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CANADA PRESENTS FOUR MODERN MINESWEEPERS TO FRENCH NAVY

By Kingsley Brown Jr.
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HALIFAX, (CP)—Canada gave four ready-to-fight mine-sweepers to France Wednesday under the mutual aid agreement of the North Atlantic Treaty.
Tears rolled down French Ambassador Hubert Guerin's cheeks as Defence Minister Claxton formally delivered the coastal-type vessels in a stirring quasi-ceremony.
Mr. Claxton said he was confident they would be well used for preservation of peace, then pointed at the new \$4,000,000 vessels and said to M. Guerin:
"There are your ships."
A raw, 15-knot wind swept the dockyard parade square where a crowd of about 800 heard the defence minister and M. Guerin address the orderly ranks of an honor guard and the Canadian and French Navy crews.
"The fact that he had no fire for five years does not lead him to stop paying the premium or cancel the insurance."
He added that development of weapons of gigantic destructive power made it a paramount duty to do everything possible to preserve the peace.
Mr. Guerin said the ships would pursue a career "worthy of the ideal which presided over their construction."
Later the ships' Canadian crews marched with the Frenchmen with the red-tasseled berets to the quay where Thunder, Cowichan, Fundy and Chignecto were moored line astern.
As the naval band played "Sunset," the Canadian naval ensigns were lowered and gathered by Canadian seamen. Booms' pipes squealed. French seamen stepped forward, hoisted the French tricolor. Both saluted.
It was then, with the band playing "La Marseillaise" and the ships now officially the Dunkerquoise, Bayonnaise, Paillonnaise and Malouine, that tears came to M. Guerin.

Insurance Continues

Referring to NATO and its objectives, Mr. Claxton said a prudent man always insures his home.

POTATO BOAT REACHES GEORGETOWN MAKING RECORD FOR THIS SEASON

The German built M/V "Ciandra" which made several trips from Charlottetown to United States ports and points in the West Indies last year, entered Georgetown harbour at eight o'clock last evening to register as the first vessel to make an Island port this season.
The "Ciandra" which has been under the watchful eye of Captain Angus Brown from his observation post far above in the air ice patrol, was navigated through scattered ice floes and by four p.m. yesterday had reached a point thirty miles east of East Point, P. E. I. From there on the going was easy and on a full speed ahead basis.
Captain Hess who is in command of the "Ciandra" deeply appreciated the assistance rendered by Captain Brown, as did also Mr. George Buntain of Buntain Bell & Company who was kept informed of the progress of the ship towards Georgetown where the loading of 12,000 bags of potatoes for the West Indies will be started today.

Questioned On Highway Route

The route of the Trans Canada Highway east of Charlottetown will follow the present route as closely as possible stated Premier A. W. Matheson in the Legislature last night in reply to a question by Mr. John A. MacDonald, PC Third King's.
Hon. Dougald MacKinnon, Minister of Public Works and Highways, stated that the biggest problem was the Hillsborough bridge crossing. He added that the Government felt it made a little money but they could not sell were used for smaller bridges throughout the Province.
Speaking in reference to the bridge at Victoria, he stated that the Government could not do anything except what they did "I feel confident there will be a development there. It may be a Marsh Land Reclamation project," he stated.

Father Committed On Murder Attempt

MONTREAL, (CP)—Charged with attempting to murder his two small sons by feeding them rat poison on bread, Charles Trudeau, 32, was committed for trial Wednesday by Chief Judge Edouard Archambault.
Police said Trudeau also took poison and intended to die with the boys, Jacques, 8, and Edouard, 6.
While her husband sat stolidly, Mrs. Trudeau testified she found a short farewell note on their television set after Trudeau and the boys were taken ill.
Police, who arrived in time to save the three, testified that bread spread with the poison was found beside them.

Coming Events

- *Crockinole party, Wheatley River Hall, Friday night.
- *Reserve Wednesday, July 14, Lower Montague Regatta.
- *Kingston Branch Canadian Legion monthly meeting, Charlottetown, April 8th.
- *Special offer car price Dairy Concentrate 35%. Dairy Ration 16%; also all cake, oil process. Central Farmers Co-op. Phone 9322.
- *King's daughters Pantry Sale at 8. A. McDonald's, Saturday at 2:30.
- *Variety Concert in St. Charles Hall, Easter Monday night, April 19th. Dance after.
- *Show Morell Hall, Friday "Anybody Seen My Gal?" You will enjoy the picture.
- *South Shore Musical Festival meeting, Tryon Consolidated School, Wednesday, April 14th. Institutes please send representatives.
- *Farmers: Requiring financial help to raise Hogs, Chickens, Turkeys, do it the Shur-Gain way. Contact our dealers or P. L. Morris Shur-Gain Feed Mills, Kinkora, Summerside, Charlottetown.
- *It's the talk of the country. What is? 18% Shur-Gain Pig Booster. My sales have increased 100% in two months. Get some for your pigs today. Cheap at double the price. E. J. MacDougall, Vernon.
- *We have told you that there is none better at any price. Every bag is the same. That is Shur-Gain 20% Chick Starter. Convince yourself by trying it for chicks this year. E. J. MacDougall, Vernon.

Save Southeast Asia From Reds, U. S. Leaders Urge

At Annual Meeting Of Girl Guides Association



Shown above with Mrs. T. W. L. Prowse, honorary president of the P. E. I. Girl Guides Association, are a number of those who attended the annual meeting held yesterday afternoon at Government House. From left to right, front row: Mrs. Alan Macmillan, Public Relations Commissioner; Miss Jean MacFayden, Summerside; Mrs. Gordon Hutchison, Provincial Commissioner; Mrs. Prowse; Miss Carrie Holman and Miss Margaret Wedge, Summerside; Miss Iphigene Arsenault, Queen's County Commissioner; Back row: Miss Gladys Hart, Camp Commissioner; Mrs. Fred S. Jenkins, District Commissioner for North Charlottetown; Mrs. J. O. MacLean, Inter-District Commissioner for South Charlottetown; Mrs. John Sutherland, Deputy Provincial Commissioner; Mrs. T. L. Linkletter, District Commissioner for Summerside; Mrs. Alex Horne, Mrs. Kenneth Crump and Mrs. Gordon Ramsay, all of Summerside. (—Barter's Film Lab.)

Tornado Threat In Ont. Passes

TORONTO, (CP)—The Dominion weather office said Wednesday night the threat of tornadoes for western Ontario, of which it issued a special warning earlier, now is over.
The Dominion weather office, in a bulletin issued at 6 p.m. EST, said "The threat of tornadoes for Ontario is over" but added that thunderstorms and strong winds still were forecast for southern Ontario Wednesday night.
The weather bureau said that "isolated tornadoes" occurred over southern Michigan Wednesday and winds averaging 35 miles an hour, with gusts reaching 70 miles an hour, were reported in the Central area of Ontario.
Earlier the weather bureau had said there was a risk of "isolated tornado" activity late Wednesday in western Ontario west of a line through Parry Sound, Barrie and Hamilton.

GIRL GUIDES' ROLE IN EMERGENCY IS STRESSED AT ANNUAL MEETING

The very important part which might be played by Girl Guides in time of emergency was stressed by Mr. Gordon MacDonald, chairman of the Red Cross Disaster Services Committee, as he addressed the annual meeting of the P. E. I. Girl Guides Association, held yesterday afternoon at Government House.
This Province, Mr. MacDonald stated, while not likely to be subjected to attack, is definitely listed by military authorities as a possible evacuation centre. In the event of a major disaster, the committee would be placed at the disposal of the civil defence organization; otherwise it would continue to function alone. He described the set-up of the Disaster Services Committee—two branches, one each in Charlottetown and Summerside, first aid teams, and sub-committees, for first aid, shelter, food, clothing and transportation, among others.
There were possible outlets for senior Guides on nearly every committee, he pointed out, and added that Guide training, which stresses readiness to help others, obedience and self control, would fit these girls for such tasks since in time of disaster people are needed who can keep their heads and avoid panic, which is often a great killer as the disaster itself. Mr. MacDonald said he would be glad to meet with members of the Guide organization and discuss plans for participation in such activities.
Enthusiasm noted
Enthusiasm in all phases of Guiding in the Province was noted in the reports presented yesterday, with the visit of World Chief Guide Lady Baden-Powell as the highlight of the year's activities.
Mrs. T. W. L. Prowse, honorary president, presented warrants to four new commissioners. Miss Gladys Hart, Camp Commissioner; Mrs. Fred S. Jenkins, District Commissioner for North Charlottetown; Mrs. J. O. MacLean, Inter-District Commissioner for South Charlottetown; Mrs. John Sutherland, Deputy Provincial Commissioner.

H-Bombs Now Big Enough; Another Tested Tuesday

WASHINGTON, (AP)—President Eisenhower says hydrogen bombs are now big enough to meet military requirements, and the United States doesn't intend to see how big they can be built.
His answers to press conference questions Wednesday came only a short time before the Atomic Energy Commission announced that a third nuclear test explosion had been conducted Tuesday at the Pacific Island proving grounds.
This explosion followed two previous hydrogen blasts in March and, although the commission did not specify, it presumably was another thermonuclear test.
A reception here from federal and municipal officials April 14 will be the final official function of the 3rd battalion. It is soon to become the 1st battalion, Canadian Guards.

Opposition Leader Charges Highway Planning Bonshaw To City "Bungled"

"The whole Trans-Canada Highway show between Bonshaw and Charlottetown has been bungled from start to finish," stated Mr. R. R. Bell, leader of the Opposition as he concluded his address on the Budget debate in the Legislature last night.
"We now have the promise of a road from Bonshaw through Churchill, New Haven to Cornwall and North River, which is possibly the most costly of all sites," he stated. "This direction through Churchill was condemned by the previous leader as impossible, now it is quite O.K."
"In the beginning I believe the road should have come through Argyle Shore down the south side to New Dominion or thereabouts and then by a promised and sorely needed bridge to Meadow Bank across the West River. The course there should have been by a Brighton Bridge to Charlottetown. Everyone then would have been happy and satisfied. We would have had our light pavement to connect through New Haven, Clyde River to Bonshaw and westward."
Mr. Bell stated that he had pressed for information regarding the route of the road for three years but the Government had kept the public in the dark. "We should have had it long ago but Liberalism for some reason or other has given us the situation we have today."
"In completing the job I am asking the Minister before he may leave his Department to do something for the Village at Victoria in giving it access to the Trans-

Princess Margaret Cuts Souvenir Bit Of Coal In Mine

NOTTINGHAM, England, (Reuters)—Princess Margaret wielded a miner's pick axe Wednesday. She used it to cut a souvenir chunk of coal from a thick seam 1,158 feet underground during a visit to nearby Calverton coal mine.
The princess, wearing a white miner's hat, safety lamp and heavy white smock, spent nearly an hour watching black-faced miners at work.
A train of green-painted cars hauled by a diesel engine took her several miles through a dark tunnel, lighted only by the train's headlights and bobbing miners' lamps, to the main coal face.
For a while the princess stood in dust which came to the tops of her low-heeled shoes watching miners digging coal and loading it on to a conveyor belt.
Then she was handed a brand new pick axe and invited to take a crack at the seam herself. She hacked out a piece of coal as big as her fist.
Margaret was clutching the coal souvenir as she emerged from the cage on the surface. Hundreds of miners, their wives and children cheered her.

1,400 Troops En Route From Korea

OTTAWA, (CP)—Nearly 1,400 Canadian troops who have served for a year in Korea are scheduled to reach the west coast Sunday, army headquarters said Wednesday.
Bulk of the soldiers comprises the 3rd Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment. Other units represented in the draft include the 4th field squadron, Royal Canadian Engineers; No. 5 transport company, Royal Canadian Army Service Corps; 4th field ambulance, Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps; and 40th infantry workshop, Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers.
A reception here from federal and municipal officials April 14 will be the final official function of the 3rd battalion. It is soon to become the 1st battalion, Canadian Guards.

15 Million To Maintain N.B. Camp

FREDERICTON, (CP)—Defence Minister Brooke Claxton said Wednesday the federal government will spend \$15,000,000 a year to maintain the 427 square miles of Camp Gagetown as a giant proving ground for Canadian troops and weapons.
Mr. Claxton said in a prepared statement issued here the first army formation "of brigade strength" will deploy for training over the sparsely populated chunk of Queens and Sunbury Counties between June 15 and July 15 this year. Camp Gagetown is located in south-central New Brunswick. A Canadian brigade usually numbers about 6,000-7,000 men.
The federal government chose the camp site Aug. 1, 1952 after it became apparent that the army needed more elbow room to fire long-range weapons and turn out troops with a know-how of major formations.
The first detachments to undergo training will live under "active service conditions"; that is, in tents.
Scores Of Buildings
Mr. Claxton said the scores of buildings to be built on the camp site will be completed by late 1954 or early 1955. He said the camp eventually would be able to handle 5,000 men on a permanent basis "and many more" during training periods.
The region is ideal for deployment tanks, half-track armored vehicles and heavy trucks. It is near arteries of communication and the climate will enable year-round training.
Mr. Claxton said another advantage is its proximity to Atlantic embarkation ports through which troops would move overseas.
He disclosed that the government may have to turn to the exchequer court to reach agreement with a few former owners of land in the area from which all residents are to be removed. Most cases, however, have been settled amicably.
Remove Civilians
"In view of the training operations scheduled for the summer of 1954," Mr. Claxton said, "it will undoubtedly be necessary to have the greater part of the area cleared of all civilian population by June 1, 1954."
He said the federal government also was receiving and acknowledging certain other claims for compensation from the former tenants of land in the area.
Camp Gagetown ultimately will have quarters for 1,400 families but work on them will not start until the spring of 1955.

LOSS OF INDO-CHINA MIGHT START CHAIN REACTION, EISENHOWER FEARS

(By John Scala)
WASHINGTON, (AP)—President Eisenhower and State Secretary Dulles publicly called on free nations Wednesday to express both the will and the readiness to save strategic Southeast Asia from Communism.
At a press conference, Eisenhower soberly warned that loss of Indo-China would have incalculable consequences. It might cause nearby Southeast Asia countries, he said, to topple like dominoes.
To solve the problem there must be a concert of opinion, and a concert of readiness to react in whatever way is necessary, Eisenhower told reporters.
Dulles meanwhile urged friendly governments to demonstrate "a united will to back up French union forces now battling a powerful Red offensive in Indo-China."
Such a united will, he said, "will diminish the need for unilateral action." But, he added in a speech:
"There should be, I hope, a willingness to have united action if the event should be such as to require it."
Ten-Country Plan
As Eisenhower and Dulles spoke out, diplomatic officials disclosed that the United States was trying to line up a 10-country bloc to oppose further Communist aggression in Southeast Asia.
The American plan, they said, calls for countries with vital interests in the area to agree on readiness to use military action, if necessary, depending on developments in the bloody seven-year war for Indo-China.
Countries now being sounded out secretly to join such an agreement are Britain, France, Australia, New Zealand, the Philippines, Thailand and the three Indo-China states—Viet Nam, Laos and Cambodia.
Some countries already are reported to have expressed willingness to join such a security grouping. Britain, whose agreement is regarded as critically important, has not yet given its reply.
Eisenhower made it clear the U. S. government has no intention of moving single-handedly to check Communist expansion in Southeast Asia. There must be what he described as a concert of opinion and readiness to react in whatever way is necessary.

Highways Minister Outlines Plans For Work On The Trans Canada Highway

This year we propose the completion of the sub-grading from Cornwall to Bonshaw and from Orwell to Vernon Bridge, a total of 11 1/2 miles, stated Hon. Dougald MacKinnon, Minister of Public Works and Highways as he spoke about the Trans-Canada Highway in the Budget Debate in the Legislature last night.
"Tenders will be called on these sections as soon as the specifications can be completed," added Mr. MacKinnon.
"We feel with the staff available and the money at our disposal that this along with the proposed crossing at North River and the laying of 3 1/2 miles of concrete paving from Malpeque Road (near Charlottetown) towards Cornwall is all we can reasonably expect to accomplish in the way of construction for the coming season in the matter of Trans-Canada Highway.
"It is possible, circumstances permitting, that the surface of the newly graded road leading to Borden will be stabilized by some material which would serve as a base for the pavement, and would eliminate the deplorable conditions usually encountered on newly graded roads in the Spring and Fall, until the permanent surfacing is completed.
"It has not yet been decided what type of construction will be used for the crossing at North River. We have now a competent Consulting Engineer, experienced in causeway construction, investigating the possibility of constructing a causeway at this point. A structure of this type has many advantages one of which is its permanency.
"Not only would the money expended remain largely in the Province, as this structure would contain largely local material, the trucking of the immense fill would (Continued on page 15, Col 1)

Leading Canadian Dairyman Dies

MONTREAL, (CP)—Peter D. McArthur, 72, a leading figure for many years in dairy associations and a past president of the Canadian Ayrshire Breeders Association, died suddenly in his hotel room here Wednesday.
Mr. McArthur was president of the Montreal Milk Producers Association and of the United Milk Producers Association of Quebec at the time of his death. In addition, he was a member of the Quebec Dairy Industry Commission.
He was in Montreal on a business trip from his farm at Howick, Que., where he had a prize herd of purebred Ayrshire cattle.
President of the Montreal Progressive Conservative Association in 1944, he was the first president of the Dairy Farmers of Canada organization and also a Quebec director.
Among survivors are his widow and three sons, Arnold, Shawinigan Falls, Que., Alistair, Howick, and Wylie, in the United States.



TORONTO, (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

| | Min. | Max. |
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| Dawson | 16b | 16 |
| Vancouver | 40 | 51 |
| Victoria | 41 | 52 |
| Edmonton | 6b | 32 |
| Calgary | 1 | 41 |
| Regina | 11 | 28 |
| Winnipeg | 30 | 31 |
| Toronto | 41 | 52 |
| Ottawa | 35 | 44 |
| Montreal | 37 | 51 |
| Quebec | 34 | 47 |
| Saint John | 38 | 48 |
| Moncton | 35 | 37 |
| Halifax | 38 | 47 |
| Charlottetown | 32 | 33 |
| Sydney | 37 | 35 |
| St. John's | 29 | 31 |

HALIFAX, (CP)—The Dominion Public Weather Office here says a disturbance over northern Ontario is moving rapidly eastward and is expected to cause intermittent rain in the district on Thursday. Following the passage of the disturbance the rain will end, and the weather will turn colder, with cold air flowing into the district from the north.
Regional forecasts:
Prince Edward Island: Intermittent rain beginning morning, ending about sunset; mild; southerly winds 25 shifting to north 25 in afternoon. Low-high at Charlottetown 25 and 47.
Eastern N. B. counties, lower St. John River valley: rain, ending in afternoon, clearing in evening; turning much colder in afternoon. South winds 25 shifting to north 25 in afternoon. Low-high at Moncton 25 and 50, Fredericton 30 and 35, Saint John 30 and 50.
High tide today at Charlottetown at 2:28 a.m. and 1:50 p.m.
Summerside tide 18 minutes later.
Sun rises today at 6:42 a.m. and sets at 6:40 p.m.