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REDS PREPARE NEW DRIVE AS YANKS RETAKE WONJU

Commonwealth Heads Favor Talks With Russia

U. S. Defence Secretary Asks Drafting Of 450,000 18-Year-Olds This Year

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10—(AP)—Defence Secretary George C. Marshall today urged Congress to pass immediate compulsory military service legislation starting with a draft of 450,000 18-year-olds this year.

The proposal to draft at 18 instead of present induction age of 19, and a companion plan to extend the service period from the current 21 months to 27, brought sharp questioning from members of a Senate armed services sub-committee.

Marshall and Assistant Secretary Anna Rosenberg, his chief manpower aide, stood by their original formula, however. Questioning by Senator Leverett Saltonstall (Rep. Mass.) brought out that the actual "take" of 18-year-olds this year would be 550,000, counting 75,000 who would be in college under various military schooling programs and thousands of others in uniform but taking special military courses in school.

Many of the committeemen have indicated they favor training for all, but the compulsory requirement for actual service in the armed forces is something else.

Secretary Marshall advanced the plan as the best way to meet urgent needs for fighting manpower now and to provide guardians for the future safety of the U.S.

Marshall's Program

He emphasized that he was talking about a permanent program and about actual service in the United States armed forces.

As sketched by Marshall, the system would work like this:
1. Young men reaching 18 would become liable for service if physically and mentally fit (now they only have to register at that age).
2. Only about 450,000 of the estimated 1,000,000 reaching 18 would be actually inducted the first year, partly because that is all the service could handle properly.

3. Students usually would be deferred to graduate from high school or finish a college year.

4. Those called would get a minimum of four months training before they go into regular service.
5. For the first three years of the plan, 75,000 a year would be deferred for study in medicine, the sciences and other needed specialties, but they would get their four months basic training first and would "owe 23 months service."

News In Brief

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10—(AP)—The final decision on whether and when to withdraw from Korea has yet to be made. It apparently will depend on the power shown by Chinese and Korean Communist forces in one or more battles yet to be fought.

OTTAWA, Jan. 10—(CP)—Kenneth Harris, Canada's steel administrator, said today there is little chance of getting more steel for new civilian production until the whole steel situation in Canada is reviewed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10—(AP)—Announced American combat casualties in Korea rose to 42,713 today. This was an increase of 2,337 since the Defense Department's last previous weekly report. The new total includes 6,247 killed in action, 25,306 wounded and 7,160 missing in action.

SHERBROOKE, Que., Jan. 10—(CP)—Condition of 35-year-old Mrs. Lucien Beauregard, alleged by police to have administered poison to her four children and to herself, is unchanged, hospital authorities said today. They added the woman still is on the seriously-ill list.

Coming Events

- Mail your Films to Garnham Photo Studio, Charlottetown.
- Card party at Stanley School Friday, Jan. 12. Proceeds for rink.
- Auction and Dance, Millview Hall, Friday, January 12th.
- Kinkora Hall, Friday, January 12th, see "The Life of Stephen Foster."
- Show, Morell Community Hall, every Friday only. Show starts 8 o'clock.
- Come to crokinole and card party and sale of lunch boxes in Springfield Hall Friday, Jan. 12th. Proceeds for new lights in hall.

Ponder Ways Of Bringing End To Korean War

LONDON, Jan. 10—(CP)—Commonwealth Prime Ministers came out today in favor of Western talks with Russia as they pondered ways of ending the Korean war.

Britain and India were said to want Communist China admitted to the United Nations as part of the settlement.

Both countries apparently are ready to help negotiate a cease-fire in Korea by going some of the way toward meeting Red China's demands for U. N. membership and the return of strategic Formosa.

Foreign Secretary Bevin of Britain was said to have told the Prime Ministers that Red China's admission to the U. N. would help end the Korean war.

The nine-country group also were said to have agreed East-West talks should be held to settle the quarrels of the cold war. But they laid down two broad conditions.

1. The West should freely enter talks with Russia under no threat of force.
2. The big powers should carefully work out a wide agenda to ensure that positive results come out of the parley.

Both Britain and India seemed agreed tonight a successful Korean cease-fire depends on Red China entering the U. N.; the big declaration which promised return of Formosa to China; a timetable withdrawal of all foreign troops from Korea; a seat for Red China on any U. N. commission assigned to restore Korea politically and economically.

Known Red Chinese conditions for a settlement include: U. N. recognition of the Peking regime; withdrawal of all foreign troops from Korea; withdrawal of the U. S. Seventh Fleet from around Formosa.

Britain and India are believed quietly sounding out the American.

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Population Hits 14,000,000 Mark

OTTAWA, Jan. 10—(CP)—Canada's population has hit the 14,000,000 mark, nearly double the figure at the start of the First World War.

Government officials confirmed today that the figure has been reached. It compares with these others:
The 7,200,000 people in Canada in the 1911 census, last before the First World War.
The 11,500,000—2,500,000 less than now—Canada had in the 1941 census, after the start of the Second World War.

The figure of 15,000,000 Canadians by 1950, of 14,000,000 by 1971 predicted by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics in 1946.

The 1946 prediction, on the basis of facts then available, was that the Canadian population, barring future wars, immigration "and other unpredictable events," would reach a maximum of 15,000,000 around 1950 and thereafter decline slowly.

Tragedy Strikes Desable Family



9-year-old James Bruce (right), victim of Monday's drowning tragedy at DeSable. His father, Mr. James Bruce (above), a veteran of the Second World War, made heroic efforts to save the boy's life.



Ottawa Reveals \$580,000 In Trans-Canada Highway Contracts Let In P. E. I.

OTTAWA, Jan. 10—(CP)—The Federal Government expects that its 1950-51 contributions to the construction of the Trans-Canada Highway will total more than \$10,000,000.

Resources Minister Winters said today in an interview. The Government will pay half of the approximately \$20,300,000 in contract commitments in the Provinces. So far, the Provinces have received only \$800,000, but the balance of their claims are expected before the end of the current fiscal year next March 31.

Mr. Winters said the claims are paid as they are submitted by the Provinces.

The \$20,000,000 in contract commitments so far made by the Provinces, is broken down as follows:
Ontario, \$7,155,000; British Columbia, \$3,575,000; Newfoundland, \$2,500,000; Alberta, \$2,328,000; New Brunswick, \$1,575,000; Saskatchewan, \$1,369,000; Manitoba, \$1,185,000; Prince Edward Island, \$580,000.

Last spring, Parliament voted \$20,000,000 to cover Federal contributions to the highway in the current fiscal year. That full amount will not be needed.

Mr. Winters said that the estimates of his Department have not yet been studied finally by the Treasury Board. As a result it is not known whether there will be a vote for 1951-52.

The Federal Government, he said, has made clear to the Provinces the necessity of confining projects to essentials. If the Provinces take the stand that the highway is essential, the Government will have to consider their claims for further payments.

Under a 1949 statute and agreements signed last year, the Federal Government undertook to pay half the cost of a \$300,000,000 two-lane, hard-surface highway stretching from St. John's, Nfld., to Victoria, and taking in Prince Edward Island. All Provinces except Nova Scotia and Quebec signed agreements to participate jointly in the seven-year project with the Federal Government.

Mr. Winters suggested the Provinces must consider the immediate importance of the highway in the light of an anticipated manpower shortage due to the stepped-up defence program.

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Efforts Fail To Recover Body Of Drowning Victim

Dragging operations to locate the body of nine year old James Bruce, who drowned near his DeSable home Monday afternoon, were continued throughout the day yesterday without success.

About ten men headed by R. C. M. P. Constables George MacKinnon and Grant MacLean conducted the operations. Large amounts of ice were broken to allow the boats to move across the area.

The men will continue their efforts today to find the body of the boy who drowned while smelt fishing with his father James Bruce. The mishap occurred when the raft on which the two were fishing was upset by the strong current.

Wonju Empty of Reds

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Slight Renewed Hope For Korean Settlement

By NORMAN ALTSTEDTER

NEW YORK, Jan. 10—(CP)—Renewed hope for a negotiated settlement of the Korean war was linked today by informed United Nations quarters with the current strong stand by U. N. forces.

These sources said Communist China might decide that the cost of driving the Allies out of Korea would be too high, and instead, accept U. N. bids for a cease-fire and negotiations.

The hope was slight but some Western Powers—with Canada prominent among them—wished to make every effort to settle the Korean conflict peacefully and at the same time stand by the U. N. anti-aggression principles.

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But less than 24 hours before the political committee was to meet, there was no certainty that the principles would be forthcoming.

The three-man committee was finding extreme difficulty in wording their proposal so that Communist China would be convinced of their honest efforts and at the same time keep the formula clear of charges of appeasement.

May Challenge U. N. Supremacy In Korean Air

500 Planes, 200 Tanks Reported Ready To Back Up Ground Force.

By Robert Eunson

TOKYO, Jan. 11 (Thursday)—(AP)—A tank-powered force of parka-clad U. S. soldiers battled back into strategic Wonju in Central Korea Wednesday.

The Reds, however, massed powerful forces for a new offensive that may challenge Allied air supremacy for the first time in the war.

U. S. Eighth Army Intelligence reports said a Communist ground force of up to 280,000 men was building up along the front. It was back up by 500 Chinese Red planes and 200 North Korean tanks.

About 100,000 of these were massed in the Seoul sector. MacArthur said the Red force was spread out in depth across Korea and could mount an offensive at several places at the same time.

He listed the Red strength along the front at 21 Chinese and six North Korean infantry divisions, a Mongolian cavalry division and a division of Chinese artillery.

The Reds apparently were building up for at least two main drives, one straight at Chungju in Central Korea and on south toward the old Allied Pusan perimeter, and the other down the Seoul-Osan-Taegon highway, some 50 miles to the west of Chungju.

Intelligence sources said the Red planes were available at any time for use across the 150-mile, peninsula-wide front.

The planes have never been used in combat. If they go into action in strength, it will be the first direct challenge to the Allied air arm in the more than six months of fighting.

Intelligence said the planes probably were located at bases in Manchuria. The tanks were massed near Seoul. Presumably the planes as well as the tanks were Russian-built.

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Buyers Keenly Competing For P. E. Island Pulp Wood

Will Discuss Civil Defence Plans Here

Major-General F. F. Worthington, C. B. (above), Canada's civil defence co-ordinator, arrived in Charlottetown yesterday and will meet with members of the Provincial Government, the Premier and his Cabinet, and the Provincial Civil Defence Planning Committee under Lt. Col. P. S. Fielding at meetings this morning and afternoon.

General Worthington met with officials of New Brunswick in Fredericton yesterday, and arrived here yesterday afternoon on special invitation of the P. E. I. government. The meetings today will be for the purpose of discussing civil defence matters as they affect this Province.

General Worthington visited this Province in 1947 for the same purpose when he met with Premier Jones and Brigadier W. W. Reid. His visit at that time lasted only a few hours.

He is known to all Canadian soldiers of World War 11 as a consistent exponent of the indispensability of tanks in modern warfare. General Worthington headed the Canadian delegation to Washington, D.C., late last November to discuss joint Canadian-U. S. defence co-operation.

He will leave by R.C.A.F. plane after the meetings today to return to Ottawa.

Nootka Due This Week-end In Korea

OTTAWA, Jan. 10—(CP)—The first replacement for Canada's Korean destroyers is slated to join them this week-end, the navy said today.

She is the Nootka, a tribal class destroyer which sailed from Halifax Nov. 25. She will relieve the Sioux, allowing the latter to sail for her home base at Esquimalt where she is expected early next month.

Sixus, Cayuga and Athabaskan have been serving the United Nations off Korea for more than five months.

Huge Sea Creature Found on Beach

NAPIER, N.Z., Jan. 10—(Reuters)—An unidentified sea creature, about 30 feet long with a three-foot-wide head and a narrow tail, has been washed up dead on Waimarama Beach on the east coast. The creature is not unlike a huge alligator, with leathery body and a large tusk protruding from the head.

Step Up Preparation Of Coastal Harbor Defence

OTTAWA, Jan. 10—(CP)—The Defence Department is aiming to complete the complex shield of defences around Canada's main coastal harbors this year.

The work has been proceeding swiftly and in secret at such places as Halifax, St. John's, Nfld., Sydney, N.S., Vancouver, Victoria, and probably Prince Rupert, B.C.

The drive to whip what the navy calls "seaward defence" into shape ever since the Korean war broke out and involves all three forces but primarily the navy.

The pulp wood industry has developed into one of the busiest phases of business in the Province during the past month and has now reached the stage where buyers are practically tripping over one another in an attempt to procure the wood.

Farmers are cutting in the majority of available woodlots, a well informed source told The Guardian yesterday, and are practically no sooner into the woods than they are confronted with buyers waiting for the first cord to be cut.

With all the stiff purchasing competition the farmer has benefited considerably to Gate. Wood which was selling for \$9.00 a cord last fall is now selling at around \$13.00 a cord. Some dealers were quoting \$13.50 yesterday and others may have gone higher.

About two dozen carloads of pulp wood have been shipped out of the Province in the past week, it was estimated. The wood, valued at \$13.00 a cord would bring more than \$5,000 to the farmers. Each car load contains between 17 and 20 cords.

If the present rate of cutting continues it is expected that about 2,000 cords of pulp wood will be exported during the month. This would mean about \$26,000 in cash in the farmers' pockets.

In addition considerable wood is being cut that will be held and shipped by boat in the spring. One buyer, it was reported that he has exported 450 cords.

More than two dozen buyers are (Continued on Page 13 Col. 6)

Process Dog Skins For Shoe Linings

LONDON, Jan. 10—(Reuters)—Because of a general leather shortage, leather dressers in the manufacturing centre of Northampton are processing dog skin for shoe linings. Members of the trade today said dog leather, previously used for gloving, is very serviceable and better than sheepskin. Many dog skins are being exported in the raw state.

Minimum and maximum temperatures 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 43, 46; Edmonton 3, 23; Calgary 10, 27; Regina 26, 13; Winnipeg 10, 20; Toronto 30, 39; Ottawa 17, 33; Montreal 21, 36; Saint John 16, 36; Moncton 9, 32; Halifax 21, 43; Charlottetown 11, 35; Sydney 17, 35; Yarmouth 30, 42; St. John's, Nfld. 19, 26.

Official forecasts issued by the Dominion Public Weather Office here and valid until midnight tomorrow.

Synopsis: An area of snow and rain is developing south of the Great Lakes. This will move towards the Maritimes along with the mild air currently blowing up from the southwest. In Northern New Brunswick and Gaspé snow is expected to begin tomorrow afternoon, while rain will spread across the other regions.

Forecasts: Prince Edward Island: Variable cloudiness becoming overcast in afternoon, rain beginning in the evening. Extremely mild. Southwest winds 15. Low and high: Thursday at Charlottetown 25 and 40.

High tide today at 12:41 A. M. and 1:56 P. M.
Sun rises at 7:50 A. M. and sets at 4:52 P. M.
Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

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