



INSPECT EQUIPMENT USED

### Commends Air Force Personnel For Springhill Disaster Work

OTTAWA — Air Marshal C.R. Slemmon, Chief of the Air Staff, has commended the personnel of five RCAF stations in the Maritimes for their splendid efforts in providing assistance at the scene of the recent Springhill disaster. It was announced Monday by Air Force headquarters.

The five Air Force stations are No. 16 "X" Depot, Debert, N.S., No. 5 Supply Depot, Moncton, N.B., RCAF Station Chatham, N.B., and RCAF Station Summerside, P.E.I.

The commendations refer to the stations' "significant contribution to the completion of a very important task." In particular, Flight Lieutenant Paul Woodside, of Summerside, P.E.I., Commanding Officer of No. 16 "X" depot, Debert, N.S., is congratulated for the manner in which he co-ordinated the activities of the various RCAF personnel involved in the rescue operation.

Working in close cooperation with Major E. Condie, the mine disaster coordinator, F.L. Woodside organized the RCAF group into an efficient work force. Under his direction the air force personnel assisted wherever required: setting up beds in an emergency hospital, picking up food and equipment contributions in the local area, directing traffic and supplying and servicing portable oxygen equipment.

### Russia's Call For Special UN Session Viewed Warily

By LLOYD McDONALD  
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UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (CP) — The expected return of Canada's L. B. Pearson to the United Nations increased speculation here today that Russia's call for a special General Assembly session on disarmament will be rejected.

The Soviet proposal came Monday from Deputy Foreign Minister Vassily Kuznetsov as the assembly's political committee resumed debate on the long-deadlocked subject. It came in the Russian reply to the new five-point United States proposal introduced at the outset of Monday's session by Henry Cabot Lodge, the chief American delegate.

It came, also, just before the Canadian external affairs minister hinted to the House of Commons in Ottawa that he would be cool to the idea of a special assembly session on the disarmament issue. American and British sources in advance of today's meeting expressed much the same attitude.

Pearson did not refer directly to the new Soviet call in his speech to the Commons. But in a general reference to the UN assembly he spoke of the advantages of hammering out policies by discussions among friends, as opposed to resorting to "high-sounding moral platitudes" in the assembly.

**NO SUBSTITUTE**

There was a tendency to forget, he said, that the UN is no substitute for the national policies of its members.

American circles in the delegation took the stand that the U.S. and many other powers long have stressed the need for technical agreement in the disarmament sub-committee — of which Canada and the Big Four are members — followed by general agreement

### The Grasshopper Is No Longer The Menace It Was In 30's

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Control measures have all but eliminated any chance of a return to the days when the grasshopper ranked with hail, drought and fallow as a chief enemy of Prairie farmers.

The grasshopper may again invade the Prairies, says William Lobay, supervisor of the Alberta agriculture department's plant protection service, but "if it does, we'll be ready for it."

Infestation in 1957 is not expected to be too heavy, but it could fool anyone trying to make an accurate forecast, for the insect shows up suddenly in a dry year.

In Manitoba, H. E. Wood of the agriculture department said, surveys indicate a considerable build-up in the latter part of 1956, and "extensive control measures will be required this year."

Alberta and Saskatchewan experts say they expect light damage, but agricultural officials are remaining on guard just in case.

**LIGHT SINCE 1950**

Since 1950, infestation has been fairly light.

"In 1956, the hopper infestation was very light with about 1,000,000 acres infested and only about 2,000 acres menaced," said Mr. Lobay of Alberta. "Even in the areas affected, damage was hardly noticeable because crop yields were high."

Saskatchewan and Alberta officials say grasshopper damage was at a minimum.

By comparison, the 1950 grasshopper invasion of Alberta spread over 11,700,000 acres, causing damage estimated at more than \$30,000,000. During 1936-1939, outbreaks a single year saw 27,000,000 acres in Alberta infested.

In 1938, the insects caused \$33,400,000 damage to grain crops in Saskatchewan.

Mr. Lobay says that since the plague years of 1949 and 1950, agriculture has found a cheap, more efficient way of fighting hoppers. Chlorinated hydro-carbon sprays are now used to cover vast acreages quickly when the need arises.

### Dean Says That High School Education Is Far From Free

WINNIPEG (CP) — Dr. M. E. LaZerte, dean of education at the University of Manitoba, says the idea that secondary education is free is one of four false assumptions about education made by the general public.

The 71-year-old educationist told a home and school association here that secondary school education was free only to those who could afford it. He said figures from a survey he made in one Canadian city showed that all children of professional and managerial people entered high school but only 20 per cent of the sons and daughters of unskilled workers did so.

Of the professional groups, 80 per cent expect to go to University while only five per cent of the children of unskilled workers expected to get there.

Dr. LaZerte listed the four false assumptions as: Education opportunity is equal for all children; secondary education is free and most adolescents use it according to their interests; the government is solving the teacher shortage; the standard of education is as high as can be maintained.

**EDUCATION COSTS VARY**

The dean said the 1951-52 educational costs across Canada ranged from \$86 a pupil in Newfoundland to \$293 in British Columbia.

Even within a province the costs vary. In three Manitoba municipalities, classroom costs varied from \$1,318 to \$4,101.

He added that a person who wished to become a dentist, audit a financial statement or draw up a set of plans for a home needed senior matriculation followed by three, four or even five years of university education.

But junior matriculation plus a few months of teacher training was all that was required for a teacher who had to lead and develop future citizens, workers and professional men.

Dr. LaZerte said Canadian a country that spends only 8.3 per cent of federal, provincial and municipal taxes on elementary and secondary education could well afford to raise standards, increase efficiency and pay teachers better salaries.

### Radford Urges Passage Of Eisenhower Resolution

By LEWIS GULICK

WASHINGTON (AP)—Admiral Arthur W. Radford says passage by the U.S. Congress of the Eisenhower Middle East resolution would "practically eliminate the chances of war" in that area.

The chairman of the joint chiefs of staff testified Jan. 8 at a closed session of the House of Representatives foreign affairs committee. His testimony, made public today after censoring for security made these other points:

1. The United States has a "definite" military superiority over Russia, probably even somewhat greater than that of a year ago.
2. The United States now has the capability of moving men and material effectively and quickly into the Middle East in case it has to help put out a "brush-fire" war.
3. He doubts small wars would break out at the same time in different parts of the world. The Eisenhower resolution does not anticipate that the U.S. would have to fight a limited war in the Middle East, but it would make such a war less likely.

**UNUSED FUNDS**

The released testimony also disclosed administration figures showing, as of a week ago today, \$417,000,000 is still unused out of already-voted foreign aid funds. This included \$236,400,000 marked "not firmly programmed" and \$180,500,000 tabbed "reserved for programs under active consideration."

President Eisenhower has asked authority to use up to \$200,000,000 of existing foreign aid money for the Middle East without restrictions now in the law. Another \$200,000,000 a year is asked for the same purpose during the next two years.

His resolution also would include congressional authorization for use of American armed force in the Middle East in event of

### U. S. Is Ousting Soviet Attache

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER  
WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States is expelling the assistant military attache at the Soviet Embassy on grounds that he improperly bought U.S. "electronic equipment" and tried to purchase secret military information.

Action against Maj. Yuri P. Krylov was taken late Monday. He was ordered to "depart from the U.S. immediately."

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