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NATO COUNCIL CUTS DEFENCE BUILDING ALMOST IN TWO

Reds Boast They Will Be In Seoul By Christmas

U. S. Experts Think Canada Can Do More To Defend The West

(Two United States senators have recently been critical of Canada's contribution to the Korean fighting. In this story, John Seal of the Associated Press presents the views of U. S. officials on Canada's contribution to the struggle against Communism.)

By John Seal

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 — (AP) — United States officials said today they would like to see Canada contribute more manpower, money and arms to back up the West's fight against Communism in Korea and Western Europe.

In the view of these officials, who cannot be quoted by name, wealthy Canada is one of the few Western countries which can afford to do this without straining its financial resources.

They made it plain they are so proud of Canada in respect to sending more troops to Korea than they are of Australia, New Zealand and the Netherlands. The U. S. believes, they said, that all the more troops to Korea to aid the United Nations' fight against Communist aggression.

speaking separately, called on Canada, Australia and New Zealand to send more troops to Korea. At a press conference at Sea Island, Ga., Russell said: "On the basis of wealth and population, I don't think Canada is contributing as much as we are." Canada has sent a brigade group of about 6,000 men to Korea, they said, and has assigned three destroyers and an air transport squadron to the United Nations Command.

Speaking specifically of Canada, informed U. S. officials expressed the opinion privately that the Canadian Government can increase the size of this contingent without jeopardizing Canada's home defenses.

Further, they told a reporter, many American officials believe Canada can easily afford to increase military and economic aid to Atlantic Pact countries without upsetting its economy. This is not true, they said, for Australia, New Zealand, Belgium, the Netherlands and other countries, all of whom are handicapped by serious financial problems.

Appreciate Contribution

These officials, who follow Canadian affairs closely emphasized they fully appreciate all Canada has contributed thus far, both militarily and economically, to bolster the Western democracies.

But, they also made it clear, they agree with criticism of Canada's role in Korea voiced recently by two American senators. Senators Richard Russell (Dem-Ga.) and Paul Douglas (Dem-Ill.)

Allies Answer With Pulverizing Air Attack

SEOUL, Dec. 19 — (Friday) — (AP) — The Communists boasted by radio and front-line loudspeakers Thursday that they would be in Seoul by Christmas.

The Allies answered with a pulverizing air smasher at a huge enemy troop concentration area near the North Korean capital of Pyongyang, 115 miles northwest of Seoul.

The Reds' propaganda boasts were supplemented by the rare appearance of a communist plane over the quiet front. It dropped leaflets hitting the theme "Yankee go home."

Answering words with bombs, waves of Allied fighter-bombers winged through 10-degree cold and pounded the Red troop area 20 miles south of Pyongyang. More than 70 buildings were destroyed and 30 forced, the United States Air Force said.

Speedy Sabre jets flashed north in a protective screen and knocked down one Mig jet and damaged another. The Mig shot down was credited to Lieut. James Low, Sausalito, Calif., ranking jet ace in Korea with nine Allied losses, if any, are reported at the weekend.

Fighter bombers also swarmed over the front, hitting enemy installations. On the ground, only patrol action was reported in the numbing cold.

One American officer said there was "quite a commotion" in Seoul Thursday when word first came through of the Red threat to enter the South Korean capital Christmas Day.

But it was recalled that the Reds also threatened to hit the U. S. Eighth Army last fourth of July and last Thanksgiving. Nothing happened either time. And there are no signs of a current Red offensive in the making.

The Communists also dug up some old phonograph recordings of Christmas carols by American singers in an obvious effort to make the soldiers homesick.

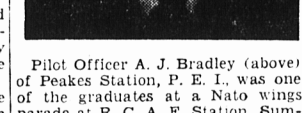
Island Car Ferry Back In Drydock With Damaged Hull

LAUZON, Que., Dec. 18 — (CP) — The C.N.R.-operated car ferry "Prince Edward Island" was back in drydock today with a damaged hull after running aground in the St. Lawrence River.

The ferry touched bottom at low tide last Monday as it was being taken out of drydock following an overnight work being carried out to replace a half-dozen damaged plates before freeze-up.

The 3,000-ton vessel is expected to be out of drydock Saturday and ready to sail from Quebec next week-end. It is used to ferry railway cars across Northumberland Strait, between Cape Tormentine, N. B., and Borden, P. E. I.

(The Car Ferry Prince Edward Island is used as a "stand by" boat. C.N.R. officials told The Guardian last night. She relieves the Car Ferry Abegweit when the latter leaves for her annual overhaul in the spring and augments the Abegweit from the 15th of June until the 15th of October each year when double ferry service is deemed necessary.)



Pilot Officer A. J. Bradley (above) of Peakes Airman, P. E. I., was one of the graduates at a Nato wings parade at R. C. A. F. Station, Summerside yesterday afternoon when airmen from Canada, Great Britain, France, and Belgium, received the coveted navigators wings from Group Captain A. G. Kerrison, commanding officer R. C. A. F. Station, Summerside.

Pilot Officer Bradley, 25 years of age, obtained his B.A. degree from St. Dunstan's University in 1949. He held the honor of being cadet officer commanding, during his training period on the Summerside station.

Yesterday's graduation exercise was held in one of the large hangars, and a mess dinner was held in the evening in honor of the graduation class.

Pilot Officer Bradley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Urban Bradley, of Peakes.

He has three brothers: James, a member of the Canadian Army in Germany; and Urban and Leo at home.

His four sisters are: Nellie, in Chicago; Patricia, Mrs. James MacDonald, Charlottetown; Marcella, a nurse in Charlottetown; and Margaret, taking nurse's training in Charlottetown.—S.

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To Emphasize Quality In 1953 Plans

PARIS, Dec. 18 — (AP) — The hard-up Atlantic Allies wound up their four-day conference today by agreeing to emphasize quality rather than numbers in building their 1953 barricades for Western Europe.

In the face of warnings by their highest military commanders that Europe remains wide open to attack, the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization nearly cut to half the program for construction of airfields, radar screens, roads, bridges, and other defence structures next year.

Items of Agreement

The 32 ministers of foreign affairs, finance and defence of the 14 nations voted to build \$224,000,000 worth of top priority works, as against \$428,000,000 requested by the military committee.

The council announced it also had agreed to:

1. Set up a new Mediterranean Sea command under Britain's Admiral Earl Mountbatten.
2. Revise their basic strategy to include defence of the Balkans and Turkey.
3. Build up their economies so they can stand up to the burden of rearmament.
4. Support France in the war against Communists in Indo-China without physically joining the battle.
5. Hurry up the project for the six-nation European army in which German ground, air and sea units would be included.
6. Meet again in the spring, as early as possible, presumably after Prime Minister Churchill has had a chance to hold talks with the new administration of President-elect Eisenhower.

Explain Cuts

By way of explanation of the cut in the construction program—despite grim warnings by Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, Allied supreme commander in Europe, and Admiral Lynde D. McCormick, Allied naval commander in the Atlantic—the Council said it "recognized that a strong defence requires a healthy economy."

An announcement said 1952 military targets of 50 divisions and 4,000 planes had been "substantially achieved."

Gen. Ridgway bustled into the Council chamber, followed by Mountbatten and U. S. Admiral Robert B. Carney, Allied commander in Southern Europe. Ridgway had summoned them to parcel out their zones of authority.

Drew Demands General Probe Of Defence Dept; St. Laurent Makes Reply

OTTAWA, Dec. 18 — (CP) — Prime Minister St. Laurent said today the Currie report on the Army Works Services will be the "first item of Government business" before the Commons when it reconvenes Jan. 12.

He made the statement in a letter of reply to George Drew, Progressive Conservative leader, who sent a 1,200-word letter to Mr. St. Laurent earlier tonight. Both letters were issued to the press.

Mr. Drew reiterated a request for a general investigation of the Defence Department and said there is no need for the Commons defence expenditures committee to inquire into the Currie report.

He said he was writing the letter to express views which House rules prevented him from making during the Throne Speech debate adjourned last night for the Christmas recess. He had exhausted his allotted time in speaking on the last motion before the House before acting Defence Minister Campney outlined the Government's stand.

Rejects Interpretation

Mr. St. Laurent, replying, said: "I do not, of course, accept your interpretation of the findings of this report or of Mr. Campney's speech as Acting Minister of National Defence."

The report was still before the House "which will be dealing with it as the first item of Government business when the House reconvenes in early January."

Mr. St. Laurent said he had no intention of following Mr. Drew's example "and transferring to the columns of the newspapers, where orderly debate is obviously impossible, the discussion and disposition of this very important matter without further reference to parliament."

He told the Progressive Conservative leader he could have had the opportunity of speaking again by asking a Progressive Conservative member to move another motion in the debate.

Mr. Drew said the Currie report had dealt with activities of the engineering detachments of the Army Works Services at Petawawa.

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Jury Finds Lack Of Proper Care On Driver's Part

A Coroner's Jury investigating the death of Mr. Joseph Chaisson, St. Louis which met on December 10th and adjourned by Magistrate Gilbert A. Gaudet until last evening, brought in their verdict after hearing the evidence of Dr. J. H. Shaw who performed the autopsy and confirmed previous evidence of injuries.

They found that the deceased "came to his death in the Charlottetown Hospital on November 25 as a direct result of injuries received when a vehicle driven by Melvin Luther Ellis was involved in an accident on November 6th on the Western Road, Prince County, adjacent to O'Leary Corner, with a car driven by Arthur Chaisson.

"The jury feels," says the report, "that the accident could have been prevented if Melvin Luther Ellis when driving his vehicle had used proper care. The jury recommends also that the Attorney General's office be advised that more publicity be given the Highway Traffic Act of this Province in order to prevent this type of accident."

Mr. J. P. Nicholson represented the Crown.

Jurors were Messrs. Campbell MacLean, (foreman), C. A. Santry, J. H. Sturdy, J. A. Szotak, John McEachern, C. F. Downe and E. F. Duffy.

Market For Up To 400,000 Cattle

EDMONTON, Dec. 18 — (CP) — Agriculture Minister Gardiner said today that removal of the United States livestock embargo after March 1 will open the American market to 300,000 to 400,000 head of Canadian cattle annually.

Mr. Gardiner added in an interview that when the embargo comes off, Canada's restrictions against importation of fresh meats from other countries also will be removed.

The embargo was imposed by the U. S. after the outbreak of foot-and-mouth early this year among livestock in the Regina area.

N. S. Dairymen Ask Protection

TRURO, Dec. 18 — (CP) — A resolution demanding provincial protection from vegetable oil substitutes was unanimously passed today at the annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Milk Producers' Association.

Delegates said advances made by substitutes for animal fat in such dairy products as ice cream, whipping cream and concentrated milk had placed Nova Scotia's dairy industry in a "grave" position.

The resolution, along with another asking that the provincial highways' 8,000-pound weight limit be increased during the spring, will be forwarded for final approval to the annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Farmers' Association Jan. 29.

Pictou County delegates said they would appeal to the Public Utilities Board for parity with Cape Breton on 35¢ per 100 pounds from co-operatives and 10 cents less from independent buyers.

Voluntary Health Plan Proposed In The U. S.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 — (AP) — A presidential health commission proposed today a voluntary, pay-in-advance plan to help "bring medical services of the highest possible quality within the reach of all" United States citizens.

People who could afford it would meet their own doctors' bills on a prepaid basis, if they wished to join the government-sponsored program. For people who couldn't afford it—and the plan is intended largely to help them—the federal and state governments would chip in to pay part or all of the costs.

Individual membership would be voluntary and states would be free to participate or stay out. Patients would be allowed to choose their doctors and the physicians would be unfettered in their practice.

In a report that took a stand somewhere between a compulsory health plan urged by President Truman and a voluntary system recommended by the American Medical Association, the commission said:

"What is desired . . . is adequate protection against the costs of hospital care, the services of physicians and other health personnel in office and home as well as in hospital—the more expensive drugs and appliances, and certain dental care."

An overall price tag, either for government or individuals, was attached to this plan to put "almost complete protection" within the reach of everybody. But the commission recommended that the Federal Government and the states each contribute \$750,000,000 a year—a total of \$1,500,000,000—to assist persons unable to meet all their medical expenses.

"We believe," the commission said, "it is well within the economic potential of this great country to provide itself with the finest system of health care in the world, that the American people desire this and deserve no less."

But three of the 15 members said the Commission plan doesn't go far enough.

Coming Events

- *Christmas Concert, Vernon, Saturday, December 20th.
- *Newton Christmas Concert, Friday, December 19th.
- *Christmas Concert, Indian River, Tuesday, December 23rd.
- *Christmas concert, Harrington Hall, December 22nd.
- *Christmas Concert in Ringwood School, December 22nd.
- *Mayfield school concert tonight, Friday.
- *Christmas Concert, Darnley Hall, Friday, December 19th.
- *Graham's Road School Concert, December 19th, 8 P. M.
- *Christmas Concert, Canoe Cove, Monday, December 22nd.
- *Christmas concert in Cardigan Hall, Monday, Dec. 22.
- *Hunter River School Concert, December 22nd, 8 P. M.
- *Come to Ebenezer Christmas Concert, Friday, December 19th, at 8.30.
- *See Santa Claus in person at York Christmas Concert, December 22nd, 8 o'clock.
- *Kinkora Hall, Christmas Operetta and Carols, Monday, December 22nd, at 8 P. M.
- *West Covehead School Concert, Wednesday, December 22nd, at 8.30.
- *Buying live chickens and fowl every day except Saturday. Frank MacLean, Wheatley River.
- *Salvation Army Christmas tree and program Friday, Dec. 19th at 7.30 P. M. Silver collection.
- *Box Social and Dance in Credit Union Hall, Summerside, Friday, December 26th. Good music.
- *Travellers Rest school concert, Friday, December 19th, at 8.00 p.m.
- *Master Feeds — Another car arriving this week. Clark's Feed Service, Mount Stewart. Also grinding and mixing service.
- *South Winsloe Y. P. U. Pantry Sale and Fudge Table, at Pennell & Chandler's Saturday, December 20th, 2 P. M.
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- *Fortune Bridge Friday evening, December 19th, at 8 P. M. Meeting to organize a Golf Club. Films will be shown. Parents and young people cordially invited.

Montreal, Quebec Navigation Closes

MONTREAL, Dec. 18 — (CP) — Navigation between Montreal and Quebec officially closes to a close tonight.

The closing was one of the latest in years but shipping men were wondering how much longer they could have kept on.

"With weather like it is we could have kept our ships running for another two or three weeks," an industry official said. "There isn't a sign of ice anywhere which is unusual for this time of year."

The last vessel out of port, the tanker Poplar Branch, left yesterday bound for winter coastal service. She will operate out of Halifax.

Blame Up To 1,500 Deaths On Fog

LONDON, Dec. 18 — (AP) — The recent record fogs that blacked out London figured in the deaths of up to 1,500 Britons, a government spokesman indicated today.

Health Minister Iain MacLeod told the House of Commons that the London fog during the foggy week which ended Dec. 13 took 4,703 compared with 1,852 in the corresponding week of 1951.

Negotiators Silent On Rail-Wage Discussions

MONTREAL, Dec. 18 — (CP) — Canada's rail wage dispute hit the top-level stage today but if any progress was made in discussions, it remained a secret.

Frank Hall, chief union spokesman and chairman of the negotiating committee for the 15 international and two national brotherhoods involved, emerged from a 40-minute meeting he requested with Donald Gordon, president of Canadian National Railways, and W. A. Mather, president of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, and told reporters:

"Today's top-level meeting came in the midst of discussions brought on by an impasse over a conciliation board report.

to continue in an effort to settle the dispute involving 144,000 non-operating personnel of the carriers, he said only:

"I have nothing more to say."

Forty minutes later, Mr. Gordon and Mr. Mather came out of the board room of the CPR's Windsor Station. Mr. Gordon said only:

"We have had a very friendly meeting."

Prior to today's meeting, the discussions were carried on between union officials and negotiating officers for the railways.

Prominent Canadian Teacher Dies

SHAWINIGAN FALLS, Que., Dec. 18 — (CP) — Dr. Charles Neeson Crutchfield, 69, one of Canada's best known teachers, died today after a short illness.

He was known to teachers across the country through a long association with the Canadian Teachers Federation, of which he was a former president and secretary-treasurer and an honorary life member.

A native of Huntingdon, Que., Dr. Crutchfield had been principal of the Shawinigan Falls Technical Institute for the last 23 years. Before that, he was superintendent of Protestant schools in Verdun, Que., and had served as principal of schools at Buckingham, Sutton, Knowlton, Huntingdon and Longueuil, Que.

For his services to education, the University of New Brunswick gave him an honorary degree in 1943.

He is survived by his widow and three sons: Dr. Bruce Crutchfield, Quebec; Dr. Gordie Crutchfield, Shawinigan Falls, and Neil Crutchfield, Shawinigan Falls, former National Hockey League player.

One Of Separated Twins Reported "Doing Badly"

CHICAGO, Dec. 18 — (AP) — The newly-divided Brodie Ames twins went separate ways today after their historic separation, one becoming conscious but the other taking a turn for the worse and then improving slightly.

Rodney Dee favored for "survival of the fittest" by choice of surgeons who separated him from his bigger twin brother, regained consciousness with a cry and a smile this morning.

His twin, Roger Lee, whose brain circulation was impaired by the operation—the 13th on the twins—suffered one relapse but then showed a slight gain.

Surgeons said, however, his condition still is "precarious."

At the height of the 12-hour and 40-minute operation, surgeons discovered a hole in the brain which was found. There was only one sagittal sinus, the main passageway or vein draining blood back from both brains.

This called for an immediate choice. The incision could be made to give one twin or the other the vital vein.

Dr. Eric Oldberg, head of the University of Illinois Department of Neurology, said Rodney — the smaller of the twins — got the break because he was holding up much better under the strain of the operation, and surgery in his favor could be more easily performed.

Dr. Oldberg, an observer at the operation, performed in the University's Neuropsychiatric Institute, described the surgery in detail at a press conference.

He said the surgeons more or less went for one and took the bigger chance on the other. The choice was made on the basis of which child did well and which didn't.

"Roger didn't do well. He was in shock several times. His condition was precarious."

Dr. Cecil D. Riggs, resident doctor at the Neuropsychiatric Institute, said both twins would remain on the critical list for five to seven days, if they survive, and that the "next few hours" would decide Roger's fate.

The parents, Mr. and Mrs. Royt Brodie of Moline, Ill., maintained their harrowing vigil near the

More Shopping Days

A violent temper does not improve with use.

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Forecasters Issue Outlook

HALIFAX, Dec. 18 — (CP) — Official forecasts issued tonight by the Dominion Public Weather Office here and valid until midnight Friday.

Westerly winds will continue to blow across the Maritimes on Friday, and there will be little change in the weather. However, slightly colder air will cover the Southern Maritimes.

Regional forecasts:

Prince Edward Island — Clear with a few cloudy intervals. Colder. West winds 15. Low and high Friday at Charlottetown 15 and 30.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 12:58 P. M.

High tide on the North Shore at 7:36 A. M. and 7:01 P. M.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

Sun rises today at 7:47 A. M. and sets at 4:33 P. M.