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Nationalists Claim Red Invasion Move On Small Island Beaten Off

TAIPEH, Formosa (AP) — The Chinese Nationalists claimed their troops and planes beat off a Communist amphibious assault Friday on a tiny island 72 miles west of Formosa.

But possibility of another attempt was seen in reports of Red craft remaining in the general area.

First reports were that the Reds, in five gunboats and swarms of junks, succeeded in landing on tiny Wuchiu in Formosa strait but were beaten off with many captured.

A Nationalist defence ministry communique later said the attack was repulsed and the attackers fled toward the mainland. It made reference to a landing of prisoners.

The attack on Wuchiu, a mile-long, half-mile-wide island 15 miles off the mainland, was the first amphibious operation by the Reds since they began boasting last summer they would "liberate" Formosa.

TERSE VERSION

The communique gave this terse version of the action:
At 1:06 a. m. the five Communist

gunboats and many junks converged on Wuchiu from the west, south and north.

About 4 a. m., the attackers were repulsed by the island defenders and the Nationalist air force. There were earlier reports that the actual fighting lasted an hour.

Nationalist planes started a search at daylight for the Red sea craft. They sank six motorized boats and more than 30 other craft, presumably junks.

Reds on the boats and junks fired machine-guns at low-flying planes but without success.

SITUATION GOOD

The communique said "the situation on Wuchiu is quite good and we have heightened our alertness."

Wuchiu, 63 miles northeast of Nationalist-held Quemoy and 66 miles southeast of Foochow on the mainland, is so small that it appears only on very large-scale maps.

Some Taipei quarters thought it possible the Reds might have been interested in seeing whether their assault on a small offshore island would provoke any American reaction.

Board Reports Firmer Trend Noted In The Potato Market During Week

A somewhat firmer trend has developed in potato markets in Canada and the United States during the present week, according to information being received by the Potato Marketing Board.

In the United States an unexpected demand sprang up early in the week and prices firmed. Thanksgiving business was good.

Market reports from the U.S. show the price on loaded cars is \$1.90 per 100 pounds f.o.b. with a light movement. Growers are holding very strong for 2.50 per bbl. Some deliveries have been made to starch factories which would indicate some very inferior quality. Massachusetts and Connecticut f.o.b. market is \$2.20 to \$2.30 per 100 lbs.

and in Pennsylvania the current price is \$2.40 per 100 lbs. On Long Island loaded cars are bringing \$2.40 per 100 lbs. with prices in western New York \$2.40 to \$2.45. In Idaho cash truck prices range anywhere from \$2.25 to \$2.85 per 100 lbs.

Last Tuesday Montreal reported selling Island potatoes at mostly \$1.95 per 75's with ten pound packages 32 cents. These prices have advanced to \$2.05 and 34 cents today with demand very active on Island stock. Last Tuesday Toronto reported 75's still being sold off truck at \$2.00 with a few sales of 10's being made at 33 cents to 34 cents, with slow buying on account of heavy truck holdings. Today more sales have been made in Toronto at \$2.20 for 75's and 35 cents for 10's.

Island producers are naturally interested in what these price levels in Toronto should represent at shipping point. For example, when 75's are sold at \$2.20 in Toronto, freight, brokerage, sack and tags represent costs of approximately 66 cents. Assembling and shipping margins would represent an additional 10 cents per bag which should leave a net return to the Island producer of \$1.44 per 75 lbs. bulk at all shipping points. Seed prices, of course, should normally command a premium over table stock prices.

Travellers Elect Slate of Officers

HALIFAX, (CP)—Frank H. Flinn of Halifax has been elected president of the Maritime Commercial Travellers Association. Mr. Flinn, district superintendent of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, is a former association director and a member for 17 years.

Provincial vice-presidents are George M. Anderson, Halifax for Nova Scotia; Gordon A. Vall, St. Stephen for New Brunswick and W. Chester McLure, Charlottetown for Prince Edward Island.

The 73rd annual meeting will be held Dec. 10 at Halifax.

Calls On Reds To Permit Union North, South Korea

Y. T. Pyun, premier and foreign minister of the Republic of Korea, called on Moscow Friday to let Red-ruled North Korea join South Korea in a unified democratic country as proof of the sincerity of Communist appeals for co-existence.

Speaking in an interview here about the continuing deadlock between North and South Korea, Pyun said his government—on the basis of experience—could expect no co-operation from the Communists toward a solution.

Pyun referred to recent public statements by Soviet Premier Malenkov and other Red leaders about a necessity for coexistence between the Communist and non-Communist world.

"If they want to substantiate their talk of coexistence, they could easily do it by letting the Korean nation achieve unification in a democratic way. If they would do that far, their propaganda for coexistence would not sound hollow."

Big Speed-up In Halifax Port Business In Prospect This Season

HALIFAX, (CP)—Port manager J. R. Mitchell said Friday twice as much grain will be moved out of Halifax by ship next month than in any December during the last 10 years.

In an optimistic review of winter shipping season prospects, he also predicted a five-year peak in passenger traffic and said "we are hoping for corresponding increases in general freight tonnages."

The prospect, he said, is that between 25 and 30 passenger liners would drop anchor here during December. This would involve the handling of between 15,000 and 20,000 passengers.

ABOVE AVERAGE

Forty thousand tons of grain are scheduled to move from storage elevators aboard ship and overseas during the month. The December average for the last 10 years has been about 20,000. Ten ships will sail with grain compared with the scant 13 that loaded grain during the entire 1953 winter port season.

Mr. Mitchell said the general picture was "very encouraging." "The prospect," he said, "is that the port's several thousand longshoremen whose fortunes have fluctuated considerably in the last few years."

The first full-size grain cargo will be loaded next week aboard the freighter Julia which will sail with an estimated 10,500 tons for the United Kingdom. The freighter Wyoando will load on her heels.

NO GRAIN IN 1953

December, 1953, saw no grain shipments at all. In 1952, when the port shipped more than 14,000,000 bushels, the December traffic reached 850,000 bushels. This December's 40,000 tons is about 1,500,000 bushels to 1954 could develop into a bigger year than 1952.

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The CCF Council in a meeting at Emerald last evening issued the following statement:
"We oppose the high handed tactics of a small group of potato producers led by Mr. Reuben Large who petitioned the Government to change the personnel of the Potato Marketing Board—something which the Government of a democratic country has no power to do."

"The laws of P. E. I. state definitely how the members of the board should be chosen—the dealer representatives by the Potato and Turnip Dealers Association and the producer members of the board by the farmers at their county Federation of Agriculture meetings."

Mr. Large would destroy this democratic right the farmers now enjoy and put us on a plane similar to that of Russia where the government appoints officials of such organizations."

Mr. Cyrus F. Gallant of Wellington is president of the council. Other members are: Secretary, Mrs. Muriel MacInnis, Borden; vice-president (prince), Douglas MacFarlane, vice-president (Queens), Murdoch MacLeod, Long River; Councilors, Mrs. L. G. Ramsay, Indian River; Irving Tombs, Albany; Roscoe Walker, Kensington.

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CLAIM ABNORMAL UNEMPLOYMENT IN SOME AREAS

OTTAWA (CP) — Canadian mayors anticipate federal government action to alleviate unemployment, possibly through a public works program.

The view was taken Friday by the Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities following presentation of its annual brief to the government.

The brief, read behind closed doors to Prime Minister St. Laurent and members of his cabinet, stressed the "abnormal" rate of unemployment in some areas and recommended publicly-financed projects to ease the situation.

Cast Of Winning Play At Festival



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Seven Ships In Distress As Gales Lash Britain

LONDON (AP) — Watery gales swamped the south of England and the Midlands Friday and several merchant ships at sea around the British Isles were reported in distress Friday night.

Coast guard said it was the worst storm in recent years. Gale warnings were up in all British sea areas. The danger pinned the 81,000-ton Queen Mary to her berth at Southampton.

In most of west England small boats and pleasure craft were ripped from moorings in flood swollen rivers bursting their banks and in storm-lashed harbors.

In the English channel, the Danish coaster Vega, 193 tons, jettisoned her cargo off Beachy Head in an effort to ride out the storms after heavy seas smashed her hull and swamped the engine room.

The Dutch tug Humber and a British destroyer stood by for rescue work.

FIRE IN HOLD

At the Atlantic end of the channel, the 6,908-ton Swedish freighter Los Angeles plowed through a gale with a fire in a hold and made an urgent call for help.

The Polish trawler Penguin ran aground on Shipwash sands 13 miles east of Harwich. The Northwich lifeboat went to her aid, while the British steamer Copse Wood stood by.

The German motor vessel Arma Reder also called for help in the North sea after running aground near the Swedish island of Gotska Sanden. She later reported she was out of immediate danger.

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Top Honors In Drama Festival Awarded To Charlottetown Little Theatre Guild



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Highest honors in the Eighteenth Provincial Drama Festival were awarded to the Charlottetown Little Theatre Guild by adjudicator Donald Wetmore at the final evening of competition last evening at Parkdale Hall. The L. T. G. director, Mrs. Vera Millar and her talented cast were presented with the Catholic Women's League Trophy for their production of "The Whitheaded Boy" by Lennox Robinson.

Termed a heart-warming effervescent comedy by Mr. Wetmore, his decision to award the sought-after trophy to the Charlottetown group drew loud applause from the large audience in attendance.

A special award of the Smallman Trophy was made to the St. Dunstan's Dramatic Society for their excellent attempt at the very difficult production of "Antigon" directed of which was Rev. Adrien Arsenault.

Both of these plays have announced their intention of competing again in the Regional Festival of the Dominion Drama Festival here in January, and are making full use of the thorough adjudication received to improve their performances for that time.

Mr. G. Ramsay, Vice-President of the Association for Prince County was chairman for last evening's production, and after a few words of welcome introduced the first play of the evening, "Sneezing Powder" by Enid Blyton.

"This charming children's play was presented by the Parkdale School and directed by Mrs. Dorothy Wenn. It was interesting to note that the very attractive stage setting had been designed and executed by three pupils of the Parkdale School, Margaret Dollar, Cheryl Small and Jeanne Found. In his comments on this play Mr. Wetmore complimented these children very highly on the very harmonious atmosphere they had created."

He continued by saying he thought the costumes and properties were delightfully carried out, and part of a new gift to the Laurier from its greatest benefactor of recent years. They belong to 81-year-old Paul Gachet, son of a Paris nerve specialist who amassed one of the world's most valuable collections of French Impressionist art.

N.B. Aviation Pioneer Turnbull Dies At 84

SAINT JOHN, N. B. (CP)—Wallace R. Turnbull, who pioneered aviation science in Canada without ever flying in a plane, died here Friday at the age of 84.

Dr. Turnbull was a native of Saint John but many of the revolutionary experiments which led to new concepts of the problems of flight were carried out in a barn at the resort village of Rothesay, nine miles from here.

The variable pitch propeller was the crowning achievement of his career but his non-material contributions to aviation such as his theories on the science of heavier-than-air flight were only slightly less important.

His doubts vanished when the flier landed and said simply: "That's it."

Dr. Turnbull found himself handicapped by a lack of accurate data on the behavior and engineering of props. He devoted three years to drafting the principles that governed their use and built a 300-foot railway in order to observe them in motion.

Regional forecasts:
Prince Edward Island, eastern N. B. counties, lower St. John river valley: Cloudy with a few clear intervals; not much change in temperature; light winds. Low-high at Charlottetown 28 and 35, Moncton 26 and 35, Fredericton 28 and 40, Saint John 28 and 40.

Outlook for Sunday: Snow changing to rain.
High tide today at Charlottetown at 12:31 a. m. and 11:21 p. m.
Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.
Sun rises today at 7:12 a. m. and sets at 4:35 p. m.

Malenkov Leads Mourners At Vishinsky Funeral

By SIDNEY WEILAND
MOSCOW (Reuters) — Premier Malenkov and other Soviet leaders Friday led 3,000 mourners in snow covered Red Square at the state funeral of Andrei Vishinsky, Russia's chief delegate at the United Nations.

A silver casket containing Vishinsky's ashes was deposited in the wall of the Kremlin after Soviet government chiefs praised their former comrade.

Malenkov, Communist party secretary Nikita Khrushchev, Foreign Minister Molotov, President Klementi Voroshilov and defence chief Nicolai Bulganin were all on hand for the ceremony which rivalled the 1953 funeral of Josef Stalin in pomp, if not in size.

Vishinsky died in New York last Monday. His body was cremated here Thursday night after being flown from the United States.

Drew To Leave Hospital Sunday

OTTAWA (CP) — Progressive Conservative headquarters said Friday national leader George Drew's doctor had advised he will leave hospital Sunday and will be able to present at the opening of Parliament Jan. 7.

Mr. Drew has been in hospital since Nov. 11 with a form of meningitis.

FIRST PUBLIC SHOWING

PARIS (AP)—Four paintings by Paul Cezanne and Vincent van Gogh, never shown publicly before, went on public display Friday as part of a new gift to the Laurier from its greatest benefactor of recent years. They belong to 81-year-old Paul Gachet, son of a Paris nerve specialist who amassed one of the world's most valuable collections of French Impressionist art.

3 Seek Ottawa Mayoralty Post

OTTAWA, (CP)—Three candidates were nominated Friday to contest the mayoralty in Ottawa's civic election Dec. 6, including outspoken Mayor Charlotte Whitton.

Other nominees are E. A. Bourque, a former mayor and David L. Burgess.

Gilbert F. Johnson, a grocer who proposed to run, dropped from the race.

Mayor Whitton recently threw a bombshell into the mayoralty contest by announcing she wouldn't run. But after a meeting of the "Whitton for mayor" committee, composed mostly of women, the fiery woman mayor agreed to run on a platform of "performance."

NOT ALL THE ACTORS ARE ON THE STAGE BY ANY MEANS

TORONTO (CP)—Minimum and maximum temps:

	Min	Max
Dawson	24	24
Vancouver	7	30
Victoria	46	52
Edmonton	3	45
Calgary	30	47
Regina	32	42
Winnipeg	23	28
Toronto	35	41
Ottawa	27	32
Montreal	26	32
Quebec	26	30
Fredericton	30	34
Saint John	29	34
Moncton	28	32
Halifax	34	40
Sydney	31	35
Yarmouth	32	43
St. John's	31	32

HALIFAX (CP)—The Dominion public weather office here says it was mostly cloudy in the Maritimes Friday and there were even a few snowflakes and a few rain drops. A weak ridge of high pressure is expected to move across the district Saturday, with no great change in the weather. A disturbance centered west of Lake Superior is moving southward. It is likely to cause snow and rain in the Maritimes on Sunday.

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