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## COMMUNIST RETREAT ON CENTRAL FRONT TURNS TO ROUT

### Russia Offers To Negotiate With Great Britain

#### Serious Tieup In Rocky Point Service

A combination of warm weather and the repair of the Rocky Point ferry Fairview have resulted in an almost complete disruption of transportation between the City and South Shore areas during the past few days.

With the ferry tied up at Prince Street wharf undergoing repairs, all ordinary means of transportation to Rocky Point have been cut off. The harbour ice had cracked up and partially dissolved by yesterday making it impossible for either an ice boat or a motor boat to cross.

Road conditions, as naturally expected, were reported to be nearly impassable. Wheeled traffic in most places was confined to wagons. Several men made the 20 mile trip to their homes Saturday evening by taking a truck to Cornwall and

completing their journey by wagon. Mail service was entirely disrupted for three days. Finally on Saturday the old ice boat was returned to service and the mail service restored for the day.

All telephone communication with the Rocky Point and Fairview areas are disconnected. On attempting to put a phone call through to Rocky Point, a Guardian representative was told that the line was completely out of order.

The community also suffers a lack of immediate medical service. The nearest doctor is in Bonshaw about 20 miles away.

The ferry captain, Jerry Doucette, said the Fairview would be out at least a week. The boat has been idle since Friday, Feb. 16, first on account of illness among the crew and then for engine repairs, an annual procedure.

#### Moscow Cites Military Strength In Lengthy Note

MOSCOW, Feb. 25—(CP)—Russia declared Saturday night her readiness to negotiate her differences with Britain, after indicating that she has some 2,500,000 men under arms.

In a lengthy note to Britain, Russia made a point of citing her military strength to reinforce her assertion that she is not menacing world peace.

The latest Soviet statement in a long series of exchanges between the two Governments said that the Russian armed forces are numerically the same as in 1939, before the outbreak of the Second World War.

On the other hand, she asserted that the combined forces of Britain, the United States and France are more than 5,000,000—more than twice as big as hers.

This indication that Russian counts only about 2,500,000 men in her navy, air force and army was the nearest in several years that she has come to offering any figures.

#### Aussies Join Canadians In Assault On Ridges

By John Colless  
WITH BRITISH COMMONWEALTH UNITS, Korea, Feb. 25—(Reuters)—Australians Saturday joined Canadian troops in battles for the ridges northeast of Chipyong.

Fighting side by side for the first time in Korea, they scaled the steep, slippery sides of high ridges overlooking a valley up which the unit was advancing.

They met heavy fire from the top, where an estimated two battalions of Chinese—up to 2,000 men—were dug in deeply and had stubbornly held off for two days Canadian attempts to dislodge them.

The Canadians pulled back Saturday morning to allow the air force to plaster the hill with napalm bombs to burn off the low scrub hiding the Chinese troops.

They then went up the hill again behind a smoke screen put down by New Zealand gunners while fighter bombers hit the enemy.

Lieut. Bob Whittaker of Saint John, N. B., a platoon commander, had a glove torn off his hand by a grenade burst Friday, when

Canadians and Chinese were within yards of each other. Whittaker said later: "They let us get within 14 yards of them and then opened up. We could not charge because of the steepness of the ground and thickness of the scrub. It was like fighting in the jungle. "My platoon had to pull back. But what worried us most was hearing the Chinese chattering and laughing as we withdrew."

Pte. Roy Henry of (38 Powder Street), Rockdale, N. S., an R. C. A. F. veteran of the Second World War, had a lucky escape when a bullet glanced from another soldier's rifle, grazing him above the left eye. He had it dressed at an aid post and went back to duty.

He was once a flight-lieutenant but "they could not take me back in the air force because I was over 30," Henry explained.

"So I enlisted in the army in August last year but I would rather be up in the air than down here."

"This business of days without sleep and digging yourself into frozen ground is no joke."

#### South African Vets Pay Tribute

Three of this Province's nine surviving Boer War veterans were present at a brief service yesterday noon at the South African monument in Queen Square.

The sun shone briefly as a small crowd gathered to pay homage to those who had lost their lives in that war of fifty-one years ago, and to watch as two of the veterans laid a wreath on the monument. C. H. Hine and John Lawlor were the men who placed the wreath, and the other Boer War veteran present was Captain E. MacDonald, also of Charlottetown.

Rev. J. T. Abbott was in charge of the service and led in prayer and gave a brief address. During the service Mr. H. R. Vessey, President of the Charlottetown Branch of the Canadian Legion read from Laurence Binyon's poem, "For the Fallen," and bugler Frank Smith sounded the "Last Post" and "Reveille."

#### But Reds Escape Trap When Mud Bogs Down Pursuing Allied Troops

U. S. 10TH CORPS HEADQUARTERS, Korea, Feb. 26 (Monday)—(AP)—Lt. Gen. Edward M. Almond said today his 10th Corps troops had turned the Communist retreat on the Central Korean front into a rout.

Almond said his troops, in the central sector of the U. S. Eighth Army front, have killed or wounded 64,000 Communist soldiers since Jan. 4.

The general said his troops had ruined the combat effectiveness of two North Korean corps and had destroyed the best part of two Chinese divisions at Chipyong before routing the North Korean 3rd and 4th Corps north of Chechon.

Almond said the Communist armies that tried to take the supply hub of Chechon last week were turned back in "virtual rout."

He added that large numbers of Reds escaped from the Hoengsong-Pyongchang-Chechon triangle before his men could snap a pincer on them in the mud of three days of rain and thaw.

Supplies By Air

On a hurry-up call, the Far East Air Force's big C119 Fairchild "Flying boxcar" transports airlifted 315 tons of supplies from Japan to Korea.

Of this amount, a record total of 340 tons of ammunition, food and medicine was dropped directly to front-line units.

In Western Korea, the Reds hurled heavy barrages of artillery and mortar fire on the approaches to Seoul and built up concentrations of men and supplies north-east of that Communist-occupied capital.

Aside from the four central front-counterattacks, however, all battlefront were comparatively quiet.

#### Canadians Find Red Chinese Tough Fighters

(By Bill Boss)  
ON THE CENTRAL FRONT, Korea, Feb. 25—(CP)—A company of Pincen Patalians, which saw the Canadian's bloodiest action of the Korean campaign to date, has revised its estimation of Chinese as fighters.

The company, led by Maj. Jack George of Edmonton, withdrew after bitter fighting with a Chinese force entrenched in virtually impregnable positions on hill 419, above Sogu.

Chinese Aggressive

"They're really aggressive," said Pte. Vic Mahood of Vancouver. "And certainly not stupid," added Pte. Al Lynch of St. Catharines, Ont.

Both were members of the platoon led by Lieut. John Deegan of Vancouver, which was temporarily pinned down after making the first contact with the enemy strong points Friday.

Wary after the full-scale action which extricated Deegan's platoon but determined to even up the losses suffered in the two-day action, George said his men had advanced within 10 yards but couldn't dislodge the enemy.

"We were crawling on our bellies through briar and bramble underbrush which their machine-gun fire cut off at waist-level," he said.

Cpl. Joseph Favent of Sintulata Sask. said the Canadians were unable to use grenades because of the thickness of the brambles, which afforded perfect concealment for the Chinese.

George said a bazooka team under Lt. Cpl. Norman Richardson of Vancouver knocked out a machine-gun nest during the attack. Pte. Lloyd Peters of Hepburn, Sask. fired the weapon, loaded by Pte. Arland Lewis of Hamilton.

#### Mild Weather Cuts Lumber Production

HALIFAX, Feb. 25—(CP)—A mild winter has seriously affected the lumbering industry throughout the Maritime provinces. The production of lumber has been cut from 25 to 75 percent, a survey indicated today.

In Nova Scotia, officials in charge of lumbering trades said the situation was "bad" but their estimates varied widely.

A lumber wholesaler here said unless there was some cold weather to facilitate operations in the woods the price for rough sawn lumber would soar "sky high."

Officials said only a heavy frost would prevent a lumber shortage.

#### Canadians Suffer First Casualties In Assault On Dug-In Red Troops

By Bill Boss  
ON THE CENTRAL FRONT, Korea, Feb. 25—(CP)—The Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry have suffered their first casualties in the Korean campaign.

(Boss's cable announcing the casualties, filed at 8 p. m. Friday and received Sunday, apparently was delayed by censorship.)

The casualties, which occurred when two Canadian companies hit firmly-dug-in Chinese positions, were surprisingly light in view of the enemy's perfect deployment commanding mountain approaches and the ground covered by the Canadians in their assault.

In one day's fighting, the companies, commanded by Major Jack George and St. John's Lt. Cpl. Norman Richardson, all but captured a 1,500-foot mountain held by at least one enemy battalion.

#### Fire Destroys Sudbury Hotel

SUDBURY, Feb. 25—(CP)—A spectacular fire early Saturday destroyed the 58-room Fontaine Hotel, leaving the three-story building in downtown Sudbury a charred, water-logged and blackened ruin.

There were no deaths and the only person hurt was a fireman who suffered a slight hand injury.

Hotel owner Charles Davis said he cannot estimate the damage until he consults building contractors.

Simon Kingsley, the manager, when asked at the peak of the fire if the damage would reach \$500,000, replied: "That wouldn't be far wrong."

All available firemen—28 out of 30 battalions with 10 lines of hose and an aerial ladder one of the most spectacular blazes in the city's history.

#### News In Brief

OTTAWA, Feb. 25—(CP)—Trade Minister Howe Saturday announced formation of a new petroleum division in his department to give Canada's expanding defence program top priority on available oil supplies.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25—(AP)—High officials said Saturday the United States is going ahead rapidly with arrangements for the independence of Western Germany and Japan despite violent protests from Russia.

PRAGUE, Feb. 25—(AP)—President Klement Gottwald said publicly today that the Communist Party has found within its ranks a plot dating back five years and aimed at lining up Czechoslovakia with the West. He said it was engineered by the missing Vlado Clementis and others.

LONDON, Feb. 25—(AP)—All the furors touched off by Winston Churchill's pride in the Royal Navy will not prevent a top committee of the National Liberal Federation's advisory council will meet in the capital to hear reports, deal with internal party business and draft resolutions for presentation to the Government.

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For three days, the 235 members of the National Liberal Federation's advisory council will meet in the capital to hear reports, deal with internal party business and draft resolutions for presentation to the Government.

#### Counter-Attacks Fail

TOKYO, Feb. 26—(Monday)—United Nations forces, their advance mired in the mud of Korea, beat off four Communist counter-attacks Sunday along the 60-mile-wide mountain front.

Chinese Communists hurled a column of grenade-tossing bazooka-shouting infantry at the South Koreans attacking west of Hoengsong, a no-man's land 55 miles east of Seoul. Farther east, American forces repulsed three other Red attacks.

The Associated Press reported that the newly battle-tested Canadian forces still faced two battalions of Chinese—up to 2,000 men—dug in along a ridge northeast of allied-held Chipyong on the 9th Corps front between Seoul and Hoengsong.

Allied intelligence officers believed this might be the ultimate line the Chinese would try to defend against the Eighth Army offensive.

Fighting slackened in the Canadian sector Sunday with little change of position.



#### Plan More Money For Farm Loans

OTTAWA, Feb. 25—(CP)—The Government plans to increase its ceiling on farm improvement loans by \$130,000,000, officials said Saturday. A notice on the Commons order paper, disclosed that the Government plans to extend the Farm Improvement Loans Act for another three years.

The act allows the banks to enter the short and intermediate-term lending field, to grant loans to farmers on livestock, implements, land and other farm security.

Previously, the Government promised to guarantee all loans up to a total of \$250,000,000. This ceiling will be increased to \$380,000,000. So far banks have extended about \$180,000,000 in loans under this legislation.

#### Three Rivers Group Wins Drama Award

QUEBEC, Feb. 25—(CP)—Les Compagnons De Notre Dame, a Three Rivers, Que., drama group, Saturday night won the top award of the Eastern Quebec Regional Drama Festival for their production of "Ma Petite Ville" (Our Town).

Adjudicator Robert Newton announced the winner of the Quebec Art Theatre Trophy for the best French play at the end of the three-day festival.

#### Thieves Get \$6,000 From Jewelry Store

TORONTO, Feb. 25—(CP)—Thieves who sledgehammered a hole through a wall Saturday fled from the east-central jewelry store of Gunning Brothers, Ltd., with gold and jewelry valued at between \$5,000 and \$6,000.

DETROIT, Feb. 25—(AP)—The automotive industry mourned today the death of one of its outstanding men, Fred M. Zeder, vice-chairman of the Chrysler Corporation board of directors.

Zeder died at Miami, Fla., Saturday of a heart attack. He was 64.

#### U.S. Scientist Wants Full Probe Of "Saucers"

By John B. Knox  
SCITUATE, Mass., Feb. 25—(AP)—A former United States Air Force scientist today brushed aside the idea that flying saucers are just balloons and urged a full investigation of what he said may be experiments by "a potential enemy of the United States."

Dr. Anthony O. Mirarchi, who was employed by the air force as an air chemist in its geophysical laboratory, took issue with a recent magazine article by Dr. Urner Liddel, navy scientist. Liddel said what people have been seeing are plastic balloons sent into the upper air for radiation research.

Mirarchi said in an interview that "the navy report is erroneous, it tells people into a false sense of security."

He said that as an assistant chief of a branch of the geophysical research organization, he conducted an investigation and recommended a "considerable approximation" to press a study of the mysterious phenomena.

At Washington, an air force spokesman who was asked about Mirarchi's contentions, had this to say: "In over 500 investigations we have made so far we have yet to find one concrete bit of evidence to back up these reports of flying saucers."

However, the spokesman added, the air force study is still to be carried on at the U. S. A. F. Air Materiel Command centre at Dayton, O.

Mirarchi said that after studying extensive files of the Office of Strategic Information, covering hundreds of eyewitness reports of flying saucers or "fireballs," he concluded the observations were consistent with "a possible programmed in advance."

In other words, the objects had "manoeuvred motion," as though guided by some mechanism.

#### Destroyer Micmac Ends First Week Of Exercises

By Herb Hill  
HALIFAX, Feb. 25—(CP)—The first week of month-long exercises by the destroyer Micmac, to give anti-submarine seamen practical experience and to whip a crew into top condition, was climaxed this week-end.

It was part of an exercise that showed the confidence of Lt.-Cmdr. Frederick C. Frewer in his Micmac and crew. A party of reporters watched the dropping of depth charges on an "enemy" lurking below the surface and jumped the "pump-pump-pump" of the Bofors drove off "attacking airplanes."

The exercises were carried out about 14 miles off this war base in an area designated for naval manoeuvres.

Lieut. J. Gauthier of Montreal said: "If four fish had been fired one or more would have hit. This day's work will be helpful in many ways."

#### Travel 300 Dangerous Miles In Vain Search

BARKERVILLE, B.C., Feb. 25—(CP)—Five men plodded from snow-swept Badlands Saturday after their 300-mile search for trapper James Skokam backfired into a fight for survival.

With them came word that Skokam is "presumed dead" and apparent victim of the pitfalls they evaded after becoming lost along his intended trapline in the Northern Cariboo.

They started the snowshoe-trek last week after the former Esterhazy, Sask. trapper didn't make a scheduled "grab trip" from his line camp, about 300 miles north-east of Vancouver.

It is believed his body lies somewhere along a trail covered with 10 feet or more of snow. A party may go out after the spring thaw.

Around nearby Windgam Mountain, the searchers went, pulling a toboggan laden with provisions and medical supplies. Danger stalked them all the way.

One of the party, R.G.M.P. Constable Al Jessop was buried under an avalanche two days out. It took three hours to dig him out.

Then the party started across a lake. Visibility was cut by swirling snow. The ice gave way and Game Warden Ernie Holmes plunged in to the freezing water.

He was pulled to safety. The men built a huge fire on the shoreline and dried his clothes.

They headed back but got lost within an hour. They wandered for nearly a day, then found wolverine tracks which they decided to follow on "hunch."

The animal's tracks led to a deserted trapline cabin. There they rested and regained their bearings.

"From then on," they said, "it was straight plodding."

#### Two U. S. Divisions Slated For Japan

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26—(AP)—The army announced Saturday that two National Guard divisions have been put on the alert for duty in Japan. An announcement said that this was to "provide additional security" for Japan, in the Far Eastern area where Russia's empire borders.

KALIMPONG, India, Feb. 25—(AP)—Reports from Tibet's provisional capital at Yuting said Saturday Taktse Rinpoche, eldest brother of the Dalai Lama, had reached Yuting from Communist China for an emergency conference on the future of Tibet. The conference will discuss a possible negotiated settlement with the Chinese, the report said.

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#### Coming Events

- Mail your films to Gammaux Photo Studio, Charlottetown.
- Show, Morell Community Hall every Friday, 7 and 9 o'clock.
- Garden Seeds! Send for free catalogue. Arthur Vesey, York.
- Hampton play postponed until roads improve.
- Receiving Hogs at Crapaud for Canada Packers Limited, until 12 noon each Tuesday. Robert Dawson.
- Rummage sale Tuesday, 2 o'clock. Richmond St. opp. Royal Bank. Dorcas Benevolent Society.
- Don't miss Suffolk Concert. Winslow Station Hall, Tuesday, Feb. 27, 8.30. One act comedy with specialties. Sale of candy.
- Auction forty-fives, Pownall Hall, Monday, Feb. 26th, 5.30. Refreshments. Prizes. Auspices Legion.
- P. E. I. Drama Groups will be held in May. All groups interested in entering play, write Mrs. Frank Beach, Ch'etown R. R. 6, for rules and regulations.
- Attention hog shippers: Loading hogs at Uigg Station today Monday, February 26th for Swift Canadian Co. Ltd. Contact Robert MacPhee.

#### High tide today at 1.42 A.M. and 1.43 P.M.

Sun rises at 6.56 A.M. and sets at 5.58 P.M.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

BORDEN — CAPE TORMENTINE FERRY SERVICE

Leave Borden	Leave C. T.
8:10 A.M.	2:40 P.M.

SUNDAY SERVICE

Leave Borden	Leave C. T.
6:45 P.M.	8:00 P.M.

MOA AIR SERVICE

5.0. Charlottetown for Moncton 5:50 A.M.—11:30 A.M.—4:45 P.M. Ar. Charlottetown from Moncton 7:40 A.M.—1:25 P.M.—5:55 P.M. Lv. Charlottetown for New Glasgow—Halifax 7:25 A.M. New Glasgow only 1:40 P.M. New Glasgow & Halifax Ar. Charlottetown from New Glasgow and Halifax, 11:20 A.M. from New Glasgow only 4:30 P.M. from New Glasgow and Halifax.

Charlottetown — Sydney flights every Monday, Wednesday, Friday