
- Come to Dunstaffnage School and see movies by Dorothy Gibson, Friday, Dec. 10 at 8:15. Lunches served. Sponsored by Dunstaffnage Women's Institute.
- The annual meeting of the Brookfield Club will be held in Wheatley River Hall, Friday night, Dec. 10. Prizes awarded. Films shown. Public invited.
- The Annual Meeting of the Eastern King's Exhibition Association, will be held in the Town Hall, Souris, on Saturday, December 11th, at 2 p. m. H. J. McKinnon, President. Anselm MacDonald, Secretary.
- Shur Gain Amateur Cavalcade Long Creek Hall Friday, Dec. 17 at 8 p. m. sharp. Contestants please send name to Mrs. Malcolm MacNeill, Long Creek before Dec. 14th. Sponsored by Women's Institute.

New Deputy



OTTAWA (CP)—Appointment of George R. Clark, 46, as deputy fisheries minister was announced Wednesday night.

Mr. Clark, assistant deputy fisheries minister since 1950, succeeds Stewart Bates to the \$15,500-a-year appointment. Mr. Bates was recently named president of the government's Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation at a salary of \$22,500.

A native of Montreal, Mr. Clark has been associated with the fishing industry on both Canadian coasts for more than 20 years before entering the government's service in 1948.

He is Canadian commissioner on the international whaling commission and vice-chairman of the international Pacific halibut commission.

DOESN'T FISH

The appointment was announced by prime minister St. Laurent after a cabinet meeting.

The new deputy is a family man and father of three children. He favors woodworking as a hobby, but not fishing. He gets enough of fish, he says, during working hours.

He takes over the deputyship at a time when, he says, the industry generally is in "fine shape." British Columbia has had an "exceptionally good" salmon pack and herring operations have been "going very well." Prairie and Lake shipping also was in good shape and the east coast was doing well, though there were a number of soft spots in the cod market.

At the moment, he added, there appear to be no major problems facing the industry, though, he continued, business conditions change daily and the situation may vary in the future.

HALIFAX, (CP)—The navy said Wednesday the single Pentang will return to Halifax Sunday from air-sea exercises in the Bermuda.

Wide Implications Seen in Tariff Board's Special Brand Tire Ruling

OTTAWA (CP)—An attempt by three large tire manufacturers to narrow by tax levies the price gap between their tires and those sold by the T. Eaton Co. Ltd. and similar retailers Wednesday received a major setback.

The tariff board ruled that the Eaton Company and other retailers buying their goods in parallel fashion are exempt from paying sales and excise taxes on their special brand tires. The decision can be appealed to the Exchequer Court of Canada.

Special brand tires are those produced for a distributor with the distributor's trade mark or brand name stamped on them, such as Eaton's "Bulldog" and "Trojan" tires.

Normally, the 10-per-cent sales tax and 15-per-cent excise tax are levied on the manufacturer's selling price. The Firestone, Goodyear and Goodrich tire manufacturers maintained that for tax purposes such major retail outlets as Eaton's, Simpson's, Simpson - Sears, Ailes, General Tire and Canadian Tire Corporations, should be considered as manufacturers.

Called manufacturers

During hearings counsel for Goodyear, Goodrich and Firestone, maintained that for tax purposes the big retailers are manufacturers since they hold proprietary, sales and other rights on the tires produced for them by processors.

The three protested that the

Ottawa Appeals For Speed-up In Trans-Canada Highway Projects

Ships Limp Into Port As New Storm Hits Europe

LONDON. (Reuters)—Cold winds, snow, sleet and rain whipped across the Atlantic coast of western Europe Wednesday as heavy seas forced ships and fishing boats to flee to shelter in ports.

In Britain, sleet and snow whipped by gale-force winds hit most of the country. Blizzards raged in the Welsh mountains and in Scotland, where many motorists were stranded. Six inches of snow fell in some areas.

Dublin experienced its worst storm and gale in living memory. A tributary of the Tolka river overflowed, flooding many houses.

Scores of ships sought safety in harbors all around Britain. The liner Queen Elizabeth was unable to sail from Southampton because of the heavy seas.

ACCIDENTS REPORTED

In many areas that were just drying out after two weeks of floods, the new storms caused swollen rivers to burst their banks anew.

Several shipping accidents were reported. The Swedish steamer Heimdal sent out distress signals off the Irish east coast saying she was in danger of running aground. Ships searched north of Dublin for the British motor vessel Saint Eunan after she signalled her engines had broken down.

On the continent, the storms kept French fishing boats in port on the Atlantic coast and stopped a search for five trawlers missing from Concarneau port for two weeks.

Rain hit Paris, with hail and possible snow forecast for today. Belgium was gripped by freezing cold, while rain and sleet beat down in Holland.

SPREADS NORTH, SOUTH

Switzerland and Austria had snow, and temperatures plunged to freezing in Germany. South-

"We are undecided yet," he said, "whether it is stomach ulcers, gastritis or even possibly hernia."

"We will only be able to be sure what the trouble is in ten days," said Dr. Paolucci. "Before then the Pope will not be able to retain the berium solution necessary for x-ray examination."

Dr. Paolucci said that only in case it is hernia would he agree to an operation—"because a hernia operation is a very minor and local affair."

OTTAWA (CP)—A new legislative deal for handling railway-union contract disputes—which have produced a general strike and a series of crises in recent years—likely will be proposed soon by the major unions.

Five Killed In N. S. Coal Mine

SPRINGHILL, N.S. (CP)—A violent upheaval of the mine's floor brought tons of rock crashing down at the 11,800-foot level of the No. 3 pit here early Wednesday, claiming the lives of five coal miners.

It was the worst disaster of the year in Nova Scotia's mines and the second for the colliery here operated by Cumberland Railway and Coal Company.

The upheaval—known to miners as a "bump"—trapped the five men as they examined a section of the mine to determine its safety. Other men earlier had reported it "bumpy."

Four of the men were dead when found under the twisted, tangled piles of rock and mine props. The fifth died as he was carried to the surface.

CUT THROUGH BEAM

The victims, all from the Springhill area, were: Layton Dakin, 25; Jack Fear, Jr., 29; Wesley Hunter, 48; Harold Lormier, 47, and James Copeland, 29.

Copeland's body was recovered six hours after the accident by the rescue squads who had to cut through an iron beam to reach him. Fear died while being taken to the surface.

FORT CHURCHILL, Man. (CP)—A sub-arctic blizzard swirled across Hudson Bay Wednesday delaying exercise bull dog II for the fifth day.

Little Chance Pope Would Survive Operation

ROME (AP)—One of the Pope's consulting physicians said today the ailing, 78-year-old Pontiff "would have very little chance of surviving an operation."

Dr. Raffaele Paolucci di Valmaggiore, one of four physicians who will examine the Pope again today to determine whether he has ulcers said "I would never take the responsibility of authorizing or taking part in an operation on the Pope."

"He would have very little chance of surviving an operation, due to his age and his weak condition," Dr. Paolucci said examinations so far have not disclosed definitely what has caused the hiccups, nausea and stomach disturbances which have sapped the Pontiff's strength.

STILL UNDECIDED

As of Oct. 31 Ontario had paved 296 of its 1,412-mile portion of the highway; Saskatchewan had paved 226 of 414 miles; Alberta 139 of

Extend Home Loans To Veterans And Fishermen

OTTAWA (CP)—Home improvement loans under the National Housing Act have now been made available to all veterans with small holdings and to commercial fishermen who can qualify under the Veterans Land Act, Works Minister Winters announced Wednesday night.

The change will make an estimated 30,000 Canadian veterans eligible for such loans.

Home improvement loans previously were limited to veterans with small holdings in the municipal district of Yellowknife, N.W.T.

Mr. Winters said veteran small holders and commercial fishermen who have qualified or who can qualify under the Veterans Land Act, can now get loans up to \$2,500 for a wide variety of repairs, alterations and additions to a one-family dwelling.

Loans are obtainable from the chartered banks and are guaranteed by the government. They are repaid in monthly instalments in three years if the principal does not exceed \$1,250 and five years when larger loans are involved. Interest may not exceed 5-1/2 per cent a year.

SEVEN DEAD IN FIRE

GERMANTOWN, Md. (AP)—The death toll in Monday's fire at the Marylander rest home stood at seven Wednesday. Four elderly women were killed outright and two others died early Tuesday. The seventh victim, Mrs. Phyllis Billeter, 90, of Hyattsville, Md., died in hospital Tuesday night.

SYDNEY, (CP)—The Dominion Steel and Coal Corp. said Wednesday its iron ore mines at Wabana, Nfld., had received a 50,000-ton order from an unnamed European customer.

Report Russian-West Air Race

By TOM OCHILTREE

LONDON (AP)—An authoritative aircraft survey published today says the Russians have thrown 360 factories into a vast plane production race with the West.

The latest edition of Jane's All The World's Aircraft says this program is designed to give the Soviet air force planes to match the performance of the latest models of Britain and the United States. Factories are scattered over wide areas.

The program lays stress on long-range heavy bombers—never a particularly strong point in Soviet aviation—and the building up of modern fighter screens in the satellite states.

Jane's gives a sketch and skimpy details of a new Soviet heavy bomber of the Swept wing, four jet type.

Planes of the type pictured usually are considered capable of carrying nuclear weapons on inter-continental missions.

FLW LAST MAY DAY

One of these bombers roared over Moscow last May Day, sweeping from horizon to horizon in 30 seconds. Accounts then explained it

Eisenhower Shuns Word Battle With McCarthy; Plots Moderate Course

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower shunned a personal word battle with Senator Joseph McCarthy Wednesday while declaring the American people want a government run by "progressive moderates."

"And that is exactly what I am working for" the president added.

Eisenhower, with his temper apparently well contained, told his press conference crisply that he would not reply to McCarthy's attack on him Tuesday. The Wisconsin Republican had accused him of displaying a "shrinking show of weakness" toward communism.

NO NAME-CALLING

The president said he stands for positive things and does not indulge

Awarded Overseas IODE Scholarship

Mr. Robert Morson Agnew, 22, (above) son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Agnew, 55 Upper Prince Street, has been awarded the IODE overseas scholarship for Prince Edward Island which entitles him to do two years of post graduate work in a United Kingdom University. Robert is at present completing his Master of Science course at Dalhousie University. He expects to proceed overseas next fall.

Born in Cardigan, Nov. 20, 1932, he moved with his parents to Charlottetown in 1948 where he entered the special matriculation class at Prince of Wales College. After graduating in 1951 he entered Dalhousie University, where he obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in 1953. Mr. Agnew's studies are in the field of bacteriology.

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Confesses, Then Denies Story

REGINA (CP)—An army deserter who said he was the man police could check his story. After his court appearance he was whisked into Police Chief Arthur Cookson's office where he immediately denied his entire story. Officers had been skeptical of his tale from the start.

Andre Lacroix, 23, of Chicoutimi, Que., Tuesday night told reporters and later police he was the man who slugged Marion McDowell's boy friend and dragged the pert 17-year-old Toronto secretary from a parked car.

Lacroix was hushed and nervous

Three Bank Bandits Escape With \$30,000

NORTH GOWER, Ont. (CP)—Three armed men Wednesday escaped with \$30,000 from a bank here after tying up the bank manager and three of his staff. They fled in an automobile in which a fourth man was waiting.

The three men entered the branch of the Royal Bank of Canada in this village about 20 miles south of Ottawa shortly before closing time.

Telephone lines into the bank are believed to have been cut shortly before the holdup.

Pope Closes The Marian Year With Blessing To World From Sickroom

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Pope Pius closed the Marian Year Wednesday with a blessing to the world from his sickroom.

His message was spoken with deep emotion, as if reflecting his suffering.

Recorded at his bedside and broadcast over the Vatican radio, the words were heard in hushed silence in Rome's majestic Basilica of St. Mary Major. There, two miles from the Vatican, Romans had gathered to observe "a close-up" of the pontiff's words for the year in Mary's honor. Among 15 cardinals at the ceremony was James Cardinal McGulgan of Toronto.

The Pope gave his brief message in Italian. In Latin he then recited the Ave Maria and gave his blessing to the city of Rome and to the world.

Thousands Cheer

The thousands in the basilica broke into a great cheer.

So did thousands more unable to crowd into the church. They heard the Pope's words from loudspeakers.

Radio carried the pope's message, prayer and blessing to other parts of the world.

A few hours before the ceremony the ailing pontiff took a few halting steps, supported by the arm of his private physician, Dr. Ricardo Galeazzi-Lisi. This, an authoritative source explained, was at once a measure of the Pope's how recovery and a medical precaution, taken lest he suffer disability by

Freak Tornado Hits London

LONDON (Reuters)—A freak tornado, vicious but small, hit London Wednesday night and ripped over the west and southwest section of the city causing considerable damage. More than a score of persons were injured.

In about two minutes the tornado split a four-storey house down the middle and damaged more than 40 houses and stores by blowing off roofs, smashing windows and scattering doors.

Kaiser-Willys Line Shown Dealers

NEW YORK (AP)—Using a 21-city closed television hook-up, Kaiser-Willys showed its 1955 line of utility and passenger vehicles to its dealers in the United States and Canada Wednesday.

Hickman Price, Jr., vice-president in charge of sales, said Kaiser-Willys will have fewer passenger-car models in the lineup for 1955, but two of them will carry sharply reduced price tags when they are presented publicly Jan. 6.

"We will have fewer passenger car models but by reducing our line we will also reduce our costs and that will mean more competitive prices," he said.

Forecast: Prince Edward Island, eastern N. B. counties, lower St. John's River valley: Variable cloudiness; a little milder with southwest winds 15 Low - high at Charlottetown Moncton, Fredericton and Saint John 20 and 35.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 10.11 a. m. and 9.37 p. m. Summer tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown. Sun rises today at 7.29 a. m. and sets at 4.31 p. m.

VOICE STRONGER

The Pope's voice was stronger than last Sunday, when he gave a brief benediction from his bedside. A slight wavering indicated that the pontiff still is very weak, however. His words were recorded at two separate sessions, to save his strength.

Several thousand Romans gathered in St. Peter's Square Wednesday night. For 15 minutes they shouted "Viva Il Papa," hoping for a glimpse of him. But, finally, they dispersed, convinced the Pope was resting and could not come to his window as he has done countless times in other years.

The Marian Year was inaugurated last Dec. 8 by the Pope in a joyful ceremony at the Basilica of St. Mary Major. Since then, thousands of ceremonies in Mary's honor have been held throughout the world. The year was a centenary anniversary of the dogma of immaculate conception.

13 MORE SHOPPING DAYS

EARLY XMAS THINKING MAKES XMAS SHOPPING EASIER

TORONTO (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	13	6
Vancouver	40	48
Victoria	43	49
Edmonton	35	32
Calgary	8	32
Saskatoon	20	24
Regina	23	23
Winnipeg	24	29
Toronto	23	37
Ottawa	13	33
Montreal	14	34
Quebec	14	31
Fredericton	18	35
Saint John	26	36
Moncton	30	31
Halifax	32	39
Charlottetown	32	—
Sydney	41	49
Yarmouth	32	40
St. John's Nfld.	34	52