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CHINESE COUNTER-ATTACKS REPULSED BY ARTILLERY

Canada Suggests Joint Defence Program To The U. S.

Urge Controls To Aid In Easing Serious Box-Car Shortage

OTTAWA, March 30 — (CP) — Canada, with its defence production shifting into high gear, faces shortage of freight cars to move the goods.

Railway spokesmen said today the shortage is "serious" as they asked the Board of Transport Commissioners to reinstate wartime regulations aimed at getting the maximum use out of available rolling stock.

The proposed regulations, which were in effect up to 1949, would force shippers to load more goods to each car and would stiffen demurrage penalties for keeping cars on sidings longer than specified times.

Developing For Months
Railway witnesses told the board the shortage has been developing for several months and has been largely caused by stepped-up United States traffic which has prompted U.S. railways to retain Canadian-owned freight cars going south with freight from this country.

They said that, despite their efforts Canada's "adverse balance" of cars in this traffic has increased since Jan. 1.

Most serious scarcity is in box-cars, in which the adverse balance at March 21 was about 15,000. That is, the Canadian railways had 15,000 more cars in the U.S. than they had U.S. cars on their Canadian lines.

Howard Grayston, Canadian National Railways chief of car service, and R. E. Taylor, general superintendent of transportation for the Canadian Pacific Railway, said some relief has been given by a Feb. 20 order in the U.S. under which Canadian empties in the U.S. eastern and Allegheny district were to be returned home without loading. But it was not enough.

Would Extend Order
He added attempts now are being made to have the car-return order extended to other U.S. areas, particularly the northwest to help meet heavy Western demand for cars to haul grain.

He said there now are 5,800 cars of grain awaiting shipment at the lakehead, for which cars

cannot be found. Pulpwood and lumber shippers also were "thousands of cars behind."

Will Negotiate Here Today For Support Program

Negotiations for a potato price support program will be made here this morning at a meeting of officials from the Agricultural Prices Support Board, Provincial Department of Agriculture and the Provincial Potato Marketing Board.

An indication that a plan for general support is under consideration was obtained from Mr. A. H. Turner of the Support Board, who said last night that the discussions would not be confined to a subsidy for starch plants alone.

Asked about plans for a general support program he said that he had nothing to report as yet. Mr. Turner is accompanied by Messrs. Carl Conger and R. W. Neely.

The meeting this morning will take place in the Provincial Department of Agriculture offices.

Flood Threat Is Worry To Medicine Hat

MEDICINE HAT, Alta., March 30 — (AP) — More than two tons of high-explosive bombs, hurled by day-bombing air force planes, today only chipped a giant ice dam on the South Saskatchewan River here and a new assault was planned tomorrow with a single 1,000-pound bomb.

The big bomb arrived at the nearby Suffield Experimental Station from Rivers, Man., as fighter-bombers returned from their latest attack on the egg-shaped natural dam. The block poses a major flood threat to this city of 16,000 persons.

Result of the latest attack—the third—were not known immediately.

The ice piled up yesterday at a hairpin bend, five miles east of here, as the spring break-up started.

Truck Loaded With Jewelry Is Stolen

ST. LOUIS, March 30, (AP) — The theft of a trunk containing sample jewelry with an estimated retail value of \$125,000 from a sidewalk in front of the Statler Hotel was reported to police today.

The jewelry had been shipped from New York to a firm here.

Urges 4-Point Frontal Attack On Huge Cost

NEW YORK, March 30 — (CP) — The Canadian Government tonight placed before the United States public a major four-point program for even greater defence co-operation, including a "frontal attack" on the staggering costs of the tools of war.

It included the St. Lawrence seaway, a lot more U.S. war orders for Canada and a campaign to sell democratic aims to the world.

Defence Minister Claxton, in explaining it, said defence equipment costs now are so enormous that the Western Powers can't get "what we know we need without going on an all-out war economy."

In a speech prepared for delivery to a dinner given in his honor, he didn't suggest that the two countries go on an all-out war economy. But he did call on the U.S. to join Canada in a drive to slash equipment costs to make more effective the partial mobilization now functioning in both countries.

The Canadian Plan
Mr. Claxton said Canadian-U.S. defence co-operation has gone far. There was complete agreement "on doctrine, plans and preparations for the joint defence of North America." Over-all co-ordination was unsurpassed elsewhere. But it showed Canada felt it should go: 1. The St. Lawrence waterways development "should be proceeded with as an urgently needed defence measure."

All Canada, he said, now knows it "is urgently needed."

2. Canada hopes for further industrial defence co-operation, a statement he coupled with prodding for more U.S. war orders in Canada. He said the U.S. has been lagging far behind Canada in reciprocal placing of such orders.

3. "The armed forces and industry combined must make a frontal attack on the cost of defence equipment. This has become so costly that neither we nor our Allies can get what we know we need without going on an all-out war economy."

4. The free democracies
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Quebec Village Is Flooded

CHATEAUGUAY, Que., March 30 — (CP) — More than 50 homes and business establishments in Chateauguay basin, 20 miles southwest of Montreal, were flooded today when the ice-choked Chateauguay River overflowed.

Old Landmark At Pownal Destroyed



Pictured above is the dwelling at Pownal, one of the landmarks of the village, destroyed by fire yesterday morning. Mrs. Park Jenkins was seriously burned about

the feet, arm and head. Her husband was not injured. The blaze, of unknown origin, began in a back kitchen of the log structure. Firemen from Charlottetown helped

ed prevent the outbreak from spreading to nearby buildings, some of which can be seen above. (See page five for story). —Photo by Smith

Seeking PEI Contacts For Half Million Dollar Order

The Prince Edward Island Fisheries Federation, through their secretary, Mr. Walther Gaudet, has received a wire, dated March 27, from the Export Division of the Department of Trade and Commerce, stating that the United States Army is anxious to procure up to \$500,000 worth of canned fish for June 30 delivery.

The shipment would include canned herring, mackerel, sardines, salmon and chicken haddie. The wire asked for bids on the above shipment.

Immediately upon receipt of the wire, the Federation contacted all its assemblers inquiring as to what produce was immediately available and what was expected to be available by the June 30 deadline.

The information received was wired to the Department on Thursday. The wire also pointed out that if the deadline could be advanced by September 30, a substantially heavier quantity would be available.

In yesterday's issue Mr. John Stevenson, Chief of the Maritime Board of Trade, was quoted as stating incorrectly at Summerside that the Charlottetown Board of Trade had received an order for canned goods for the armed forces. Mr. Chew was evidently referring to the order above referred to.

Pay Boost For Engine Drivers

MONTREAL, March 30 — Negotiations have been successfully concluded between the negotiating committee representing the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the Canadian National Railways governing the services of 2,025 locomotive engineers on the Atlantic and Central Regions in Canada it was announced today.

N. B. Teachers Ponder Mass Resignation

MONCTON, N. B., March 30 — Mass resignation of 3,900 school teachers in New Brunswick was seen as a possibility today.

The teachers, meeting in annual session here, discussed the mass resignation as a means of backing their demands for higher salaries. If the demands are not met, it was decided to poll the teachers of the Province on the mass resignation action.

The executive of the New Brunswick Teachers Association also approved a resolution calling for investigation of reports that temporarily-licensed teachers in some instances are receiving higher salaries than fully qualified members of the profession.

HALIFAX, March 30 — (CP) — The Nova Scotia Teachers' Union today decided against a "slow-down" strike to bring salary demands more forcibly to the attention of the public.

Liquor Sales Over 2 Million

Liquor sales in Prince Edward Island through the Temperance Commission for the year ending March 31, 1950, totalled \$2,146,872, according to a report tabled in the Legislature. Liquor permits were issued during the year to 14,568 residents and 15,095 tourists.

Sales in Charlottetown during the year amounted to \$1,242,805; in Summerside to \$561,231; in Souris to \$123,805; in Cardigan to \$113,787; in Alberton to \$105,743.

News In Brief

MONTREAL, March 30 — (CP) — First Canadian air link with continental Europe was officially inaugurated today when Trans-Canada Air Lines' initial Paris flight left Montreal airport.

WASHINGTON, March 30 — (AP) — The Senate topped off the sensational-packed hearings of its crime committee today by voting contempt citations against 12 balking witnesses headed by Frank Costello, reputed New York gambling kingpin.

Potato Support Touches Off Debate In N.B. House

FREDERICTON, March 30 — (CP) — The New Brunswick Legislature, on a straight party lines voice vote, today defeated an Opposition (Progressive Conservative) motion commending the New Brunswick senators and Commons members who have advocated help for the potato growers of this province.

The motion by G. W. Perry, veteran member for Carleton County, touched off a full dress debate lasting nearly two hours. Addresses of Liberal Government supporters ranged from bitter criticism to ridicule.

The motion named Senators F. W. Pirie, G. Percy Burchill and H. R. Emmerson and Commons members H. H. Hatfield (PC-Victoria-Carleton) and A. J. Brooks

Question Of Air Bases In France Tricky One

By EDDY GILMORE
PARIS, March 30 — (AP) — The French and the United States Government — sooner or later — are going to have to decide the issue of Allied bomber and fighter bases in France.

A French Government statement today began the tricky task of preparing French public opinion for it.

Fresh Red Troops Hit Allies Near Chunchon On Central Front Today

BULLETIN

ON THE 38TH PARALLEL, Korea, March 31 — (Saturday) — (AP) — United States tanks crossed the 38th parallel today.

The crossing was made at 10:21 a.m. (8:21 p.m., EST, Friday).

It was the first time American troops had entered North Korea since the Chinese Reds' break-through on the Imjin River last New Year's Eve.

By ROBERT EUNSON
TOKYO, March 31 — (Saturday) — (AP) — Fresh Communist troops hit the Korean central front and today seized positions a mile from American-occupied Chunchon, offensive springboard for either side.

This was not the expected Red offensive but it may be a forerunner of it. Heavy movement of enemy traffic toward the front continued despite unremitting Allied aerial assaults.

Allied pilots said they destroyed about 100 of 1,800 vehicles sighted Friday night.

American forces, still driving ahead against stouter resistance, reached within two miles of the 38th parallel at one undisclosed point.

The lunge close to Chunchon was the Reds' strongest push south of parallel 38 since the Communist Chinese and North Korean began their withdrawal six weeks ago.

The Communists from the fresh 26th Chinese Army Corps appeared to be trying to hold high ground in the sector between the Uibongju-Yonchon road and the Uijongju-Changgo road, two main highway routes leading into Seoul.

There was evidence of a Communist withdrawal across the Imjin River in the Munsan area 21 miles northwest of Seoul. U.S. troops pushed north for substantial gains Friday south and east of the Imjin.

At least 30,000 rested Chinese
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May Build Fishing Dragers In Ch'town

Charlottetown may become a shipbuilding centre this summer, though on a limited scale. Two or three fishing dragers may be built here with Provincial Government assistance. It is reported, Meantime one of the two dragers now owned in the Province is expected to commence operations about mid-April, sailing out of Souris.

The dragers which will be constructed locally are not expected to be ready for service until autumn.



TORONTO, March 30 — (CP) — Minimum temps 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 39-50; Edmonton 31-38; Calgary 36-51; Regina 3-25; Winnipeg 22-36; Toronto 57-52; Ottawa 36-42; Montreal 43-50; Quebec 32-38; Saint John 31-41; Moncton 29-49; Halifax 31-51; Charlottetown 28-46; Sydney 31-49; Yarmouth 29-49; St. John's 34-40.

HALIFAX, March 30 — (CP) — Official forecasts issued by the Dominion Public Weather Office and valid until midnight tomorrow with an outlook for Sunday.

Synopsis — Dull weather and occasional rain will spread eastward across the district Saturday. Southerly winds will result in continuing mild weather. Westerly winds are expected to bring in drier air Sunday giving an outlook of clearing weather.

Forecast:
Prince Edward Island — Overcast and continuing mild. Rain in the evening. Light winds increasing in the afternoon to south 15. Low early Saturday morning and high in the afternoon at Charlottetown 30 and 48. Outlook for Sunday, clearing after noon.

High tide at 5:39 A. M. and 4:07 P. M.
Sun rises at 5:57 A. M. and sets at 6:39 P. M.
Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

BORDEN — CAPE TORMENTINE FERRY SERVICE
Leave Borden 8:10 A.M. Leave C. T. 2:40 P.M.
SUNDAY SERVICE
Leave Borden 6:45 P.M. Leave C. T. 8:00 P.M.
MCA AIR SERVICE
Lv. Charlottetown for Moncton 5:50 A.M.—11:20 A.M.—4:45 P.M.
Ar. Charlottetown from Moncton 7:40 A.M.—1:25 P.M.—6:55 P.M.
Lv. Charlottetown for Halifax 7:55 A.M. New Glasgow only; 1:40 P.M. New Glasgow & Halifax.
Ar. Charlottetown from New Glasgow and Halifax 11:10 A.M. from New Glasgow only 6:20 P.M. from New Glasgow and Halifax.
Charlottetown — Sydney flights every Monday, Wednesday, Friday.

Coming Events

- Mail your Films to Garnhum Photo Studio, Charlottetown.
- Cleaning Timothy Seed for the month of March only. John Leard, Crapaud.
- Dance every Monday night in St. Peters Legion Hall, from 9:30—1. Cliff Peters new Orchestra.
- Loading Hogs for Canada Packers Ltd., at Belle River each Tuesday. Ben Bears.
- Receiving Hogs at Crapaud for Canada Packers Limited, until 12 noon each Tuesday. Robert Dawson.
- Shur-Gain Amateur Contest, Mt. Stewart Legion Hall, Wednesday, April 4th, 8 P. M. Sharp. Admission 35 cents.
- Coming soon two one act plays with specialties, Winsloe Station hall, sponsored by Highfield Women's Institute.
- See "Border Incident", a shocking, thrilling Drama, plus Stodge Comedy at MacDonald Bros. Theatre, tonight, Friday, Saturday, Show time 8 P. M.
- Provincial affairs, Mrs. L. G. Ramsay, vice president Prince Edward Island Co-operative Commonwealth Federation will speak over CPCY Saturday, March 31st at 7:15.
- Buying Pigs, Cattle and Poultry Monday at Fredericton. All kinds and size. Paying \$30.00 a pair for good pigs over 30 lbs. each. Will also buy smaller ones. Knud Jorgensen.
- Sucker Pigs: We have a weekly outlet for a large number. You will be well advised to contact us before selling. Paying highest market prices. Island Co-op Services Limited, Office over Co-op Store.
- Eran and Shorts in straight or assorted cardinals. Bulk lots in cardinals for prompt and deferred shipment right up to the end of June. Oil Cake Meal, etc. The Atlas Grain Company, Montreal, Zone 1.