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## FIRE AND ACCIDENTS TAKE HEAVY TOLL OVER WEEK-END

### Good Progress At London Economic Conference

#### 720 Soldiers Of 27th Brigade Land At Halifax; More Than 200 Maritimers

By KINGSLEY BROWN Jr. (Canadian Press Staff Writer)

HALIFAX, Dec. 7 (CP) — More than 720 married soldiers of Canada's 27th Brigade arrived here aboard the liner Scythia today on rotation from Germany, where many said morale among Canadian troops was "rotten."

But RSM, Karl Jefferson of Bridgewater, N.S., said most of the grumblers were malcontents. "Take a glance at their conduct sheets. You'll find they are not the type of men we want in the Canadian army."

He admitted there was a lack of welfare services.

The troops — Halifax's largest inbound movement since the end of the Second World War — leave for their homes tomorrow on two special CNR trains and were so busy reporters had little opportunity to question more of them.

More than 200 are Maritimers.

#### Displeased With Rations

Pte. J. C. Lacombe, Vancouver, said Canadians in British camps were displeased with rations. "We had fish four times a week, and

#### Coming Events

- \*\*Last dance in Stanley Bridge Tuesday, Dec. 9th.
- \*\*Christmas Concert, Rennie's Road, Tuesday, Dec. 23.
- \*\*Christmas concert, Victoria Hall, Monday, Dec. 22nd.
- \*\*Reserve Tuesday, December 23, for Stanley Bridge School Concert.
- \*\*Kingston School Concert, December 22nd.
- \*\*Christmas Concert Vernon River Hall, December 22nd.
- \*\*Hazelbrook School Christmas Concert, Dec. 22nd.
- \*\*New Argyle Christmas Concert in Canoe Cove Hall, December 18th.
- \*\*Crockinole party, refreshments, etc., at St. Catherine's Hall tonight.
- \*\*Tryon Consolidated School presents A Festival of Christmas, December 19th.
- \*\*New Glasgow School Christmas Concert, December 23rd, in New Glasgow Hall.
- \*\*Come to the regular Dance at Bonshaw Inn, Tuesday night. Rollie McKenzie's Orchestra.
- \*\*Come to Brookfield Hall on Tuesday evening, Dec. 23rd, for Y.P.S. Christmas concert.
- \*\*Reserve December 19th, Friday, for Lady Fane Christmas Concert. Admission 25 cents.
- \*\*In stock cod oil, feed, molasses. Book chicks now and save money. Get our Calendar. Dillon & Spillett.
- \*\*Buying live chicken, fowl and capons, Tuesday, 8 until 12. Last day for buying live poultry. R. L. Dickieson, New Glasgow.
- \*\*Contest Fiddling, Dancing and Singing; also Highland Fling, Mount Stewart Legion Hall, Wednesday, December 10th.
- \*\*Buying live and dressed chicken and fowl daily. Phone collect for prices and pick-up service. We pay for poultry on farm. Central Eggs & Poultry Station, Charlottetown. Phone 2529 day, Night 1388-2.
- \*\*The W. M. S. of Dunstaffnage United Church will hold a pantry sale at Fennell & Chandler's store on Saturday, Dec. 13 at 2:30.
- \*\*Buying dressed chicken at our store, Wednesday afternoon, December 10th, paying highest market prices, with premium for good chicken, expert graders. Vernon River Co-op, Vernon River.
- \*\*Buying dressed geese and ducks Wednesday and Thursday. Dry dressed preferred. Geese must be dressed twelve hours before marketing. Scaled geese at market value. R. L. Dickieson, New Glasgow.
- \*\*Buying pigs Monday, at Fredrickson, paying \$12.00 a pair for rood pigs over 40 lbs. each. Will buy any pigs over 30 lbs. Kindly bring your pigs Monday, as this is the last time will be buying this season. Knud Jorgensen.

#### Full Success Depends On The United States

By Fraser Wighton (Reuters)

LONDON, Dec. 7 — (Reuters) — The full success of the current Commonwealth economic conference here depends on co-operation from the United States.

Prime ministers and finance ministers of the Commonwealth are meeting here for their biggest and most important economic talks in 20 years. The discussions, aimed at expanding world trade and bringing new life to the pound sterling, have made great progress, a high conference source said today.

#### The Real Key

But the U. S. and the attitude of the incoming Republican administration are the real key to eventual success. The ministers have already defined the issues they plan to discuss in Washington early next year.

Some of the most important findings of the talks, due to end on Wednesday or Thursday, will be kept secret when the meetings finish.

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#### Demand Cut In Cigaret Price

ALLISTON, Ont., Dec. 7 (CP) — A 30-cent price on Canadian cigarettes was demanded by 200 Southern Ontario tobacco growers at a meeting Saturday night.

A resolution passed said it would be economically unsound for growers to cut their acreage by one-third this year while sales of smuggled and low-grade American cigarettes are increasing.

J.D. Bowerman, chairman, said the Canadian tobacco crop could be almost doubled if the package price of cigarettes was reduced to 30 cents by tax cuts. The government tax revenue would not be lowered and growers, workers and consumers would benefit, he said.

Earl Rowe, Progressive Conservative member for Dufferin-Simcoe, said the new price would bring an extra \$20,000,000 a year to growers and save the smoker \$30 to \$50 a year. Increased use would maintain government revenue, he said.

#### U. S. Recalls Pearl Harbor

NEW YORK, Dec. 7 (AP) — "Remember Pearl Harbor."

So went the battle cry of the Second World War. Today, 11 years after the surprise Japanese attack, Americans are still remembering.

In a statement on the eve of the 11th anniversary, President Truman remembered — and warned that a surprise attack "can happen again."

"Because of the immense destructive power of the atomic bomb we must maintain vigilance so that our cities and our industries will be less vulnerable to devastating attack," he said. He called on Americans to join up as volunteer air raid wardens.

President-elect Eisenhower also tonight remembered and said in a message, released in New York, that "never again must America be weak or unaware."

#### Report London Has Worst Siege Of Fog In History

LONDON, Dec. 7 (AP) — Thick, dirty, gagging fog blacked out London today for the third straight day. It was the worst siege of fog in the city's modern history.

Surface transport was at a virtual standstill and thousands of families had to go without milk. A suburban train hit a work gang in the dense fog at Norwood Junction, killing one man and injuring two.

The BBC broadcast an appeal for all off-duty ambulance drivers to get back to the job and relieve crews who answered more than 350 calls during the morning. Because of the fog, the ambulances are used with the extra preceding his ambulance on foot bearing a torch.

Travel conditions were hazardous even for pedestrians, who risked head-on collisions with other pedestrians. Those who took the subway often found themselves left after getting up into the fog. It even filtered indoors, making of offices and flats look like smoke-filled rooms.

Planes were grounded for the third day. Trains were hours late when they ran at all and a few buses operated at a snail's pace.

The fog, filled with soot, was so choking that persons out in it wrapped their faces in mufflers. Some prize livestock here for a big exhibition tomorrow was affected. One 22-month-old heifer had to be destroyed when her breathing was affected.

In a few instances, police got reports of thugs taking advantage of the pitch-black streets by singeing and robbing pedestrians and breaking into stores.

The sun was shining only 15 miles away from the centre of London, but the weather man could see no relief for the city itself. It takes wind to get rid of a fog and there isn't any in sight for London.

Saturday's football schedule was curtailed sharply in the London area.

More than 300 traffic accidents were reported and at least three persons were killed.

It was just as difficult for the birds. One big bird collided with a man while taking off.

#### Celebrated 99th Birthday On MacRae Farm Saturday



Four generations entered into the spirit of a rare event on Saturday evening when the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Mrs. Andrew MacRae (above) assembled to do her honour on the occasion of her 99th birthday.

Friends, neighbours and relatives shuttled back and forth during the afternoon and evening, turning the beautiful MacRae Farm on the Brackley Point Road, Central Railway, into an area of joyful activity.

For twenty years after her marriage, Mrs. MacRae lived at Brookfield but in 1908 the family moved to their present location, where by hard work, coupled with a love for the land and a developed knowledge of the cattle and dairy industry, fame has been brought to the MacRae Farm.

While the agricultural achievements of the farm have brought distinction to the Island and littered the home with trophies and banners, and the spoils of victory from the Royal Winter Fair at Toronto, the Maritime Fair at Amherst and the Charlottetown Exhibition during many years of keen competition, much could be said regarding the "woman in the home" and her contribution to what has been brought to pass.

Her unswerving loyalty and devotion during two world wars filled every spare moment with activity in the making of comforts for the men "Over There", a splendid example to the younger women with whom she came in contact. This was especially the case during the

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#### Alberton Man To Operate New Fifty-Foot Dragger

Starting today the new 50-foot dragger "Phyllis" will be operated by Mr. Philip Kinch, Alberton.

Since the boat arrived a short time ago she had been operated by Mr. Merle Mathews. The dragger is still practically brand new, with only 100 hours on her engine.

On the Phyllis, forward of the wheelhouse, the high prow houses sleeping quarters and the galley. The quarters sleep four in drop-side bunks. One man of the crew has to double in brass as a cook, but as pointed out by Mr. Eugene Gorman, of the Fishermen's Loan Board, he is simply a fisherman who knows how to cook. He is not primarily a cook.

The galley is equipped with a sink and pump water and a small kitchen range with an oil burner so that there is no worry about starting fires. Food storage space is also available in two large cupboards to provide for the occasions when the boat may be at sea for several days. Important on board ship is fire prevention and the Phyllis is prepared with standard fire extinguishers.

The wheelhouse is a model of modern craftsmanship with complete controls at hand to obviate the necessity of having an engineer on duty. All lights are handled from a switchboard there, and also present are the depth sounder and the ship to shore telephone.

Under her new management it is expected that the ship will be used principally in the fishing of scallops and cod. The former are presently being obtained in the Miramich area, while the cod fishing is mostly done out of King's County ports.

The Phyllis has been in port here since she was turned back to the Fishermen's Loan Board, but is expected to leave shortly when her new owners take over command.

#### Coastal Vessel Reported Sinking

HALIFAX, Dec. 7 (CP) — Search and Rescue officials said tonight a coastal motor vessel identified only as No. 64 reported she was sinking at a point 50 to 60 miles northeast by east from Sydney.

The 120-ton vessel is believed to have a crew of four or five.

Search and Rescue said the vessel Cabot Strait from North Sydney, Gander Bay from Seven Islands and Norsya from Port aux Basques, are en route to the scene.

Officials here quoted the skipper as saying the ship's company is not in any danger. Dories and necessary provisions have been made ready and he was confident the men would be picked up if No. 64 sinks.

#### Report Fowl Pest Spreading In Britain

LONDON, Dec. 7 (Reuters) — An outbreak of the disease fowl pest, disrupting movement of poultry to Central and Northern British markets, Saturday spread to 14 new areas, making the total affected 37. Many birds have been slaughtered, but it is not known whether Britain's Christmas market will be affected.

LONDON, Dec. 7 (AP) — Queen Mary has decided not to attend the coronation next June 3 because of the state of her health, informed sources said today. The Queen, now 86, was said to fear that the long coronation ceremony would tax her falling strength too much.

#### Eight Burned To Death, Ten Other Deaths

TRENTON, Ont., Dec. 7 (CP) — A family of three died early today in a fire that swept their basement apartment.

Lac. Joseph Louis Clifford Savage, 23, was found burned beyond recognition with a pal of water beside him. His 18-year-old wife June was alive when dragged from the smouldering ruins of the house, but died before an ambulance arrived. Their son, Michael Roberts, 10 months, died of asphyxiation. Mrs. Savage was expecting another child in January.

The victims were apparently asleep when they woke to find their house filled with smoke. It is believed an overheated wood stove ignited the tar paper walls of their living room.

Two men, Jack N. MacLeod and Sgt. N. W. Anderson, both of Trenton, tried to enter the basement but were driven back by smoke.

Savage was an aero engine technician stationed at No. 6 Repair Depot near this town nine miles west of Belleville.

#### Blame Fireplace

BERTHERVILLE, Que., Dec. 7 (CP) — Fire which Saturday night destroyed their one-storey frame house, left four members of one family dead.

The victims were identified as J.

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#### Four Perish At Start of Cruise

BRIGANTINE, N. J., Dec. 7 (CP) — Four persons who set out from New York last Thursday on a round-the-world cruise perished in an Atlantic storm because they took to a 10-foot dinghy instead of remaining in their 45-foot two-masted yawl which had gone aground.

The bodies of Charlotte Laberge, 30, her son, Lance, 11, and another youth, John Ahlberg, 18, were found Saturday washed up on the beach near Atlantic City. Stephen Laberge, who gave up his job in California to go on the cruise, is missing and believed dead by the vessel's crew.

The vessel remained water tight and was found in good shape Friday.

#### Urges Probe Of Chlorophyll

NEW YORK, Dec. 7 (AP) — Chlorophyll compounds sold to be taken by mouth for deodorizing may be harmful if taken in large quantities, says Dr. Alphonse H. Corwin, head of the John Hopkins University Chemistry Department.

Corwin told the New York section of the American Chemical Society there should be an immediate investigation of the possible damaging effects of commercial chlorophyll compounds. He said it was not effective as a deodorizer.

The commercial products called "chlorophyll" are not the chlorophyll of nature, Corwin said, but are copper salts of a natural substance that has been radically changed by chemical means to meet the demands of a large market.

Copper taken in large amounts is known to damage the liver, he said.

#### Pearson Sends Personal Appeal To Chinese Reds With Truce Plan

By Norman Altstetter

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec. 7 (CP) — Assembly President L.B. Pearson Saturday night published his personal appeal to the Chinese Communists and North Koreans to accept the United Nations peace plan for Korea as a basis for further negotiations.

Canada's External Affairs Minister cabled his appeal and the text of the UN proposal Friday night as directed by the Assembly and made the letter public 24 hours after it was sent.

He set no time limit for a reply but urged that it come "as soon as possible."

The plan, proposed originally by India and approved last week by 54 UN members, has been rejected outright by Russia and has been rebuffed by implication by Communist China.

Krishna Menon, deputy leader of the Indian delegation, said the UN must wait for the Chinese reply to see what they propose even if they turn down the UN plan.

Meanwhile Pearson returned to Ottawa for a short visit. He is scheduled to speak in the House of Commons Monday giving an interim report on UN activities, and to receive a degree at Laval University, Quebec, before flying back to New York.

The Canadian's 800-word appeal includes a lengthy explanation of the UN's attitude towards the problem of repatriating war prisoners — "the sole remaining issue" not settled in the armistice negotiations at Panmunjom.

The Communists have demanded that "all" prisoners be returned while the UN insists it will not use force to send back any prisoner into Communist hands against his will.

#### Province To Have Uniform Grade 11 Course Next Year

A Grade 11 course, uniform throughout the Province, will be instituted next year, it was announced over the week-end by Premier J. Walter Jones Minister of Education. The course of study will be prescribed by the Government and will be uniform in all high schools and in Prince of Wales College.

Premier Jones stated that the change is necessary due to the growth of high schools and will involve considerable change in the present course at Prince of Wales College. He said that there was a growing inclination to give Grade 11 work different values. Henceforth the examinations set for that grade will be done by the Common Examining Board and after 1954 completion of Grade 11 work will mean that the student may enter Grade 12. The completion of Grade 12 will give university entrance.

The Premier added it was possible that some colleges may give entrance on a restricted basis to Grade 11 graduates.

Dealing with education in the Province in general, he noted that the work of the Board of Evaluators continues to give satisfaction and to date the assessors have completed 133 school districts. Several other districts are on the waiting list and it is expected that more districts will be holding special meetings to ask for valuation. He said "it may not be many years before Provincial assessment will be made mandatory."

He also spoke of the almost fully staffed schools and added that approximately 100 pupils were taking the correspondence course, while 100 teachers are also getting it. He said the course was of particular benefit to permit teachers who may not have attended normal school in recent years.

#### Slated For Post Of Hansard Editor

OTTAWA, Dec. 7 (Special) — Another Prince Edward Islander who for the past year has done the work but not yet received the title is slated to succeed the late Earl Young as editor of debates of the House of Commons, The Guardian learned today.

Mr. J. Thomas Hubbard, for some years assistant editor of debates here, and like Mr. Young began his Hansard training as a Guardian reporter in the Prince Edward Island Legislature in Charlottetown.

Quiet, genial and popular with members of all parties of the House of Commons as well as with his own staff, Mr. Hubbard quietly took over the task of editing Hansard when Mr. Young first fell ill upwards of a year ago. Prior to that time, he not only was assistant editor of debates, but did his shorthand trick on the floor of the green chamber.

While latterly Mr. Hubbard is concerned more with the editing of House of Commons exchanges and speeches, he maintains his speed in the shorthand taking of addresses by continual practice. Every day when the Commons opens at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon, he sits in the parliamentary press gallery, checks the procedure and remarks in the question period, before returning to his third-floor office.

More than this, the former Charlottetown Hansard expert is retained by the Canadian Club of Ottawa to record all import

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#### Gov't To Start Answering Order Paper Questions

OTTAWA, Dec. 7 (CP) — The government will start Wednesday to reply to some of the 96 written questions placed on the order paper of the Commons since the session opened Nov. 20.

The questions concern many subjects ranging from defence matters to the amount of canned pork held by the government.

Approximately 20 questions deal with defence or defence production.

M. J. Coldwell, CCF leader, has asked for a report on the number of men rejected from the armed forces for medical reasons in the last 12 months; John Diefenbaker (PC-Lake Central) for figures on the number of discharges and re-enlistments among men who have returned from Korea this year.

L. E. Cardiff (PC-Huron North) has asked how many Garand rifles Canada has ordered and received from the United States. He also wanted to know if Canada was still buying the rifles.

In another question, Mr. Cardiff asked for information about the number of fires in Defence Department establishments since 1950. He wanted to know how many prosecutions had been launched by the department as a result of the fires.

It is not known how many of the questions will be answered immediately. Under Commons rules answers needn't be made until the Throne Speech debate has been concluded.

However, Acting Prime Minister Howe agreed Friday to have some of the questions answered each Wednesday until the debate is concluded.

The written questions are in addition to oral queries made by members daily at the start of each sitting. Oral questions must be confined to matters requiring an immediate reply. Written questions are sometimes long and involved.

Sam Balm (L-Halifax) has asked one question asking for the ratio of officers and men in the RCAF.

Rev. E. G. Mansell (SO-MacLeod) asked for statistics on the manufacture and sale of cigarettes in Canada. C. D. Coyle (PC-Legislative) asked for figures on seizures of United States cigarettes smuggled into Canada.

**MORE SHOPPING DAYS**

MANY A GUY HAS GONE DOWN UNDER THE WEIGHT OF HIS OWN DIGNITY!

HALIFAX, Dec. 7 (CP) — Official forecasts issued tonight by the Dominion Public Weather Office here and valid until midnight Monday.

Synopsis: A disturbance centred 300 miles southeast of Sable Island is moving away to the east. Generally cloudy weather is forecast for Monday. In New Brunswick and Eastern Quebec there will be a few sunny intervals.

Regional forecasts: Cloudy with little change in temperature. Northeast winds 15. Low and high Monday at Charlottetown 28 and 35.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 2:11 A.M. and 3:40 P.M.  
High tide on the North Shore at 10:40 A.M. and 10:12 P.M.  
Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.  
Sun rises today at 7:38 A.M. and sets at 4:31 P.M.