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## U. N. FORCES STEP UP ADVANCES ALONG KOREAN FRONT

### Death Toll Reaches Six In Western Blizzard

#### 38 Marooned On Stalled Train Since Friday

(Canadian Press)

A howling blizzard blew itself out in Eastern Manitoba Sunday after claiming the lives of six persons in Alberta in a devastating two-day sweep across the Western prairies.

Latest storm victims are Roy Coston, about 14, of Bentley and Mrs. Polly Taylor of Telfordville. Coston was smothered Saturday when a snowbank in which he was playing collapsed and buried him.

Mrs. Taylor, a recent arrival from England, was found frozen to death near Telfordville Friday night. She was on her way to visit a neighbor but apparently collapsed due to the deep snow and blinding wind.

Meanwhile, R.C.M.P. headquarters in Edmonton said Sunday that nine persons previously reported missing between Bassano and Makepeace in Southern Alberta have turned up unharmed at Bassano. There are now no further reports of missing persons in Alberta.

#### Train Stalled

But 38 persons are still marooned on a Canadian National Railways train at Oyen, Alta. They have been stranded there since Friday and latest reports said snow plows are still bucking 15-foot snowdrifts in an effort to reach the train.

Snarled communication lines have made direct contact with the tiny community northeast of Calgary impossible and reports on the rescue operations are meagre. It is believed, however, that the stranded persons are living in the train's baggage car and are not in any immediate danger.

The dead baby is Sharon Riep of Trochu, Alta. Her body was recovered from the wreckage of a small cabin struck by an avalanche of snow. R.C.M.P. officials estimated that more than 200 tons of snow crushed the log hut.

The baby's 23-year-old mother managed to free herself from the wreckage but was unable to reach her child. She started off for help but collapsed at a nearby mine where she was found the following morning by a passer-by. Mrs. Riep was flown to hospital at Trochu where she is reported suffering from shock and exposure. Mr. Riep was stranded when the storm struck while he was on a shopping trip.

#### Other Victims

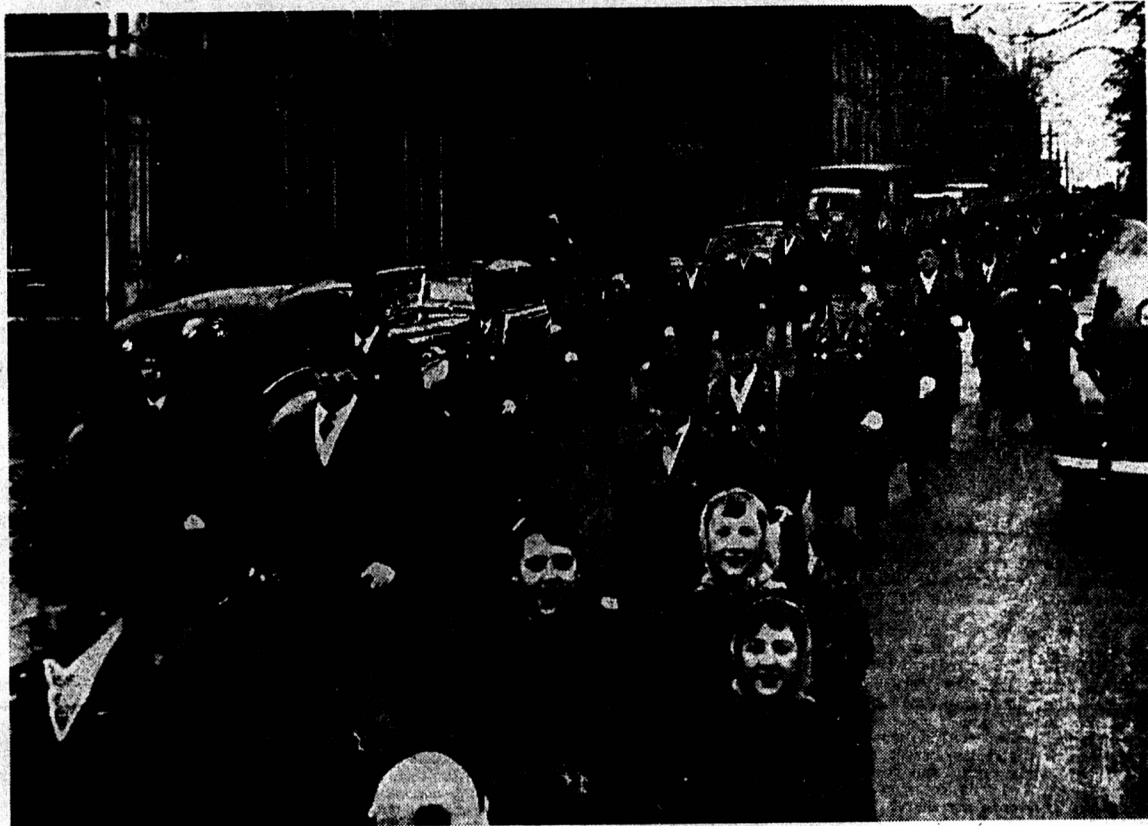
Other victims of the storm to date include Thomas Irvin and Mr. and Mrs. Miles Fitzpatrick.

Irvin, a 69-year-old hospital convalescent, was found frozen to death behind a Calgary billboard. Mr. and Mrs. Fitzpatrick perished near Benton, 200 miles northeast of Calgary, as they attempted to reach their home during the height of the blizzard.

### Coming Events

- \*Mail your Films to Garnum Photo Studio, Charlottetown.
- \*Garden Seeds! Send for free catalogue. Arthur Vesey, York.
- \*Loading Hogs for Canada Packers Ltd., at Waterville, Wednesday until train time. Eddie Shea.
- \*Educational Film in Alberly Plains School, March 21st. Sale of cakes and candy.
- \*See and hear the kids perform in the Amateur Cavalcade, Yeo's Theatre, Montague, Thursday March 22nd at 8 p.m. Sponsored by Home and School Association. Admission 35c.
- \*Attention Farmers in Kensington and Summerside Areas. Due to Good Friday being a holiday we shall be loading hogs for Canada Packers Ltd. on Wednesday afternoon and Thursday till 11 A.M. You are asked to list your hogs with us not later than Tuesday evening. Elmer Wigmore, Breadalbane; Borden Bagnall, Hunter River; Les Macdonnell, Fredericton and New Wiltshire.

### Large B. I. S. Turnout On St. Patrick's Day



One of the largest St. Patrick's Day parades in recent years is shown above as it marched eastward on Richmond Street in Charlottetown on Saturday morning, March 17.

Members of the Benevolent Irish Society were marshalled by the Society's Chief Marshal, Leo Dowling, at the Whelan Hall on Grafton Street and arrived at St. Dunstan's Basilica at 10 o'clock for Solemn High Mass.

Headed by the band of the P. E. I. Regiment (17th Recce), the parade paused to lay a wreath at the War Memorial where the "Last Post" was sounded by bugler Frank Smith.

At the Basilica the celebrant of the Mass was Rev. Patrick McMahon, D. D., with Rev. David McTague acting as Deacon. Sub-Deacon was Rev. James Kelly. Rev. Francis Cashen, C.S.C. delivered an appropriate sermon.

Following Mass, the parade returned to Whelan Memorial Hall where a number of guests gathered with B. I. S. members to celebrate the occasion. President J. J. Connolly presided over the function which had been arranged by Wilfred Smith.

— Meyers Studio.

### Narrow Gap Towards 38th Parallel

By Robert Euston

TOKYO, March 18 — (Monday) — (AP) — Allied forces stepped up their advance along a 70-mile front in Central Korea Sunday, narrowing the gap toward the 38th parallel as Chinese Communist rear-guard resistance suddenly slackened.

Evidence mounted that the Chinese may be abandoning Chunchon, the last major Red stronghold in South Korea.

Correspondent William C. Barnard, in a dispatch passed through rigid censorship, said "it appeared the town (Chunchon) had been deserted by both military and civilian inhabitants."

Chunchon, only eight miles south of the 38th parallel, has been used as a funneling point for Chinese forces moving into battle lines along the Central Korean front. It has served as headquarters for the main Chinese high command since Jan. 1, when the Reds surged through United Nations lines in a massive New Year's offensive.

The Chinese "retreated at a fast pace" Sunday, Barnard said. They pulled out of hills and ridges northwest of Allied-held Hongchong, captured by Americans three days ago. Hongchong is 55 miles northeast of Seoul.

At U. S. Eighth Army headquarters, correspondent Leif Erickson said that all along the 70-mile central front the main Communist forces were making a fast but well-organized withdrawal.

The Reds were not routed, nor had they been driven back in a major battle with the steadily-advancing Eighth Army. Only relatively small enemy rear-guard forces have opposed the current drive.

In Lt.-Gen. Matthew Ridgeway's determined war of attrition, however, the Eighth Army estimates the Reds have suffered more than 177,000 casualties from Jan. 23 through last Saturday. The Saturday figure alone was put at about 5,000.

The Chinese nevertheless have large forces intact. Correspondent Erickson said army men believed they were capable of making a firm stand on a major counter-attack any time they chose to commit themselves.

### Fantastic Charges Against Canadian Nuns In China

HONG KONG, March 18 — (Reuters) — Five Canadian Roman Catholic nuns, who have devoted their lives to caring for Chinese orphans, are under arrest awaiting trial by Communist authorities in Canton.

Hong Kong's pro-Communist newspapers today featured lengthy reports on the nuns. They were not named.

The reports said the nuns will be charged with neglecting orphans in their care at the orphanage attached to the convent of the Immaculate Conception at Canton in South China.

(The newspaper in an article early this month criticized the work of the nuns).

Experts long connected with welfare work in China said here that the charges are "utterly fantastic."

Communist newspapers said today that the "Chinese People's Relief Association" — government sponsored — had taken over the nuns' orphanage March 5. The date of their arrest was not mentioned.

The reports alleged the mortality rate at the orphanage had been more than 90 per cent.

A prominent Hong Kong church leader said today that the charges were "the usual lying Communist propaganda" put out to support the case for taking over the orphanages.

He said mortality rates at Chinese orphanages were often high because many of the children came into them as babies abandoned in the streets, near death from malnutrition and beyond medical care.

The Communist papers said the nuns would be "suitably punished" if convicted by the "people's court" in Canton where they will be tried.

One paper, the Communist Takungpao, published a cartoon of a nun standing in the doorway of an orphanage accepting babies and throwing them onto a pile of infant corpses behind her.

Another report claimed that 35,000 children had died at the institution since it was founded 18 years ago.

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Sister St. Isidore (Germain Tan-  
guay, Nafway, N.H.)

A spokesman for the Mother House said a letter arrived today informing the order that the five nuns were arrested March 5 by the Communists.

### Iran Continues Moves To Take Over Oil Firms

TEHRAN, Iran, March 18 — (AP) — A Senate commission paved the way today for completion of legislation providing for state ownership of Iran's oil resources, including the huge British-operated Anglo-Iranian Oil Company.

The 24-member commission recommended unanimously that the Senate pass the oil nationalization measure approved by the lower (Majlis) last Thursday. Senate approval is regarded as a foregone conclusion. It will vote tomorrow.

Reuters news agency meanwhile quoted an unidentified Iranian Government deputy as saying his country seems to be faced with revolution.

"Dark forces are at work, fanned by the obstructionist Nationalist front opposition and directed by the fanatical Fadayiam Islam Sect," he said. The man who shot Prime Minister Ali Razmara last week belonged to the sect.



TORONTO, March 18 — (CP) — Minimum temperatures as observed between 7:30 p.m. and 7:30 a.m. EST; maximum temperatures between 7:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.:

Victoria 35 50; Edmonton 11B 21; Calgary 2B 30; Regina 2B 6; Winnipeg 1 20; Toronto 29 41; Ottawa 23 38; Montreal 30 39; Quebec 28 35; Halifax 30 38; Charlottetown 29 40; Sydney 32 34; Yarmouth 23 40; St. John's 28 31.

HALIFAX, March 18 — (CP) — Official forecasts issued by the Dominion Public Weather Office at Halifax.

Synopsis:  
It was clear tonight in Northern New Brunswick and Eastern Quebec, but skies were still cloudy in the remainder of the district. The air which was flowing over the Maritimes was becoming drier, however, and the cloud was beginning to break up in the western portions of both Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

No snow or rain is forecast for Monday, and most of the district will receive considerable sunshine. Regional forecasts, valid until midnight Monday.

Prince Edward Island: Cloudy, becoming sunny in the forenoon. Little change in temperature. Low and high Monday at Charlottetown 23 and 38.

High tide today at 8:38 A. M. and 7:00 P. M.  
Sun rises at 6:20 A. M. and sets at 6:23 P. M.  
Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

BORDEN — CAPE TORMENTINE FERRY SERVICE

Leave Borden 9:10 A.M.	Leave C. T. 2:40 P.M.
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SUNDAY SERVICE

Leave Borden 6:45 P.M.	Leave C. T. 8:00 P.M.
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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.—5:55 P.M.

Lv. Charlottetown for New Glasgow — 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.

### Post Office Dept. To Cost More

OTTAWA, March 18 — (CP) — Despite the layoff of 1,200 mail carriers, it will cost an estimated \$7,000,000 more to run Canada's Post Office Department in the 1951-52 fiscal year than in the one just ending.

The comparative figures in the estimates tabled in the Commons by Finance Minister Abbott are \$87,643,000 for this fiscal year and \$94,432,000 for next.

Main reason for the increase, officials said Saturday, is that the railways will get 25.3 per cent more for carrying the mail. Pay increases for 20,000 employees will also help wipe out the \$3,500,000 to be saved by laying off employees and cutting deliveries.

### Pictou Men Have Narrow Escape

STEEP CREEK, N. S., March 18 — (CP) — Victor Nicole, 27, and Andrew LeBlanc, 28, both of Pictou, narrowly escaped Saturday when their truck caught fire and plunged over a bridge.

LeBlanc jumped from the flaming vehicle. Nicole, the driver, was carried over a 50-foot cliff into the Strait of Canso.

Nicole received several minor cuts and his companion is in hospital with a broken leg. Cause of the fire is unknown.

### U.S. Army Goods In Korean Black Market

PUSAN, Korea, March 18 — (AP) — Korean police and United States military authorities seized 10 truckloads of American army goods in a raid on the black market section of Pusan Saturday. The confiscated items included canned food, military clothing, cigarettes, beer and sleeping bags.

### Saint John Woman Beaten By Prowler

SAINT JOHN, N.B., March 18 — (CP) — The serious condition of Miss Margaret MacDonald, 78, severely beaten by a prowler in her bedroom early Saturday, was reported unchanged tonight.

Charles Felix Francis, 31, a Maliseet Indian from the Tobique Reservation near Perth, N.B., was under arrest on a charge of "being found in a dwelling place by night with intent to steal." He had arrived here Friday after working at a lumber camp near Welsford.

After her admission to hospital, the elderly spinster suffered a heart attack. Her injuries included blackened eyes, a facial cut and bruises on the head and body.

The assault occurred when she awoke, saw the prowler and screamed. The assailant fled down a fire escape outside the third-floor room of a Germain Street house. Francis, clad only in underwear, was arrested about two hours later when he entered a nearby hotel. Police said he had undressed in the other building, apparently with the intention of obtaining different garments.

### Pakistan Gambles On Huge Irrigation Project

By Harry Mitchell

KARACHI, March 18 — (Reuters) — Can a 15-acre plot of desert land be turned into a paying farm in a few years? The Pakistan Government is gambling 300,000,000 rupees (\$94,000,000) that it can.

The Government plans to develop 1,500,000 acres of uncultivated wastes in the barren Thal area of West Punjab. This vast tract of sparsely-populated desert is almost treeless.

The Thal Development Authority, set up to develop the area and settle refugees, proposes to provide work and homes for 250,000 destitute people who flocked into Pakistan from India when the sub-continent was partitioned in 1947. Each family will be offered 15

### Will Re-Open Issue Of Potato Price Support Before Gardiner Today

Mr. D. A. MacDonald, chairman of the Provincial Potato Marketing Board, will outline plans for assistance on a potato livestock feed program and for a subsidy on potato containers at a meeting in Ottawa this morning of members of the P. E. I.-N. B. potato boards with Agricultural Minister Gardiner.

The representatives will re-open the whole question of price support. One of the chief matters to be discussed will likely be that of assistance for the starch factory program outlined last week, it was learned.

The livestock feed program will call for the payment of a subsidy on the feeding of potatoes to farm animals. A subsidy on containers or bags will be asked for in view of the recent increase in the price of jute.

Mr. MacDonald will represent the Island Board and Mr. George MacLeod the New Brunswick Potato Board. They will be accompanied by Hon. A. C. Taylor, Minister of Agriculture for New Brunswick. The meeting is scheduled to be held this morning at ten o'clock.

### \$100,000 Fire At Moncton

MONCTON, N. B., March 18 — (CP) — Loss was estimated at \$100,000 after fire destroyed Budds Garage here today. The loss included 12 cars, parts, other stock and tools.

Flames spread to the adjoining Budd residence but fire damage was confined to the attic, with smoke and water damage elsewhere in the building.

The fire, of unknown cause, was believed to have started in the repair section of the two-storey wooden garage. Two alarms were sounded. One fireman suffering exhaustion was taken to hospital.

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### Report Soldiers In Korea Need Socks

TORONTO, March 18 — (CP) — The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Service Club Saturday launched a drive to collect 500 pounds of wool for socks for Canadian soldiers serving in Korea. Soldiers in letters home have stated that their feet are the hardest parts of their bodies to keep warm, auxiliary officials said.

### Two Killed In Toronto Accident

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More Canadians stormed their doors last year than at any time in history. The amount of money they borrowed was at an all-time high.

The story is told in an Insurance Department annual summary, disclosing the business done in the last five years by the four finance companies and 55 money lenders licensed to make small loans up to \$500.

All of them, together, dished out \$119,000,000 in small loans in 1950 to 586,634 persons. This was \$20,000,000 higher than the \$99,000,000 in 1949 and double the \$58,000,000 in 1948.

The borrowers had increased from 498,144 in 1949 and 351,878 in 1948.

Profits soared. Total net profit increased to \$2,632,000 on small-loan business in 1950, the highest ever. It had swept from \$2,130,000 in 1949 and tripled from the \$690,000 in 1948.

Among the booming four finance companies lending in 1950 totalled \$106,000,000 to \$21,701 small-loan accounts last year.

Profits of the four companies increased to an all-time high of \$2,451,000 in 1950. They compared with \$1,933,000 in 1949. They were more than three times the \$706,177 in 1948.

The 55 money lenders didn't do so well. Accounts in 1950 totalled 64,963 and money loaned, totalled \$13,548,000. Profits of the 55 money lenders declined to \$181,510 in 1950 from \$197,187 in 1949 and \$205,468 in 1948.

### Names Given

MONTREAL, March 18 — (CP) — The Mother House of the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception tonight issued a list of names of five nuns arrested by Chinese Communist authorities.

The nuns were:  
Sister St. Alphonsus du Redempteur (Antoinette Couvrette, St. Dorothée, Que.)  
Sister Marie Germain (Germaine Gravelle, St. Faustine, Que.)  
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