



HALIFAX MAYOR VISITS ARMY CADETS

Mayor L. A. Kitz, Halifax, on the invitation of Colonel John Wallis, Chief of Staff, Eastern Command, made an official visit to the more than 700 Royal Canadian Army Cadets and 250 men of the Militia presently undergoing training at Eastern Command Summer Camp, Aldershot, which is under the command of Brigadier J. A. W. Bennett, CBE, CD. Shown above watching a lecture on the Bren machine gun is Mayor Kitz. **FRONT LEFT:** Cadets Harold MacDonald, Chatham, N. S.; Harry Callaghan, Charlottetown, P. E. I.; Arthur Brooks, Amherst. **BACK:** Colonel John Wallis; Mayor Kitz; Colonel John Wallis; and John Kitz, Halifax.

China Supports Egyptian Assertion Of Sovereignty Over Canal—Should Be Open

PEIPING (Reuters) — Chinese Communist Premier Chou En-Lai said Saturday that everyone was concerned that navigation should be kept open for all through the Suez Canal and conceded that the Egyptian ban on Israeli shipping should be discussed.

But, he said, Egyptian nationalization of the canal was within Egypt's sovereignty and of course the Chinese people support her.

Talking to reporters at a reception given by the mayor of Peiping for the visiting speaker of the Indonesian Parliament, Chou said problems relating to navigation could be solved by discussion. He was sure compromise could be reached by Britain who, he said, should treat the matter calmly.

"The Chinese and the British have always been known for dealing with matters calmly," he added.

He said the 24-nation conference called by the Western powers would—according to a press byline—deal with matters that would interfere with the sovereign rights of Egypt.

He said Britain and France, who had done much to reduce tension and win friends in Asia recently, should not undo this by

YORK

Misses Fern Vessey and Pauline Swan are attending camp this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Rens Newson, Vernon River, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Murray, York, recently.

Mrs. Edison Hardy, York, left for Ottawa on Sunday. Mrs. Hardy will join her husband, who is returning home from England. She was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Harry Slackford, City.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Welton, York, left Friday evening, July 27th for Boston for a holiday.

Mrs. Willard Murray, York, spent Friday in Charlottetown.

Mrs. Jack Watts and granddaughter, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lewis, Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Coles and three children Donna, Shiela and Muriel, Milton, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Vessey, York, Sunday, July 29th.

Mrs. Elby Hardy, York, has returned to her home. She spent a holiday in Union, at Mrs. Ambrose Mallets.

Miss Elizabeth Watts, York, is employed at the School Supply, Charlottetown, for the summer months.

Mrs. Frank Watts has returned to her home in York. She was a patient in the P.E. Island Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Kent Jones and son Keith of Hazelbrook, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Vessey, York, Sunday, July 29th.

Mr. and Mrs. Leith Watts and little daughter Janice, Charlottetown, have taken up residence in York, for the summer months.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Moore and family, Charlottetown, spent Sunday in York at the home of Mr.

and Mrs. Harry Lewis.

Mrs. Vernon Rodd, daughter Roma and son visited York Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Allen, York, have returned to their home. They spent a holiday in Cape Breton, N.S.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave MacDonald, Union, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Crockett, York, Monday.

The many friends of little Lorna Crockett are glad to see her home again. She was hit by a car one afternoon recently in front of her home. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Crockett, York. BO

Guest Soloist At Trinity U. Church

Guest soloist at Trinity United Church, Charlottetown, on Sunday morning, was Mrs. Laura J. Hubley of Brighton, Massachusetts. Mrs. Hubley is well-known in Prince Edward Island as a former resident of this province. She is a graduate of the Halifax Ladies College and Conservatory of Music. Mrs. Hubley has held church positions with the First Baptist Church, St. Paul's Cathedral, Old South Congregational Church and Brighton Congregational Church, all in Boston, Mass.

Mrs. Hubley and her husband, Mr. M. S. Hubley, pay yearly visits to this province and enjoy meeting their many friends and relatives.

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Says There Are Too Many Old Men In Canadian Politics

ORILLIA (CP)—Historian F. H. Underhill said Sunday night Canada politically has become an old man's country.

He told the 25th Couchiching Conference at a press byline that there are too many old men among Canadian politicians. This, he said, oppresses the country's politics with a sense of futility and frustration.

Mr. Underhill, formerly a professor of history at the University of Toronto, now is curator of Laurier House, Ottawa. He spoke on the second day of the week-long conference, jointly sponsored by the CBC and the Canadian Institute on Public Affairs. The text of his address was released to the press in advance.

He compared the ages of today's top political figures with those of a near-century ago, at the time of Confederation and during the winning of responsible government.

John A. MacDonald was less than 50 in 1864 and his chief colleague Georges E. Cartier just over 50. D'Arcy McGee was 39, Charles Tupper 43 and Leonard Tilley 46. All played top roles in the political development of the Dominion.

Quipped Mr. Underhill: "Of the outstanding men at that time there was only one great figure who failed to see the opportunity of the moment. He was Joseph Howe and what was wrong with Howe in October, 1864, was obviously that he was too old for constructive statesmanship; he had reached the advanced age of 60."

FRONT BENCHERS OLD

On the other hand, Mr. Underhill said, Prime Minister St. Laurent is 74, Trade Minister Howe 70, Agriculture Minister Gardiner 72, Opposition Leader Drew 62, CCF leader Caldwell 67 and Social Credit leader Low 56.

Even the Liberal front benchers at Ottawa, who may shortly take over the government, are older than Cartier during Confederation, even though Cartier was the oldest of the leading Fathers of Confederation.

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- Dance at Pembroke school, Tuesday, August 7.
- Chicken supper Iona August 8th Supper 5 to 9. Dance after.
- Regular Dance Bonshaw Inn. Tuesday night. Burns Orchestra.
- Dance St. Peter's Holy Name Hall, Tuesday night. MacEwen's Orchestra.
- Ice cream festival and dance, St. Peter's Harbour School, August 7.
- Annual Lobster Supper, St. Mark's Parish, Lot 7, Tuesday August 21st.
- Farmers' Buying and cleaning Timothy Seed. W. H. Burns, Malpeque.
- Dance in Forest Hill Hall, Wednesday, July 11th. Turner's Orchestra.
- Regular dance Crapaud Rink, Wednesday night, 9:30-12:30 Burns Orchestra.
- Chicken Supper, Bazaar and Dance South Rustico, Wednesday, August 8th.
- Dance Mt. Stewart Memorial Hall, Tuesday night. Rollie MacKenzie's Orchestra.
- Cars Old Sydney and Albion coal to arrive. Please book. J. F. Morris, Kinkora.
- St. Teresa's Picnic, Aug. 8th Turkey and ham supper, 4:30 p.m. till 9 p.m. Dance 9 to 12.
- Dance in New Glasgow Hall every Tuesday night, 9 to 12. Canteen.
- Crapaud Exhibition, Wednesday, August 29th on Crapaud Rink Grounds.
- Weekly Dance Fort Augustus Hall every Wednesday night. Burke's Orchestra.
- Seven Mile Bay Parish annual chicken supper and carnival, Wednesday, August 22.
- Mount Herbert Ladies' Aid ice cream festival at David Mutch's, Wednesday evening, August 22.
- Dance West Royalty Hall, Wednesday, Rollie MacKenzie's Orchestra. Canteen service, 9:30 to 12:30.
- Dance Cardigan Legion Hall, every Thursday night, P.A. system, canteen service, Websters Orchestra.
- Crapaud St. John's Church picnic August 8. Excellent meals, canteen, music, swing, sports, fish pond, bowling, bazaar booth. Plan to attend.
- Provincial Plowing Match and Agricultural Fair will be held on September 12 and 13 at Dundas. Prize lists available on request. Albert Acorn, Secretary, Cardigan P.E.I.
- The Smiling Bill's Trio will be presented in Holy Name Hall, St. Peter's, tonight. Sponsored by St. Peter's Parish. Show time 8:30. Admission 50c and 35c. Followed by a dance.
- Ham and salad supper on Geddie Memorial Church grounds, Wednesday, August 8. Serving from 4 to 8. If not fine, supper will be held in French River Hall. Proceeds for Church repairs.
- Smiling Bill's Trio will be presented in the St. Margaret's Hall, Wednesday, August 8. Sponsored by the Bear River and St. Margaret's C.W.I.s. Show time 8:30. Admission 50c and 35c.
- The annual tea party, Stewart Memorial Health Centre will be held in Tyne Valley, Aug. 8. Meals will be served in the canteen facility from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. also canteen service, ice cream booths, bazaar and fancy cakes will be on sale. Swing, ball games, tug-of-war and other amusements in field opposite factory. Dancing from 8 p.m. till 12 p.m. Lowell Hostels will furnish the music. Square and round dancing. Come and bring your friends.

VOLUNTEER OUTFIT

Marine Corps Described As "Real Shook" By Case

(The following story was written by Ben Price, a former Marine captain and veteran of the Second World War and Korea.)

By BEN PRICE

PARRIS ISLAND, S. C. (AP)—The best way to describe the U.S. Marine Corps right now is "real shook."

These words were brought by the Marines from Korea and originally applied to a man in a state of shock from too many near misses.

Ah, here, wherever Staff Sgt. Matthew C. McKeon goes, he will be known as the man who shook the corps right down to the heels of its combat boots.

McKeon is the man who marched 74 recruits into a tide-swept marsh where six were drowned on April 8. For that unauthorized night disciplinary march and other acts, he was convicted of negligent homicide and violation of a general order last Friday night.

Saturday he was given a bad conduct discharge from the Marine Corps and sentenced to nine months in prison. The sentence is still subject to review by the navy department and may be appealed if not reduced there.

But what happened to McKeon is, in a large measure, almost incidental to what has happened to the corps, which prizes itself as tough training.

In the McKeon case there was evidence that drill instructors have been in the past almost wholly responsible for the training of the recruits.

SLAPPED ABOUT

There was testimony that recruits were slapped about by the instructors, that they were hazed in sundry ways and called an assortment of names, none of which could be used in polite society.

In the name of discipline and toughness, they were sent on exhaustive marches, made to crawl on their elbows and toes and subjected to endless calisthenics.

As one drill instructor put it, the mission was to train men "with Marine Corps emblems for eyeballs."

I went through basic training here in 1942 and, like everyone else, was subjected to a certain amount of hazing, but never in the 10 weeks I was here did I see a drill instructor lay a hand on any member of my platoon.

A strange thing has happened to the Marine Corps and it is difficult to tell whether it is cause or effect.

Prior to the Second World War, the Marines were a small, tough, professional outfit. During the war itself the corps was expanded to more than 500,000 men. Now the corps is, by law, maintained at three divisions and three air wings—about 205,000 officers and men.

The Marines are a volunteer outfit and, as such, are constantly seeking long-term enlistments. They have had a struggle.

In an effort to maintain strength they have accepted what they call "Mental Group IV" as recruits. These are slow, hard to teach men. "Idiot," the drill instructors call them.

Since January a large number of new Marine recruits have been in that mental group. It is small wonder that a drill instructor, pressed to turn out Marines, spends a great deal of his time suffering outraged frustration.

This business of being pressured to turn out good, basic Marines illuminated another aspect of this present day Marine Corps which is difficult to understand.

From time to time it has seemed to me that an undeclared war existed between the drill instructors and the officers.

The officers have demanded the production of Marines. They have drawn up neat plans for the drill instructor to follow. The pressure was on the drill instructor to produce.

Drill instructors have said privately that the pressure was on, that the officers looked the other way at their methods—until something went wrong.

DUCK BLAME

At this point, the drill instructors have said, the officers have always pointed to a regulation, disclaimed responsibility and "hung us."

The old easy relationship that once existed in the corps between officers and men is, to me, conspicuously missing here.

The drill instructors here are reluctant to say much for publication. One said, not for attribution "what the hell can you expect when you find officers 18 months in the corps who can't even put together a field pack?"

If the McKeon case has done nothing else, it has illuminated vividly the responsibility of the officers for supervision of training practices.

One colonel, D. W. Silvey, admitted he had never run a thorough night inspection of the recruit areas to see what was going on. He was the training and operations officer.

It is a fairly safe bet that henceforth every officer, on this post at least, from commanding general to lieutenant, is going to make it his business to know what is going on.

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Fisheries Loan Legislation Said To Be Virtually Useless

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP) — Pat Antle, treasurer of the Newfoundland Federation of Fishermen, said Saturday the federal government's statute authorizing loans to fishermen, as it now stands, "is virtually useless to the fishermen of Newfoundland."

The great majority of our fishermen are barred from using it because of the red tape involved," he said in an interview.

"When the federal government passed this act we thought our fishermen could use it to obtain loans, buy their supplies and thus free themselves from the evils of the old credit system, but such has not been the case.

"Under the present act a fisherman seeking a loan to outfit himself for fishing has to have responsible people back his loan and make themselves personally liable if for some reason he is unable to pay," Mr. Antle said.

"The small Newfoundland fisherman simply has no person able to back the loan."

"Therefore as far as Newfoundland is concerned the act is a total failure and does nothing to help our fishermen. Its regulations defeat its very purpose."

Mr. Antle said the federation was hopeful "that the situation will be remedied and these regulations amended or adjusted to meet the needs of our fishermen."

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