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RED TROOPS ARE FORCED TO RETREAT AT BEACHHEAD

Germans Demand Equality In Defence Force

Linemen Still Battling With Storm's Aftermath

Most of the electric light and power services damaged by Monday night's snow storm were expected to be repaired by today but telephone linemen, with unprecedented damage facing them, could only hope that service between Summerside and Charlottetown would be restored by Christmas.

Mr. Frank Fraser, manager of the Canadian National Telegraphs thought that communication might be restored with the mainland today. Since Monday night's storm telegrams have had to be flown back and forth between Charlottetown and Moncton.

There is no sign of reaching Summerside yet and it will take a lot of work to get through by Christmas reported Mr. D. M. Gass, manager of the Island Telephone Company, last night.

"The men are erecting some poles but there are 83 down between the City and Summerside," he stated. All toll lines out of Summerside were still out of order last night.

The cable from Summerside to the Airport was down with both poles and the cable hanging over the Summerside breast work. The circuits between Charlottetown and Borden are still out.

The company is still relying upon a temporary cable across the Hillsboro Bridge. The cable connects with the micro wave station at Tea Hill and permits communication with Halifax. This cable will be relied upon until services have been restored to the western section of the province.

Communication with Saint John, New Brunswick was still out and would not be available until the

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Major Problems Face Federal Cabinet Today

OTTAWA, Dec. 20 —(CP)—The Federal Cabinet, with major problems ahead of it, will hear reports tomorrow from three key Ministers concerned with the shaping of Canada's defences both on the domestic and international fronts.

Coming Events

- **Mail your \$1000 to Garnham Photo Studio, Charlottetown.
- **Christmas Concert, Victoria Hall, December 22nd.
- **Kinkora Christmas Concert, Thursday, December 21st at 8 P.M.
- **Bonshaw School Concert, Friday, December 22nd.
- **Christmas Concert, New Glasgow Hall, December 21st.
- **Christmas Concert, Cornwall Hall, December 21st, 1950.
- **Graham's Road School Concert, Thursday, December 21st.
- **Christmas Concert, Pleasant Grove, Thursday, December 21st.
- **Christmas concert Donaldston School, Friday, Dec. 22nd.
- **Argyle Shore School Concert, Thursday, December 21st.
- **Cleaning and Buying Timothy Seed up until December 22nd. John Leard, Crapaud.
- **Christmas Concert and Dance, Kelly's Cross Hall, Thursday, December 21st. Curtain 8.30.
- **Harrington School Concert in the Hall, Thursday, December 21st, 8 P. M.
- **Don't forget Hampshire Christmas Concert, Friday, December 22nd.
- **Come to Christmas Concert in Bradalbane Hall, December 21st, at 8.15 P. M.
- **Hunter River school concert, Masonic Hall, Thursday, December 21st.
- **Reserve Friday, December 22nd for Christmas Concert in Fort Augustus Hall.
- **Show Motell Community Hall, every Tuesday, Friday, Saturday. Show starts 8 o'clock.
- **Alexander School Christmas Concert tonight, December 21st. Starting at 8 P. M.
- **North Wiltshire concert in North Wiltshire Hall, Thursday, Dec. 21. Programme begins 7.45.
- **Christmas Concert and Dance, Brookvale School, Friday, December 22nd.
- **Reserve Thursday, December 21st, Kelvin Grove Christmas Concert.
- **Come to the Clyde River Hall, December 21st, for the Clyde River School Concert.
- **See "His Irish Dream Girl", 3 act comedy drama, Vernon River Hall, December 21st. Curtain 8 P. M. Dance after.
- **Concert at Glenaladale School, Tracadie Cross, has been postponed until Friday, Dec. 22, at 8 o'clock.
- **Dance Winsloe Station Hall, Friday, December 22. Music by George Chappell and his Merry Islanders. Dancing 9.30 to 12.30. Admission 50c. Canteen service. Bus leaves, 10.27, 9.30.

The Ministers are Defence Minister Claxton, who has been attending Atlantic Pact talks in Brussels, External Affairs Minister Pearson, Canada's top man at the United Nations and now a member of the Korean war cease-fire committee, and Trade Minister Howe, No. 1 man in the defence production setup.

To hear their reports, Cabinet postponed its normal Wednesday meeting until tomorrow.

Mr. Pearson returned to Ottawa tonight from New York, where he has been taking part in U. N. debates on the Korean conflict, while Mr. Claxton is expected back early tomorrow from Brussels. He attended meetings of the Defence and Foreign Ministers of the Atlantic Pact group.

Mr. Howe will report on talks he had last week with United States officials about the vast American mobilization plans.

A heavy slate of business will be before the Cabinet. The discussions likely will embrace the Korean war and its ramifications, including the question of the size of land and air forces which Canada should contribute to the defence of Europe.

Lord Tweedsmuir To Visit Canada

LONDON, Dec. 20 — (CP)—Lord Tweedsmuir, son of Canada's former Governor-General, will leave by air Dec. 28 for a "long-deferred" visit to Canada and the United States, he announced today. He will be accompanied by his wife, Conservative member of Parliament for South Aberdeen.

The Hon. John Buchan, he joined Canadian forces at outbreak of the Second World War and came to England with the 1st Canadian Division in December, 1939. Two months later he succeeded to the title on the death of his father in Montreal.

The second Lord Tweedsmuir rose to command Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment which he led through the campaigns in Sicily, Italy and Northwest Europe.

Expect Application For Freight Rate Increase

OTTAWA, Dec. 20 — (CP)—The railways probably will file an application for increased freight rates shortly after Christmas, informed quarters said today.

The proposed increase will be based on higher labor costs growing out of the long wage-hour dispute between the railways and their unions, which was settled yesterday in an arbitration award by Mr. Justice R. L. Kellock of the Supreme Court of Canada.

Extent of the increase to be sought is not known yet, but informants said it may take one of two forms:

1. A rate increase of the amount necessary to cover the \$30,800,000-a-year bill added to the railways' annual labor costs by a seven-cent-an-hour wage boost now in effect.
2. An increase to cover that amount now plus delayed-action application based on the cost of the shortened work week and taking effect when the short week starts next June 1.

The additional cost of the wage increase alone is equivalent to the annual yield from a rate increase of about nine per cent. However, railway finances generally would have to be considered in determining the size of any freight-rate hike. It appeared likely the initial increase sought would lie somewhere between six and 10 per cent.

More problematical is the total rate increase required to cover the new cost of the five-day, 40-hour week that goes into effect on the railways next June 1.

The companies have estimated its cost at more than \$80,000,000, though the rail unions call this figure exaggerated and Mr. Justice Kellock indicated he did not accept it. However, no alternative figure has been submitted by those questioning the \$80,000,000.

To find that sum would take a further rate increase of about 23 per cent, assuming that the railways sought an increase for the full amount.

The forthcoming application will be for the third round of rate increases since the war.

In 1948, the railways obtained authority from the Board of Transport Commissioners for a general 21-per-cent increase. This was followed last year and early this year by a succession of three increases adding up to another 20 per cent.

Hard Going In Sight For Allies At Bonn Talks

FRANKFURT, Germany, Dec. 20 —(AP)—On the eve of crucial arms talks in Bonn, West Germans appeared united tonight against service in Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's new European defence force unless the North Atlantic Pact Allies grant them full equality.

This attitude promised hard going for the high commissioners of the United States, Britain and France, the occupying powers, when they open negotiations with Chancellor Konrad Adenauer in the West German capital tomorrow.

Adenauer's own conservative party, the Christian Democrats, predicted the negotiations will be lengthy.

Seek 150,000 Germans

The Brussels conference of the 12 Atlantic Pact countries decided Monday 150,000 Germans were wanted to help man the international defence force, designed to reach 1,000,000 or more men and a strength of 55 to 60 divisions in two years.

The high commissioners John J. McCloy of the United States, Sir Ivone Kirkpatrick of Britain and Andre Francois-Poncet, were commissioned to arrange for German participation.

West German politicians and newspapers joined in reiterating demands often voiced during recent debates as conditions for German assistance:

1. West Germany must be accepted as "an equal partner."
2. There must be no major restrictions on the size or composition of German troop units or command staffs which would apply equally to all member states.
3. The Republic must be freed from its status as an occupied enemy country and given equal political independence by replacing the occupation statute with a "security treaty."

Most of these demands are aimed at France, still fearful of a revival of German militarism.

However, the Commissioners are empowered to dicker.

Francois-Poncet reported in Bonn that several meetings with Chancellor Adenauer are envisaged.

"We will sum up the results of these exchanges and submit them in due course to our Governments," he added.

"One can hardly expect German agreement" to the terms laid down at Brussels, the independent Offenbach Post said in a typical West German newspaper comment.

Ask Boost In War Pensions

OTTAWA, Dec. 20 —(CP)—Six veterans organizations combined today to ask the Government to raise war pension rates for the disabled more than 26 per cent because of the cost of living.

They submitted a brief to Veterans Minister Le somewhere between 10 and 11 o'clock, containing recommendations for improvements they consider justified by the conditions under which some veterans are living.

The brief was presented by the National Council of Veterans Associations.

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Armed Forces Still 8,000 Short Of Manpower Ceiling

OTTAWA, Dec. 20 — (CP)—The armed forces are still 8,000 men short of their manpower ceiling after more than four months of intensive recruiting backed by the emphasis of Korea and a darkening world picture, it was disclosed today.

The Defence Department, reporting that the forces could handle twice as many recruits as they have been getting, released figures showing that as of Nov. 30 the three regular services and the army's special force had 61,000 men compared to a ceiling of 69,000.

At the present rate — around 1,000 men a month — it would be next year before the ceiling was reached, a factor which is bound to occupy the mind of Cabinet Ministers in the weeks ahead, for further expansion of Canada's defence effort is believed shaping up.

It has been anticipated that the present ceiling will be lifted although any such action at this stage, without something beyond voluntary recruiting to back it up, would be largely an academic move.

Hope For Increase

The big hope now is that the higher pay rates for the forces announced last week and the lure of service in Europe or elsewhere overseas will attract men who apparently don't want to serve at home. Combined with that is the feeling that the Government will channel Canada's defence effort more and more into the air force with its smaller needs for manpower.

There has been speculation that the Government will gun for armed forces 100,000 strong but it is considered doubtful here that any

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Hoover Warns Against Fighting In Asia, Europe

Eisenhower In Hopeful Mood

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 20 — (AP)—A determined, cheerful Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower said today "the situation these days is not nearly as dark as it was in the spring of 1942."

The General, named yesterday to head a European peacetime army backed by the dozen Atlantic Pact countries, told a press conference, "Sooner or later, this country is going to be united and in the fervor of its united strength, other nations are going to cling to us. I am extremely hopeful that America has reached the lowest point of disunity and is going back up."

Without mentioning Russia by name, he said in answer to a question, "if they are choosing global war, they are not showing the wisdom they have shown in the past."

"I see no reason for the United States to act in an atmosphere of hysteria," he said. "It is silly to be too frightened or, indeed, too belligerent. A calm, determined America can get this job done."

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 — (AP)—Former President Herbert Hoover said tonight the defence lines of the United States must be the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans and not the continents of Europe or Asia.

"Any attempt to make war on the Communist mass by land invasion, through the quicksands of China, India or Western Europe would be sheer folly," he said in a prepared radio address.

"That would be the graveyard of millions of American boys and would end in the exhaustion of this Gibraltar of Western civilization."

Hoover said the prime responsibility for defending Western continental Europe rests upon the countries of Europe.

He said that Western Europe, to warrant further aid, "must express itself in organized and equipped combat divisions of such huge numbers as would erect a sure dam against the Red flood."

"And that before we land another man or another dollar on their shores," said the two-ocean Republican President. "Otherwise we shall be inviting another Korea. That would be a calamity to Europe as well as to us."

The United Nations have been defeated in Korea, he said, by the aggression of Communist China, and there are no world forces adequate to repel the Chinese.

Hoover's pronouncement came only a day after President Truman pledged more American troops would be sent to Europe to aid the West European defence set-up headed by American Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Hoover called for arming the U. S. navy and air force "to the teeth" to "hold the two oceans with possibly one frontier on Britain and the other on Japan, Formosa and the Philippines."

"We have little need for large armies," he said, "unless we are going to Europe or China."

Hoover said he spoke in response to "hundreds of requests" that he appraise "the current situation."

He said that, even if Western Europe armed beyond anything contemplated, "we could never reach Moscow," but that neither could Communist armies reach Washington in force.

Could Block Reds

He held that American sea and air power alone could control the Atlantic and Pacific and block any possible invasion by Communist armies, but added:

"I devoutly hope that a maximum of co-operation can be established between the British Commonwealth and ourselves."

In declaring the Communist armies could not reach the American capital, Hoover said:

"In this military connection we must realize the fact that the atomic bomb is a far less dominant weapon than it was once thought to be."

He did not elaborate.

\$250,000 Fire In Small Alberta Town Last Night

RYLEY, Alta., Dec. 20 — (CP)—A main-street fire in this Northern Alberta town of 500 population tonight caused an estimated \$250,000 damage and was still raging out of control three hours after its outbreak.

Six buildings — housing a hardware, garage, machine agency, grocery store, two restaurants and an egg grading station — were either destroyed or afire at 8.30 p.m. MST.

One man, an unidentified garage mechanic, was burned and rushed to hospital at nearby To-Field. The blaze broke out about 3.30 p.m. in the garage in the centre of the main street. An explosion in the garage was said to have touched off the blaze, which spread in both directions.

About a dozen other buildings were in grave danger, including a lumber yard. No schools or hospitals were threatened.

Mayor John Kordich, proprietor of the 40-room Alberta Hotel, said all the townspeople were engaged in the fire fight. They were being assisted by fire brigades from the district towns of Mundare, Hilder, Tofield and Camrose. Fire equipment was expected from Vegreville and the Edmonton Fire Department was standing by.

The neighboring towns rushed aid to Ryley, about 45 miles southeast of Edmonton, after a radio appeal by Mayor Kordich for fire fighters.

"Damage will be at least \$250,000," Mayor Kordich said in a long-distance telephone interview from his vacated hotel.

Newsboy Saves Sister From Gas

WOODSTOCK, Ont., Dec. 20 — (CP)—Hugh Dobbs, 13-year-old newspaper carrier, boy, today found his 10-year-old sister, Sandra, unconscious in their home. He dragged her to an open door and promptly notified police. Miss Evelyn Townsend, who lives in the same house, also was overcome. Police said coal gas fumes were to blame and credited Hugh with possibly saving two lives. Sandra and Miss Townsend recovered after hospital treatment.

Gov't Puts Controls On Butter Leaving Storage

OTTAWA, Dec. 20 — (CP)—Dealers with more than a fortnight's supply of butter on hand are going to be out of luck if they try to buy any Government butter. An Agriculture Department official said today that the Government has established the policy of not selling any of its butter stocks to dealers who already have more than two weeks' supply in warehouses.

The policy is twofold:

1. To prevent build-up of stocks by speculators who may boost the price when scarcities show.
2. To make certain that Government butter is being piped into the trade in a slow, steady stream, geared to the program of equitable distribution across the country throughout the winter months.

Any dealer may buy Government-held butter, said the official, whether he has purchased butter from the Government in previous years or not.

All he has to do is apply to the Agriculture Department, show he has the cash and hasn't an over-supply of butter. Since most of Canada's storage butter is held in

Predict Labor And Price Controls For Great Britain

LONDON, Dec. 20 — (CP)—Britain may soon slap on wartime labor and price controls and boost her armaments drive, already under way to cost £3,600,000,000 (\$10,000,000,000) over the next three years, informed sources said tonight.

These sources predicted the question of a bigger arms program will be considered by the Cabinet next week and that if defence spending is increased, the new load on the national economy would make necessary:

1. Direction of labor, such as Britain had in the Second World War;
2. Widespread control of prices and supplies, foreshadowing a return to harsh austerity with luxuries and even household essentials becoming scarce again; and
3. Requisitioning of factories and buildings where necessary.

Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin is expected to bring new proposals

Planes, Ships, Artillery Protect Allied Toehold

By ROBERT EUNSON
TOKYO, Dec. 21 — (ThursDay) —(AP)— Communist troops at the point of greatest menace to the United Nations beachhead around Hwungnam were forced to retreat Wednesday.

Devastating around-the-clock firepower — planes, warships, artillery — not only protected the Allies' last toehold in Northeast Korea but even improved it on the critical east flank.

A field dispatch said North Korean Reds on that flank had to withdraw to ridges well back from the American positions.

"Our artillery and air chewed up at least one and possibly two North Korean battalions," said an American regimental intelligence officer.

Plans Disrupted

A later field dispatch said the heavy U. N. air, ground and naval assaults had disrupted any plans by the Chinese and North Koreans for a major assault on the beachhead.

As a consequence, the Communists remained inactive throughout Wednesday — a strange quiet that itself tended to worry U. N. commanders.

U. N. tanks and self-propelled guns joined in the ground defence, adding to the hail of steel against the Reds.

In Western Korea, there was only "light and scattered contact yesterday along the United Nations defence line" north of Seoul, a U. S. Eighth Army briefing officer said today.

On Tuesday there had been a report of clashes between North and South Korean troops along a 30-mile front northeast of Seoul. But today the briefing officer said this contact was broken off.

North Koreans In Action

Gen. MacArthur's headquarters said the North Koreans, after regrouping forces in Manchuria, now have 150,000 men in action in

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Iran Fears War, Orders Army Garrisons Facing Soviet Union On Alert



By ROBERT B. HEWITT
TEHRAN, Iran, Dec. 20 — (AP)— Warning that a third world war seems near, Premier Ali Razmara said today he has put on the alert all Iranian army garrisons including those facing Russian frontier forces.

He did not identify the source of his fear, although since the Korean outbreak Iranians and Western diplomats here have speculated whether this petroleum-rich country, Asia's biggest oil producer, might be next on the Communist time-table.

But, reiterating Iran's desire to remain neutral, Razmara told the Senate:

"If anybody attacks us, we will defend ourselves."

Razmara formerly was the Iranian army chief of staff.

Although Iranian outposts dot the 600-mile border, behind which Soviet strength is screened by the 12,000-foot South Caucasus range, the 150,000-man army's prepared positions are well back of the line. Razmara was quoted in May, 1949, as saying the best the west could hope for in Iran, should Russia attack, would be a delaying action.

Informed sources here in the past reported extensive Russian troop and weapons movements opposite Iran, but there has not been anything to indicate any unusual buildup of strength. Last May, Russia accused Iran of using United States experts to take aerial photographs of the frontier. This was denied.

Tragedy Strikes Twice At Toronto Couple

TORONTO, Dec. 20 — (CP)—Tragedy struck the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Chandler for the second time in 3 months today when their two-month-old son, Gregory, was found dead in his crib. Firemen said the baby apparently smothered in his bedclothes. The Chandlers lost a three-week-old baby in the same manner in November, 1949.

Epidemic of Mumps In Lethbridge, Alta.

LETHBRIDGE, Alta., Dec. 20 — (CP)—A request that the Christmas school holiday in Lethbridge be increased a week has been sent to Provincial authorities in the hope of stopping an epidemic of mumps.

City Health Officer Dr. Margaret O'Meara said today that the epidemic, which has reached a total of 645 cases to date, might be halted by a stricter quarantine during the next three weeks.

There have been no deaths.

LAKE SUCCESS, N.Y., Dec. 20

(AP)—Unless the Chinese Communists have an unexpected change of heart, the United Nations cease-fire committee is expected to report after the New Year holiday that it cannot arrange to stop the fighting in Korea. This forecast on the committee's final report was made in U. N. Assembly circles as the three-man committee set back to wait for some Peiping reaction.

3 MORE SHOPPING DAYS

IF YOU DON'T CROSS YOUR BRIDGES 'TIL YOU GET TO THEM; MAYBE, THEY WON'T BE THERE!

HALIFAX, Dec. 20

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

Synopsis:

Settled cold weather prevailed over all the district tonight. Light snowflurries occurred at a few localities. Temperatures during the day remained below freezing in all regions.

A large high pressure area building up over Eastern Canada and the Eastern States promises a continuation of this cold settled weather on Thursday.

Regional forecasts, valid until midnight Thursday:

Prince Edward Island — Variable cloudiness, widely scattered light snowflurries. Little change in temperature. Light winds. Low early Thursday morning and high in the afternoon at Charlottetown 13 and 28.

High tide today at 9.07 A. M. and 8.08 P. M.

Sun rises at 7.48 A. M. and sets at 4.36 P. M.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

BORDEN — CAPE TORMENTINE

Leave Borden	Leave C. T.
9.10 A.M.	10.35 A.M.
1.00 P.M.	2.40 P.M.
4.50 P.M.	7.30 P.M.

SUNDAY

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8.15 A.M.	10.35 A.M.
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