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Pearkes Defends Joint Defence Deal With U.S.

OTTAWA (CP)—Integration of the United States and Canadian air commands for continental protection has made possible a defence that would not have been achieved otherwise, Defence Minister G. R. Pearkes told the Commons Saturday.

There would be no opportunity to call Parliament when enemy planes were over our territory and get its permission to send up defenders, he said as opposition members criticized establishment of the joint command without formal agreement.

Lester B. Pearson (L—Algoma East) said the present oral agreements between Canada and the U.S. are "a very shaky basis" for putting Canadian squadrons under operational control of the joint North American air defence headquarters — NORAD — at Colorado Springs, Colo.

CONFINED TO CONTINENT He said the authority of the NORAD command extends only to the defence of North America and does not include deciding whether to send planes to other parts of the world.

The joint air command issue which has been discussed several times earlier this session, arose as the Commons debated the defence department's \$1,723,000,000 budget for the current 1957-58 fiscal year that ends March 31. The money was voted just before the Saturday adjournment.

Mr. Pearson, former external affairs minister, was critical of Prime Minister Diefenbaker's statement after last month's NATO summit meeting in Paris that NORAD is an integral part of the North Atlantic alliance's military structure.

Mr. Diefenbaker had been misleading in giving the impression NORAD had the same relationship to NATO as a regular NATO military command.

Mr. Pearkes replied that NORAD is "very definitely part of the whole NATO attempt to prevent war." Should an attack come in the next day or two "the joint headquarters could render a defence which could never have been achieved without the inter-

grated command." On other matters, Mr. Pearkes said the militia's new role in civil defence does not mean it is taking over that responsibility. The militia in civil defence would merely be "an aid to the civil power." Civil defence was still within the control of the provinces and municipalities.

But to fulfil this new purpose, the militia needed special training in civil defence techniques. Civil defence was "a realistic role" for the militia, which would be involved in the "first battle for survival" should nuclear war ever come.

In other Commons developments, Finance Minister Donald Fleming said the government doesn't think in terms of retaliation against the recent U.S. restrictions on oil imports from Canada.

He also said it is "very likely" that Commonwealth countries will agree to have the proposed Commonwealth trade conference this year held in Canada.

In the NORAD debate, Leonard T. Stick (L—Trinity Conception) said residents of Newfoundland, which could become "a second Pearl Harbor," are anxious that the question of joint air defence command be settled quickly.

He did not care whether a Canadian or American heads it. But whoever it was should have full authority to act quickly on his own without having to confer with either the Canadian or American governments.

Mr. Pearkes replied that U.S. Air Force elements stationed in Newfoundland are under operational control of the RCAF air defence command at St. Hubert, Que., and can be ordered into action by the Canadian commander there in the event of an attack.



NEW FERRY READY FOR WOOD ISLANDS-CARIBOU RUN

This is a picture of the M.V. Lord Selkirk. The ferry has completed its trial runs and will be ready to go into service this year on the Wood Islands-Caribou route when the season opens in May. The Lord Selkirk is 259 feet in length and has an extreme width of 54 feet, 6 inches. It will carry sixty automobiles and 300 passengers and has a crew of thirty.

It is powered by two Work-spool diesel engines capable of developing 1250 brake horsepower each. A feature of the ship is the variable pitch propellers, the engines run at a constant speed and the speed of the ship is controlled by varying the pitch or "bite" of the propellers.

Four Kiddies Lose Lives In Blaze VAUDREUIL, Que. (CP) — A pre-dawn blaze in a wooden house near this town killed four children Saturday. The parents and two other youngsters escaped.

Rosario Legault, 45, his wife, Marguerite, 25, Aline, 4, and Andre, four months, were awakened by the swiftly spreading flames and escaped into 15-below-zero weather.

Killed were Yvon, 6, Adrien, 5, Gisele, 3, and Louis, 2. An overheated stove was believed to have started the fire around 2 a.m.

"I saw flames," said the father, who suffered burns to the chest and hands in trying to rescue his children.

"It was horrible. I grabbed my wife and the baby who was sleeping with us. I shoved her outside and ran upstairs. The place was a mass of flames. I could still hear the screams."

He grabbed Aline from a bunk just as the roof crumpled, but managed to make his way outside. Aline, badly burned about the face and hands, was taken to hospital in Lachine in serious condition.

The house is some distance from water supplies. Vaudreuil is about 15 miles west of Montreal. A police officer said the wooden structure was destroyed within minutes. "There was nothing anyone could do."

Fuchs Pinned Down By Storm WELLINGTON, N.Z. (Reuters) A blinding Antarctic blizzard pinned British explorer Dr. Vivian Fuchs to a standstill 357 miles from the South Pole Sunday, dealing another severe blow to his hopes of becoming the first man to cross the frozen continent.

Fuchs reported to Sir Edmund Hillary in a radio message to the Pole that the expedition was caught in a "whitout" and could not move. He said he was also having trouble with his Weasel snow transports.

Meanwhile, Hillary prepared to fly from the Pole to New Zealand's Scott base at McMurdo Sound, the spot he set out from almost three months ago in his drive to the "bottom of the world."

The beekeeper-explorer, knighted for his conquest of Mount Everest, said he planned to return later to join Fuchs either at the Pole or at Depot 700, a New Zealand base 500 miles from the Pole.

OFFER SCHOLARSHIPS TORONTO (CP) — The World University Service of Canada is offering to senior Canadian university students travel scholarships for study in Yugoslavia during July and August, it was announced Saturday. Thirty-five students will be selected by campus committees of WUSC, an international student aid organization.

GARAGE DESTROYED MULGRAVE, N.S. (CP) — A \$40,000 fire Sunday destroyed the S. W. Digdon Motor Company garage and several road construction vehicles and trucks.

HUNTING ACCIDENT FREDERICTON (CP) — Malcolm McCready, 33-year-old woodsman of nearby Barker's Point was found shot to death in the woods near here Saturday. Police said only he was "apparently" the victim of an accident.

FATALITY INJURED Arichat, N.S. (CP) — Michael John Tyrrell, 78, died in hospital Sunday after he was struck by a car while walking home from church.

MODERN HERO TOKYO (Reuters) — Japanese children have abandoned their space suits and Sputniks in favor of feather-lined hats and dark glasses as they spotted Sir Edmund Hillary as their new national hero.

FLU DEATHS INCREASE LONDON (Reuters) — Deaths from influenza in England and Wales totalled 3,820 last year, it was reported Sunday. This was three times the 1956 total of 1,216 and more than double the 1955 figure of 1,596.

BEATING WIFE RULED OUT LONDON (AP) — A London court ruled once and for all Saturday that no Englishman has the right to beat his wife. Herbert Bartlett, 48, was sentenced to jail for declaring his belief in a man's prerogative to "chastise" his better half.

"An utterly contemptible theory," snapped Magistrate Harold Sturge. "It belongs to the jungles of pre-civilization."

Bartlett specifically was accused of injuring his wife by tossing a dinner plate at her. He was told the length of his sentence would be announced this week.

NEW FLAG PLANS KITCHENER (CP) — The Kitchener Waterloo Junior Chamber of Commerce wants any new Canadian flag to show Canada's connection with the Queen and Commonwealth. They voted unanimously to reject a suggestion from the junior chamber in Shawinigan Falls, Que. that a new flag bear an emblem of allegiance "to any other country."

WILL PRESS CHARGES Toronto police say that if Jacobs is admitted to Canada they will press criminal negligence charges. The negligence charge was laid last June after police flagged down a speeding car on an Ontario highway. Soon after that Jacobs, Morris and their wives disappeared, leaving behind their big Toronto used car lot, their homes and other assets.

In their absence the car business was sold to the Colonial Finance Corporation, which held a \$159,000 mortgage.

The three pending their appeal after an immigration inquiry officer investigated their case. They are not permitted to leave Halifax.

Morris And Jacobs Sit Out Deportation Case At Halifax HALIFAX (CP) — Arthur Morris and Len Jacobs, former Toronto car dealers, stayed close to their hotel here Sunday awaiting word from their appeal against deportation from Canada.

Samuel B. Goodman, their Halifax lawyer, said the appeal to acting immigration minister Davie Fulton in Ottawa was handed to immigration officials here.

Missing from Toronto since last June, the two men and a woman believed to be Mrs. Morris arrived here a week ago by ship from the Mediterranean area.

A. G. Christie, deputy immigration chief in Halifax, said the three were ordered deported Friday for failure to meet immigration requirements.

CHANGED NAMES Meanwhile, in a copyrighted story in the Toronto Star, Jacobs, 32, said his real name is David Plesner and that Morris, his "uncle," is really his father, Joseph Plesner.

The three registered at their hotel here as Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Plesner and David Plesner.

However, Jacobs refused Sunday to confirm the statements made under his by-line in The Star.

USED IN BATTLE At the time the war office was unsympathetic to aviation pioneers and he and other pioneers were told that the department "saw no possibility of using aeroplanes for war purposes" and so could offer no encouragement.

Yet soon after the 1914 war started, Avro planes bombed the zeppelin sheds at Friedrichshaven in Germany and an Avro brought down the first zeppelin.

After the First World War, Verdon-Roe bought an interest in S. E. Saunders Ltd., one of the few firms building flying boats, and the firm took its present title of Saunders Roe Limited.

He predicted in 1910 that there would be a regular Atlantic air service within 30 years, and in 1930 prophesied jet planes that would approach the speed of sound.

PORTSMOUTH, England (Reuters) — Sir Allott Verdon-Roe, 80-year-old founder of A. V. Roe, Ltd., and later president of Saunders-Roe, Ltd., died in hospital here Saturday.

He was the first Englishman to fly a heavier-than-air machine over British soil.

The colorful air pioneer was educated as a civil engineer and went to British Columbia for a year at the age of 14 to learn surveying.

Later he spent two years as a marine engineer. While at sea he became fascinated by the flight of the albatross and started experimenting with gliders.

Then by way of the motor industry, he began flying experiments with a machine fitted with a nine-horsepower motorcycle engine.

In 1907 Verdon-Roe won a Daily Mail airplane competition and a year later built a full-size plane on the lines of the winning model and powered by a 24-horsepower engine.

In this plane, on June 8, he left the ground for flights of 75 and 150 feet, nearly a year before the better known flight made by Lord Brabazon of Tara.

Two years later he founded A. V. Roe and Co. Ltd., with his brother, and started building Avro airplanes. In 1912 he produced the world's first enclosed airplane.

See Showdown On U.S. Policy Due This Week WASHINGTON (AP) — A showdown is expected in the National Security Council this week between State Secretary Dulles and Harold E. Stassen on future U.S. disarmament policy. It may come today.

Stassen, President Eisenhower's chief disarmament adviser and negotiator, has proposed "liberalizing" the policy. His chief recommendation was reported to be that the United States drop its insistence on halting atomic bomb production as part of a two-year ban on nuclear testing.

Dulles is understood to oppose this, as does Chairman Lewis Strauss of the Atomic Energy Commission.

Summit Conference The prime minister said he would be prepared to participate in an East-West summit conference, proposed by Russia, if progress were made first at a lower diplomatic level.

"At NATO last month, we made it perfectly clear that we were ready to make a new effort to break the deadlock," he said. "I don't mind whether we make it through the United Nations or at some smaller meeting."

"Whether it is done this way or through diplomatic channels or a combination of both, the object would be to clear away the rubble of old controversies and disagreements perhaps to get the path ready for a meeting of heads of government."

Russia has proposed either a special UN session on disarmament or an international conference.

FAIR WORDS The work for peace is dominated by how well the West can get along with the Russians," Macmillan said.

"They often speak fair words," he said.

Suggestion Is Welcomed By Some, Ignored By Russia LONDON (Reuters) — Prime Minister Macmillan's suggestion for a "solemn pact of non-aggression" between East and West was welcomed by some countries as one means of easing international tension.

The British leader's suggestion in a Conservative party broadcast Saturday night was warmly welcomed in Paris, Rome, Cairo, New Delhi and Tokyo.

Diplomatic observers in London, noting the speech was a political broadcast and not a formal statement of government policy, said no spectacular change in British policy is expected.

They said Macmillan made the proposal informally, adding it was unlikely the government had consulted any of its Atlantic Pact allies about the idea.

Macmillan had lunch Sunday with former prime minister Sir Winston Churchill at Chartwell. It was Macmillan's last important engagement before leaving on a five-week Commonwealth tour Tuesday.

In Bonn, a spokesman for the West German Socialist party called for support of Macmillan's suggestions for disarmament talks and a non-aggression pact.

ONLY PATH Chancellor Konrad Adenauer pointed to controlled disarmament as the only path to a final settlement between East and West, but declined comment on the non-aggression pact proposal.

In Paris, foreign ministry sources called the premier's speech a "bold initiative" toward reducing East-West tension.

In Rome, authoritative Italian sources welcomed the proposal but said there could be "no serious talk of a non-aggression pact unless adequate guarantees are provided."

In New Delhi, official Indian circles said Macmillan's speech showed the flexibility necessary to break the current East-West deadlock on disarmament. The non-aggression pact will probably be a major topic of his discussions in India next week with Prime Minister Nehru.

In Cairo, the Egyptian newspaper Al-Ahram commented: "A non-aggression pact between the two blocs is better than construction of missile bases which Mr. John Foster Dulles is expected to advocate at the forthcoming Ankara meeting of the Baghdad Pact countries."

15 Persons Hurt Saturday Night In Montreal Explosion MONTREAL (CP) — A powerful explosion that squashed a two-story building with "one heck of a blast" Saturday night sent 15 persons to hospitals, some with serious injuries.

The supper-time explosion demolished a northeast Montreal building containing a restaurant and three apartments, trapping at least four persons in the shattered debris.

Force of the blast, apparently caused by leaking gas, threw the wood and brick walls into the street and dropped the roof into the basement. A common wall with a next-door dwelling was ripped away, baring the rooms like a huge dollhouse.

"All I heard was one heck of a blast," said a neighbor who declined to give his name. "When I looked out the building was no longer standing."

NO FATALITIES The explosion brought police and fire department equipment roaring to the scene. A city-wide ambulance call was issued, and within minutes 11 ambulances were transporting the injured to four different hospitals. No one was killed.

The casualties were: At St. Luke Hospital: Romeo Vanier, 15; Lilette Vanier, 2 1/2 months; Michel Vanier, 8; Pauline Giannetti, 18; Charles-Emile Legault, 54; Guy Dufresne, 26, and Mrs. Rosario Morin, 40.

At Jean Talon Hospital: Yvon Morin, 15; Paul Vanier, 4; Pierre Vanier, 5; Diane Vanier, 10; and Lucile Vanier, 18 months.

At Notre Dame Hospital: Patricia Giannetti and Mrs. Romeo Vanier.

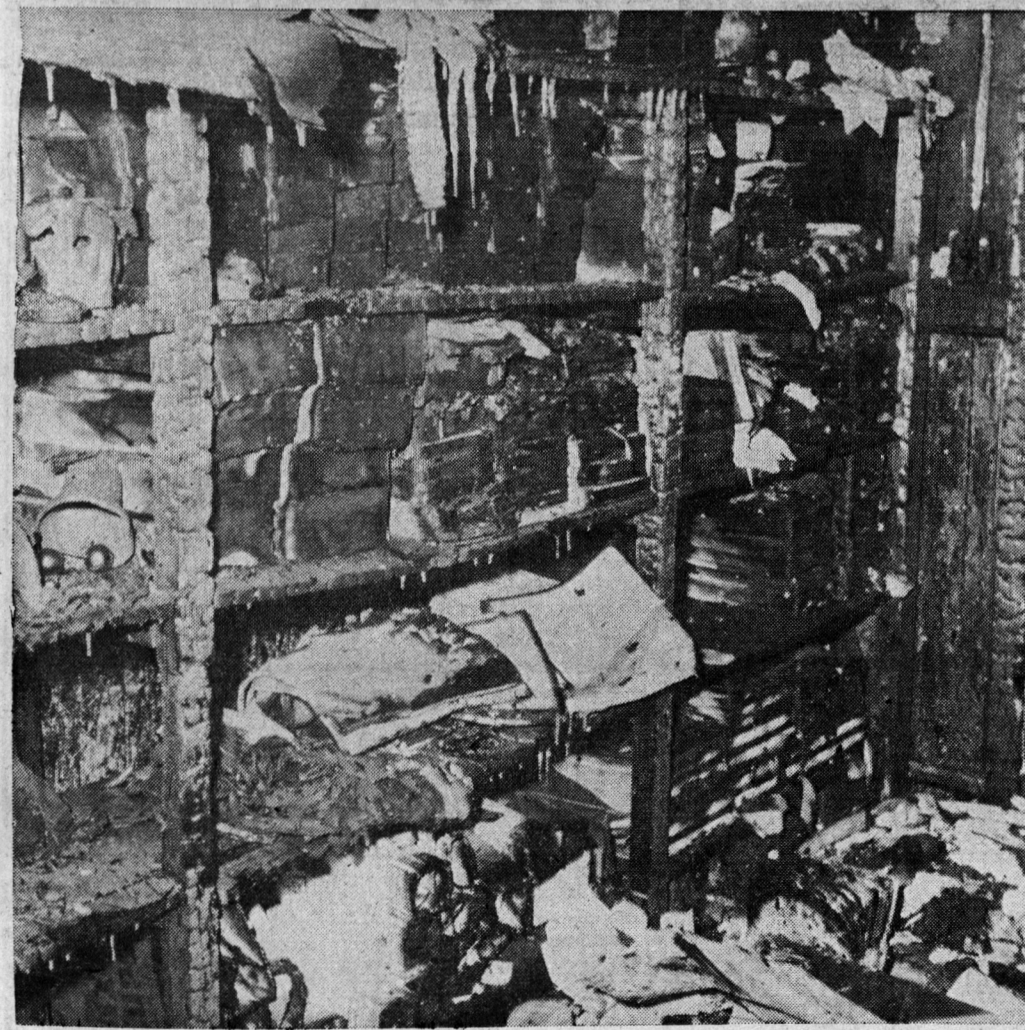
At Ste. Justine Hospital: Gilles Morin, 6 1/2.

Hospital authorities reported Sunday that most of the victims suffered from fractures and shock. Their condition was said to be serious, but not critical.

Luckily, the blast was not followed by a fire, and police said this saved many of the victims from death.

Spotlights were set up in the blocked-off street while rescue workers probed the wreckage for casualties. After several hours, police said all persons had been accounted for, and the search operation was called off.

No estimate of damage was available.



BELIEVED to have been the point of origin of the Saturday night blaze that caused several thousand dollars' damage to the lower floor of the former Post Office building, the burned-out stationer's store of the Royal Bank yesterday, presented this scene of destruction.

Blaze Causes Damage In Old Post Office Building

Fire caused damage estimated between ten and fifteen thousand dollars to the lower floor of the former Post Office building Saturday evening.

Breaking out shortly before 7:00 p. m. in the stationer's store of the Royal Bank of Canada, the blaze was confined to the western section of the bank's temporary quarters, where flame, smoke and water wrecked considerable havoc before the fire was brought under control less than an hour after its discovery.

Mr. L. D. MacKay, manager of the Charlottetown branch of the Royal Bank, said last night that the bank, in addition to the stores destroyed, had also lost some equipment. However, Mr. MacKay stated that the bank would be open for business today at the regular time, 10:00 a. m.

Workmen have been busy cleaning up and effecting temporary repairs since shortly after the fire was brought under control Saturday night, a spokesman for the building's owners, the Province of Prince Edward Island, said last night.

MANY REPAIRS NEEDED Rendered unsafe due to the action of fire and water, it was indicated that the mezzanine area, constructed last fall to the rear of the ground floor level, would require extensive repairs. A large number of electrical circuits were also destroyed in the blaze and will require replacement.

A considerable amount of water had worked down into the basement of the building, the government spokesman said, effecting minor damage to ceilings and walls.

The upper floors, housing the offices of the provincial high-

ways and education departments, suffered smoke damage, but not sufficient to curtail the regular work of these government departments.

In fighting the fire it was necessary for the city firemen to remove the glass from several of the large windows in the fire area. These openings have now been sealed with plywood.

The fire was discovered and reported by an employee of the Royal Bank.