

RCAF Reports Difficulty Recruiting Air Crew; Not Certain of Cause

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OTTAWA (CP)—The air force is having difficulty recruiting air crew. It isn't just sure why.

It has not reached the point where training schools are standing idle or reducing operations but officials admit they are having to scratch harder to get the men they want.

An official said: "Air crew standards are high. They have to be. There are not many people who can handle them."

Proof of this seems to be that the RCAF has not experienced too much difficulty in obtaining the necessary ground crews, whose qualifications in most cases do not have to be as high as those for fliers.

7,000 IN FOUR YEARS

The air force has trained more than 7,000 air crew in the last four years, including 2,500 from other North Atlantic treaty countries. All these are not trained on jets because the RCAF has some 2,700 planes of 24 different types. Less than 200 are CP-100 jet interceptors.

The RCAF will not disclose its present air crew intake on the grounds of security. Officials said such figures would allow an enemy to judge reasonably accurately the air force's actual and potential strength. RCAF personnel now number about 47,000, still some 3,000 short of its target.

Short-service commissions in the air force are for six years. Many youths are not willing to devote six years to the RCAF in case they might want to switch to some other field. On the other hand, the air force feels it would not solve its problem by reducing the length of service. It would spend a lot of money to train a man and then perhaps lose him.

Long-service commissions are for 20 years. If every flier were taken in for that length of time, there would be practically no pro-

motion because nobody would be leaving the service.

CRASHES CAUSE FEARS

Some officers say they believe there is some objection by parents to their sons flying high-speed jet aircraft. Every jet crash, no matter what the reason, creates in itself bad publicity for the air force.

But the RCAF maintains that the crash rate for jet aircraft is no higher than for any other type of plane. There have been more crashes in the last few years but the RCAF is doing a lot more flying.

So far, the air force has been able to fill its air commitments at home and abroad. But as jet planes come into greater use, it may find it more difficult to obtain the men to fly them. The problem may eventually be solved by pilotless aircraft.

Begin Ferrying Truce Commission

OTTAWA (CP)—Four North Star aircraft today will begin ferrying some 80 Canadian military personnel on the Indo-China truce commissions to the Far East.

The RCAF said the first plane will leave Trenton, Ont., today and the other three will depart Saturday, Sunday and Monday. The truce commission officers now are assembled at Kingston, Ont.

The North Stars, from 426 Thunderbird squadron at Dorval, Que., will possibly also carry 2,000 pounds of antibiotics, a gift from the Canadian Junior Red Cross to the Indian Red Cross.

The planes will cover approximately 100,000 miles on the round trip. They will fly to Hanoi by way of Gander, Nfld., the Azores, Gibraltar, Malta, Cyprus, Basra on the Persian gulf, Karachi and Calcutta.

76-year-old Woman Lost in Woods 2 Days

NORTH UNION, Me. (AP)—An elderly woman hiker, lost for almost two days was found Thursday in critical condition lying nearly hidden in brush. Mrs. Emma Davis, 76, was semi-conscious and incoherent when searchers found her nearly a mile from her home. Members of a posse had passed within 80 feet of her Wednesday.

Expect Gradual Withdrawal of Canadian Destroyer Flotilla From Korean Waters

OTTAWA (CP)—A ship-by-ship withdrawal of Canada's destroyer flotilla in Korea is expected to begin in a few months.

Officials said Thursday the withdrawal probably will coincide with pull-out of Canadian soldiers and follow a reduction of United States naval forces in the Korean theatre.

Officials said plans for withdrawal of the three Canadian destroyers in the Far East were drawn up some time ago but no action was planned until the U. S. made a move.

CAYUGA FIRST OUT?

The Iroquois, which suffered the only Canadian naval battle casualties of the Korean war—three men were killed on deck by a

Claude Jodoin of Montreal Elected President Trades And Labor Congress

REGINA (CP)—Claude Jodoin, 41, of Montreal, Thursday was elected president of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, the youngest head of the TLC in its 70-year history.

Jodoin, a brawny six-footer who has been an organizer for the Ladies' Garment Workers' Union and Quebec vice-president of the five-year-old 71-year-old congress, succeeded Vancouver, who had retired after a dozen years as president.

He won over R. K. Roly Gervin, 46, of Vancouver, British Columbia vice-president, and Allister F. MacArthur, 43, of Toronto, president of the TLC's Ontario Federation of Labor.

FIRST BALLOT WIN

In the TLC's first presidential election in 12 years—Bengough was always acclaimed—Jodoin won Canadian labor's most influential post on the first ballot. The vote was: Jodoin 355; Gervin 172; MacArthur 151.

A clear majority of 340 of the 679 ballots cast was needed for election on the first count.

Five years a vice-president of Canada's oldest and largest central labor body, Jodoin has held many labor offices and has been a provincial and municipal politician besides.

He is a member of the Montreal city council and is a former Liberal member of the Quebec legislature. He will resign his Montreal council post when he takes over the \$12,500-a-year congress job Nov. 1.

FOUR AIDS AFFIRMED

In a series of votes while the decks were being cleared for elec-

De Gaulle Throws Full Weight Against EDC On Eve Of Debate

CANADA CONCERNED OVER POSSIBILITY

US May Cut Barley Imports

OTTAWA (CP)—Trade officials are concerned over President Eisenhower's decision to refer foreign barley imports to the United States tariff commission for investigation.

President Eisenhower ordered the commission a week ago to consider the effect of barley imports on the U. S. price-support program for the coarse grain. He also asked for a second study of the effect of foreign oat imports on a similar price-support arrangement.

The U. S. had big crops this year. Heavy imports during a period of peak supply might undermine price-support programs.

Canadian officials said Thursday any decision to cut off or reduce oat and barley exports to the U. S. would be a hard blow. It is expected that Canada will make an early objection to any move in that direction.

Canada protested strongly last year when President Eisenhower ordered the first check on the effect of Canadian oat imports. The

tariff commission urged restrictions and Canada asked President Eisenhower not to act on the recommendation.

Canada supplies almost all U. S. imports of oats and large quantities of barley and barley malt. Exports of oats in 1952-53 totalled 59,500,000 bushels, while barley shipments amounted to more than 33,000,000 bushels.

In announcing last year that Canada had agreed to limit oat shipments to the U. S. Trade Minister Howe said he was not happy about the development. However, he said it was the "lesser of evils."

The decision by President Eisenhower is expected to be considered soon by the cabinet which next meets Sept. 1.

Estimate Ont. Potato Crop Down 18 Per Cent

TORONTO (CP)—The Ontario Potato Growers Association has estimated that this year's potato crop in the province will be 55,000,000 bushels, 18 per cent less than last year.

Some dealers say this means prices will probably hold their high summer levels for the next few months. Traders said this year's southwestern Ontario potatoes have already been sold and supplies from the rest of the province are beginning to run low.

20 Million Face Flood Threat

CALCUTTA, India (Reuters)—More than 20,000,000 persons were threatened in northeast India today by one of the worst floods of the century.

The line of destruction stretches 1,000 miles along the fertile Ganges and Brahmaputra valleys from Sadiya, in the tea state of Assam, to Deoria in the neighboring state of Bihar.

The Press Trust of India said 60 persons had lost their lives so far and damage ran into millions of rupees.

The floods were brought on by heavy weekend rain in the eastern Himalayas.

C.N.E. Exhibition To Open Today

TORONTO (CP)—A royal finger will push a button that will unfurl a flag today, signalling the opening of the Canadian National Exhibition, the world's largest annual fair.

The Duchess of Kent, who arrived in Toronto Thursday night, accompanied by her daughter, Princess Alexandra, will take part in the official ceremonies at the CNE bandshell.

CNE president Robert H. Saunders said Thursday the prospects for the "biggest and best 'Ex ever'" look bright. Officials are aiming for an attendance of 3,000,000 during the two-week show. Last year's attendance—2,619,500—was reduced by a severe heat wave.

ALEXANDER AT EVENSONG

LONDON (Reuters)—Earl Alexander, minister of defence and former governor-general of Canada, attended evensong at Westminster Abbey Thursday to hear a visiting choir from Kingston, Ont.

News Briefs From Home and Abroad

HULL, England, (Reuters)—A 10-day strike of 4,000 longshoremen, which had held up work on more than 80 vessels, ended Thursday night. There was to be a general resumption of work this morning.

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (Reuters)—A close contest was reported developing today between Dr. Eelco Van Kleffens, of Holland, and Prince Wan Waihaiyakon of Thailand, for the presidency of the United Nations General Assembly which opens Sept. 21.

WEDGEPORT, N. S. (CP)—Eleven tuna reeled in during the last two days off Soldier's tip and Lobster bay have boosted the number of bluefin caught so far this year to 139, 10 more than the total for 1953. Biggest of the 10 was a 600-pounder.

SHANGHAI, China (Reuters)—British Labor party leader Clement Attlee told a banquet here Thursday night he hopes his goodwill visit to Communist China, with seven colleagues will lead to the stabilisation of world peace everywhere.

Textile Mill Shutdown Seems Likely

MILLTOWN, N. B. (CP)—Permanent shutdown of the textile mill here appeared likely Thursday night after a three-party conference on the plant's future ended on an uncertain note.

While Mayor Ralph Egan of Milltown felt the talks justified a slim hope that the industry may yet be saved, the president of Textile Sales Ltd. was less encouraging.

"The conference did not break up on an optimistic note," said Alan C. Salter of Montreal, who was closeted for about 75 minutes with municipal aldermen and executive members of the textile union. Reporters were excluded.

Toronto Man Heads Accountants

WINNIPEG (CP)—J. Grant Glasco of Toronto was elected president of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants at the group's annual conference here.

Other officers included: First vice-president, Gerald E. Martin, Halifax; second vice-president, W. Givens Smith, Regina; treasurer, Thomas Hutchison, Toronto; regional representatives, James A. de Lalonde, Montreal; R. W. Manning, Charlottetown; John L. Hillwell, Vancouver.

Swedish Family Blame Bit of Bad Luck For Troubles; Are To Be Deported

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Reds Aim New Blow At EDC

BERLIN (Reuters)—Communist East German produced a refugee West German politician at a press conference Thursday in a fresh move aimed at the European Defence Community project.

Karl-Franz Schmidt-Wittmack, Christian Democratic member of the Bonn Parliament who sought asylum in East Germany with his wife and daughter a week ago, said Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's government made a secret military agreement with the United States last month.

He said it called for 24 active and 24 reserve divisions from West Germany instead of the 12 divisions in the EDC formula.

Officials in Bonn replied that Schmidt-Wittmack hoped to increase French suspicions of the treaty before the four-day debate on ratification begins Saturday in the French National Assembly.

A formal statement in Bonn Thursday night denied his allegations.

SCHMIDT DENIED

Schmidt-Wittmack's claim that Allied supreme commander Gen. Alfred Gruenther held secret talks with a former German general, Adolf Heusinger, at Bad Godesberg, near Bonn, last June and July brought denials from American and German officials.

A U. S. high commission spokesman said: "There is nothing to this at all."

PARIS, (Reuters)—Gen. Charles de Gaulle Thursday aimed a scathing denunciation of the European Defence Community plan as supporters of the treaty fought to save it from collapse in a fast-approaching French Parliament debate.

De Gaulle, Second World War commander of free French forces, threw his still great prestige into the scales against EDC in a manifesto assailing it as a "plot to deprive France of her independence and of her army and to separate her from her overseas territories."

He predicted that a "national refusal" would wreck the controversial plan once and for all and called on France to take the lead in building up a substitute European alliance system and promoting world disarmament.

De Gaulle's statements came as both supporters and opponents of the treaty manoeuvred feverishly for advantage 48 hours before the crucial debate's scheduled opening Saturday.

Novel Vehicle Can Travel Almost Anywhere

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—The man who took the splash out of the kitchen sink has unveiled a grotesque, five-ton vehicle that can roll like a ball through mud and sand, but the first model can speed 45 miles an hour over highways. It can even ford streams and churn out onto a lake. Agnides calls it the "rhino."

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The new vehicle was given its first public test here Thursday and Agnides called it the greatest advance in the wheel in a thousand years.

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The bureau of statistics reported Thursday that margarine production in the first seven months of 1954 rose to 64,298,000 pounds from 61,681,000 for a similar period last year.

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Korean Crash Kills Hamilton Soldier

OTTAWA (CP)—Lieut. Neil Anderson, 26, of Hamilton, Ont., was killed in Korea Wednesday when a Mosquito observer plane crashed, the army said Thursday.

Anderson, a member of the Queen's Own Rifles, was an observer in the plane which was on a routine flight. An unidentified U. S. Air Force pilot was also killed.

The army lieutenant had been attached since mid-July to a USAF tactical control squadron at an air base at Chunchon, 50 miles north-east of Seoul, as a representative of the 1st Commonwealth Division.

ESCAPE IN ACCIDENT

SAINT JOHN, N. B. (CP)—Two women escaped serious injury Thursday when a small car and slowly moving Canadian Pacific Railway freight train collided at nearby South Bay. The car driver, Mrs. Frank H. Morris of Saint John, suffered a bruised knee, and Mrs. George W. Lawrence, Renforth, N. B., escaped injury.

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ONE CHILD CANADIAN

Since Werjefelt, 38, and his wife Elizabeth, 28, and their three children came to Canada, they have had another child, Lillian. As she was born here, Lillian will some day be able to return.

"I wish I could come with her," said Werjefelt.

The family arrived with \$1,000 and all their own furniture. A lay-out man in the steel industry, Werjefelt at first could not get a job at his own trade, but Mrs. Werjefelt, who speaks several languages, did find a good position. Late in 1952, Werjefelt found a job in his own trade.

Reds In Raid On Chiang Island

TOKYO (AP)—About 40 Chinese Communist soldiers made a hit-and-run raid on the Nationalist-held island of Quemoy, just off the Red mainland, Monday night, peiping radio said today.

Peiping claimed two squads of 20 men each made two separate landings on the island, killed 11 Nationalist soldiers and captured one, then withdrew.

Uranium In N. B.

FREDERICTON (CP)—The New Brunswick government disclosed Thursday a uranium field of unknown extent had been discovered in the Harvey area of York county and officials braced for a flood of mining claims.

The government announcement coincided with one by veteran prospector Herman H. Huestla who discovered the deposits July 17. No reason for the delay in making the announcement was given.

Mines department officials said they expected between 1,000 and 1,500 claims from Sunday prospectors and the full-time variety within the next 30 days.

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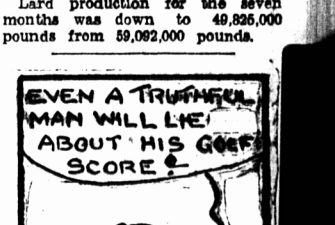
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Even A Truful Man Will Lie About His Golf Score



Minimum and maximum temperatures:

	Min	Max
Dawson	38	56
Vancouver	54	64
Victoria	52	63
Edmonton	49	55
Calgary	48	50
Regina	50	57
Winnipeg	52	72
Toronto	60	70
Ottawa	48	65
Montreal	53	65
Quebec	44	63
Saint John	59	65
Moncton	—	67
Halifax	37	65
Fredricton	54	65
Charlottetown	57	61
Sydney	60	66
Yarmouth	58	66
St. John's	57	71

HALIFAX (CP)—The weather office says sunny but cool weather is forecast for today. A high pressure area is moving towards the district from the Great Lakes, promising continuing fine weather for Saturday.

Regional forecasts:
Prince Edward Island, Eastern N. B. counties, St. John river valley: Clear with a few cloudy intervals; cool; west winds 15; low-high at Charlottetown 45 and 65, Moncton 47 and 65, Fredericton 46 and 65, Saint John 47 and 65, Edmundston 46 and 65.

Bay of Chaleur: Clear with a few cloudy intervals; cool; winds west 20; low-high in the afternoon at Campbellton 45 and 65.

Bay of Fundy: Northwest winds 15; clear with visibility 15 miles; temperature in the 50s.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 9:30 a. m. and 10:42 p. m. Summerside tide sixteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

High tide today at the North Shore at 4:42 a. m. and 6:48 p. m. Sun rises today at 5:28 a. m. and sets at 6:58 p. m. (The time is Atlantic Standard.)