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ALLIED TROOPS CONTINUE ADVANCE IN CENTRAL KOREA

U. S. Revises Portion Of Price Control System

Two Men, One Woman Captured After Chase Following Bank Holdup

MONTREAL, Feb. 27 — (CP) — Two heavily-armed men, believed to be the "kissing bandits" wanted for a $3,000 holdup of a north-end Rosemount bank three weeks ago, and a female accomplice were captured at gunpoint today after the $6,700 robbery of the same bank.

Chief of Detectives Wilfrid Bourdon said: "We have every reason to believe the two men robbed the same branch recently, and they may be connected with other unsolved robberies."

Police said they forced a taxi driver to take part in the holdup but made the mistake of bringing the man inside the bank with them.

The driver, also unidentified, gave his license number to one of the customers who passed it on to police.

Two veterans of the police holdup squad, Detective-Sgts. Pat Melancon and Adrien Cardinal, captured the trio after a brief chase during which police pumped three bullets into the getaway car. The suspects gave up without a fight after the officers stopped their car in the city's east end.

Police said the three suspects hailed a taxicab and forced the driver to take them to a Banque Canadienne Nationale branch at Dandurand and 14th Avenues in Rosemount.

Each armed with a gun, the two men walked into the office of manager Fernand Hebert and ordered him to open the vault. Eight other persons were in the bank at the time, Clerk Roland Durand and seven customers, including three women.

Scooping up their loot, the gunmen herded the people into the basement where they tied their feet with rope.

The female bandit at the same time grabbed the purse of Mrs. A. Beaupre, police said.

The police officers spotted the car shortly after the robbery and fired a warning shot in the air, before firing two bullets in the trunk of the fleeing vehicle.

When the car stopped, the detectives ordered the quartet out and Sgt. Melancon pointed his gun at one of the men and told him "put up your hands or I'll blow your head off."

At police headquarters, the loot and the handbag were found in the taxi. The driver was released following questioning and police commended him for supplying the licence number of his car.

Bank manager Herbert said he recognized the pair as those who robbed his bank last Feb. 9 and had taken turns at forcing a woman customer to kiss them.

"I knew it as soon as I laid eyes on them," he said. "I guess they didn't bother with the kissing business today because they had a female accomplice."

TO RUN NATO'S NAVY — Admiral William M. Fechteler, above, commander-in-chief of U.S. Atlantic Fleet, will be named as Supreme Naval Commander for North Atlantic Treaty Organization powers, informed London sources are quoted as saying.

Designed To Put Freeze On Fairer Basis

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27—(AP)—The United States Government today unfroze the retail prices of clothing, furniture, rugs, lamps, drygoods and household textiles, and clamped a new freeze on the retailer's "margin" between what he pays and what he receives.

Many price increases are expected but officials say they expect some price cuts. Price Director Michael V. Disalle told reporters "My guess is that the rollbacks will be greater than the roll-forwards."

Disalle's Office of Price Stabilization issued the first of a series of "margin-type" orders designed to put price controls on a "fairer and more workable" basis than could be expected from the freeze of Jan. 25.

Covers 200,000 Items

The action affects about 233,000 retail companies. It covers an estimated 200,000 different items of merchandise.

These, retailers must get on the new basis no later than March 29. They must mark their goods with selling prices by July 1.

Disalle announced: "The basic objective of this regulation is to establish typical pre-Korean mark-up practices at retail."

But the percentage of margins, or mark-ups, was not rolled back to a pre-Korean date.

On the contrary, each retailer will base his percentage on the percentage he received last Saturday, Feb. 24.

Second Controls Move

This was the second major move taken today on the controls front. In the other, the National Production Authority set up a system under which business men, farmers, public and private institutions and others can use a priority rating to get limited supplies of scarce goods for maintenance, repair and operations.

Major items not affected by the new retail prices order are food, beverages, gasoline and oil, automotive equipment and supplies, large appliances such as refrigerators, drugs, cosmetics, lumber, building supplies, hardware, stationary, fuel, jewelry and housewares.

Later orders will put margin-type rules into effect on such items as these and on wholesalers and manufacturers, too.

Agriculture Minister Discusses Farm Outlook

STE ANNE DE BELLEVUE, Que., Feb. 27—(CP)—Agriculture Minister Gardiner said today that Canadian food producers have two primary objectives—to produce enough food for "our own people" and to sell at a sufficiently high price to encourage them to keep on producing.

Mr. Gardiner spoke at Macdonald College here and formally opened the fourth Macdonald College royal—a students' show designed to show the public how the college assists Canadian agriculture in the solution of its problems.

Mr. Gardiner, who returned yesterday from England where he discussed possible food contracts between Britain and Canada, said the agricultural picture has changed greatly during the 38 years in which he has been associated with the government.

"There is less difficulty in selling agricultural surpluses than at any other time that I can recall," he said.

Canadian farmers were always hopeful that they could produce sufficient so that Canada would be able to sell to other countries in need.

But there was less to sell today because Canadians were consuming more than ever before. There was practically no difficulty, with the exception of cheese, in selling all the dairy production in Canada.

There was no difficulty in disposing of beef and pork products and little difficulty in disposing of crops except in the case of potatoes and apples.

One of the main reasons it was difficult to sell the potato surplus was because the United States had subsidized too high production in that country, making it difficult to sell Canadian potatoes.

Mr. Gardiner said there is always difficulty in disposing of butter surplus Canada has because of the high production cost.

New Zealand butter, which Mr Gardiner said the government did not want to see brought into Canada, was laid down at Halifax at a cost of 40.4 cents a pound.

The floor price in Canada was 53 cents. Canadian farmers could not compete with New Zealand butter. The butter dealers were selling the imported butter at 56 1-2 cents a pound.

"The market price in this country must be comparatively high," said the Minister.

He had no comment about wheat negotiations in Britain.

Patrol Enters Seoul But Withdraws

By ROBERT EUNSON

TOKYO, Feb. 28 — (Wednesday) (AP) — United States 7th and 2nd Division infantrymen today probed deeper into Central Korea's soggy mountains after taking eight miles of a vital east-west highway.

The main objective was to find and kill Reds withdrawing after their east flank defences were crushed Tuesday. A secondary objective was to win control of the road which bisects the peninsula from Kangnung on the east to Seoul on the west.

Cross Han River

On the long-quiet western front, an Allied patrol Tuesday night crossed the Han River and fought its way into the suburbs of Red-held Seoul. It later withdrew.

Canadian, British and New Zealand troops sloshed through the thawing, slippery terrain to capture a hill five miles southeast of Yongdu in one of the stiffest of Tuesday's fights. New Zealand artillery helped drive off the Chinese, estimated at battalion strength.

The hill, barring an Allied advance, had been defended fiercely by the Reds for a week.

The hill is in the triangle formed by Yongduri, Chipyong and Hoengsong. It was in this area that the Commonwealth 27th Brigade, with the 2nd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, Tuesday fought off an enemy force estimated at 2,000.

A communique from Gen. MacArthur's headquarters said patrols, hampered by the thaw, encountered determined enemy positions one to three miles beyond the United Nations' positions.

Commando-type Raid

South Korean sources today disclosed a commando-type raid Sunday to the republic's marines on the west coast within five miles of the 38th parallel.

The marines stormed ashore from naval vessels near Ongjin, 90 miles.

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Remaining Spans Acquired For New Hillsboro Bridge

Prince Edward Island has now acquired all the spans of the bridge built in Montreal for General Chiang Kai Shek two years ago under Canada's mutual aid programme, thus providing sufficient material for spanning the new Hillsboro Bridge and also probably North River Bridge, Premier J. Walter Jones informed The Guardian yesterday. Previously the Premier took up the option held on eight of the steel spans, and yesterday purchased the remaining three spans on receiving word that these also were available.

Seven of the eleven spans have wings or side brackets which are designed for highway accommodation. These seven spans along with the centre span in the present Hillsboro Bridge may be sufficient to bridge the river.

Highways will run on both sides of the trusses with the railroad in the centre if the bridge is used by the railway. If the railway is allowed to abandon the bridge then the highway will be run between the trusses.

Total weight of the eleven steel spans is about 3,600 tons. This averages nearly 350 tons for each span although the spans with the wings or brackets will be considerably heavier than those without.

The swing span in the present Bridge is in good condition, and, if it is used, brackets will be added to it provided that the bridge is used for both highway and railway purposes.

The spans can be brought here in sections either by boat or train. They may be transported to the Island by boat provided that the cost of transportation is less than rail costs, and depending on whether the bridge will be used for rail traffic.

This latter question is still in doubt, and is one which will have to be settled by the Board of Transport Commissioners, Premier Jones explained. The fact that the railway claims the old bridge is unsafe, after the materials for a new bridge are now available, should be a strong point in inducing the Commissioners to rule that this route be maintained by the railway, in preference to routing all rail traffic via Mount Stewart.

The spans were acquired by the Premier at the bargain price of $130 per ton. They cost when built $300 per ton, and today would cost $400 a ton if the steel were available.

$19,817 Spent Under Marshland Grant In P. E. Island

OTTAWA, Feb. 27—(Special)—A total of $19,817.88 has been spent by the federal government up to December 31, 1950 under the Maritime marshlands rehabilitation act, according to an answer filed in the House of Commons today to a question asked by T. J. Kickham, Liberal member for Kings.

This amount was spent in work on the Johnston River marsh beginning some five miles from Charlottetown. Robert McCubbin, parliamentary assistant to agriculture minister Gardiner gave the answer to the King's member's question but offered no details as to how far the marshland reclamation project had gone nor what it was proposed to do this year under the act.

Canada Names Officer To Eisenhower's Staff

OTTAWA, Feb. 27—(CP)—Canada today posted its first army officer to Gen. Eisenhower's staff in what appeared to be a move to prepare plans for the provision of Canadian ground troops for Europe.

The army announced that Maj. Allen L. Brady will be raised to the rank of lieutenant-colonel to serve as a general staff officer with Gen. Eisenhower's staff in Paris.

Duties of the 34-year-old native of France, who served with Canadian artillery and armored units in the last war, were not defined.

Informed quarters, however, said his posting is linked with consideration of what part Canada will play under the North Atlantic European army and probably with the planning of actual troop movements—if and when they come about.

There has been speculation that Canada may form a new brigade, backed by the three battalions returning from Fort Lewis, Wash., and this may be Canada's initial contribution to the North Atlantic army.

It would then be the job of the new Canadian staff officer in Paris to work out how these troops would best fit into Gen. Eisenhower's planning; when and where they would be sent and how they would be used.

The three battalions returning are the 3rd Battalions of the Royal 22nd Regiment, the Royal Canadian Regiment and Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry.

They formed part of the special force which now is preparing to join the 1st Battalion of the Princess Patricias in Korea.

Local Man Given Two-Year Term

VANCOUVER, Feb. 27—(CP)—Donner James L. Stuart, 42, from Charlottetown, today confessed that he stole the $3,100 life savings of an aged widow in Vancouver and was sentenced to two years. Before sentence was imposed, he told the court that he would make restitution when released and "clear my conscience."

Five Children Die In Fire

VAL D'OR, Que., Feb. 27 —(CP) — Five children were burned to death early today when fire destroyed their parents' home at nearby Sullivan. The parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Lejeune, and three other children escaped.

The dead: Willie Lejeune, 15; Robert, 12; Richard, 11; Gloria, 7; and Marie Martha, 6.

The children who escaped are Pearl, 11, twin sister of Richard; Diane, 10; and Ludger, 8.

The parents were visiting friends at Val D'Or when the fire roared through the wooden structure shortly after midnight.

An unidentified cab driver, first to notice the fire, turned in the alarm. But firemen arrived too late to fight the blaze.

The driver said that when he returned to the scene, 11-year-old Pearl was leading Ludger away to a snowbank where Diane, clad only in pyjamas, was lying.

He said that he had to persuade the little girl from re-entering the building in an effort to bring out the other children.

All the children were in bed when the fast-spreading fire engulfed the cottage.

French Premier Offers To Resign

PARIS, Feb. 27 —(AP)—French Premier Rene Pleven turned in his old cabinet's resignation tonight, but President Vincent Auriol refused to accept it.

Pleven acted after receiving a precarious vote of confidence in the National Assembly on his government's proposed new election law. The vote was 243 to 216.

After the vote, Pleven's cabinet decided at a special meeting to step out of office. Pleven called on Auriol to offer the resignation because of the slim margin in parliament.

Auriol, instead, urged Pleven to continue his efforts to revise the national electoral system and the assembly was reconvened to examine the government's scheme.

Won Praise For Helping End War

GREENSBORO, N. C., Feb. 27 — (AP) — Dr. Henry Louis Smith, 91, the man who President Woodrow Wilson declared did more to end the First World War than any other, died today. Dr. Smith devised a balloon message system which was used to drop surrender notes behind the German lines. Many Germans revolted as a result.

Regiment Observes Paardeberg Day

FORT LEWIS, Wash., Feb. 27 — (CP) — The 2nd and 3rd Battalions of the Royal Canadian Regiment today celebrated Paardeberg Day, 51st anniversary of the day the regiment accepted the surrender of 4,000 South African Boers at the battle of Paardeberg.

Paardeberg, a signal honor for the regiment, is traditionally a holiday for its troops. Today's program included a paradeless morning, an afternoon of sports, a special dinner and dance.

Two Bank Robbers Escape With $6,000

PICKERING, Ont., Feb. 27 — Two gunmen today held up the Canadian Bank of Commerce here shortly before the 3 p.m. closing hour and escaped with $6,000, police said.

Pickering is about 15 miles east of Toronto and 10 miles west of Oshawa.

The armed men fled towards Toronto in a late-model gray sedan. Police in this area and in Toronto were warned to watch for the car.

Postal Dept. To Save On Curtailed Service

OTTAWA, Feb. 27 — (CP) — The Post Office Department expects to save about $3,500,000 a year through a proposed curtailment of postal deliveries, Postmaster-General Rinfret said today.

The curtailment calls for one delivery a day in urban residential areas—instead of two—and Mr. Rinfret said in the Commons it was expected 1,200 employees would be taken off delivery service.

The Department is conducting a survey on the best means of absorbing the personnel who will be let out from delivery by March 31.

N. S. Members Debate Education And Industry

(By Joe MacSween)

HALIFAX, Feb. 27—(CP)—Education, industry and car insurance were among subjects discussed in the Nova Scotia Legislature's Throne Speech debate today.

S. W. Proudfoot (L-Pictou West), W. H. Brown (PC-Yarmouth) and E. J. Fraser (L-Yarmouth) discussed education, with some comment on teachers' salaries, so far the most talked-of-issue at the session.

Mr. Brown also spoke in favor of decentralization of industry and said: "This Province should have its share of new industries created by the defence demands of the Federal Government.

"... at the least sign of unemployment the boys at Ottawa start on the old story of decentralizing of industry, of the help that should be given the Maritimes; but as soon as industry begins to boom, they reach out their claws and grab, and when they have it all cornered they start all over again."

Mr. Proudfoot said education had been held in the highest respect in his county for 150 years and the greatest teacher Nova Scotia knew, Dr. Thomas McCulloch, a Scottish immigrant, had established a school and later a college there more than 100 years ago.

Mr. Fraser disagreed with earlier statements by C. C. F. members that there should be a crown company to handle car insurance in the Province along the lines in effect in Saskatchewan. He said the Government should "wield the big club" to bring down rates but shouldn't enter the insurance field itself.

He commended Education Minister Hicks on his "courageous stand" against dipping into Provincial revenue to pay higher teachers' salaries.

Although "swamped with propaganda from teachers" for higher pay, Mr. Fraser said he believes the Province cannot afford higher expenditures in this connection at present.

Mr. Brown asked Highways Minister Rawding to consider the possibilities of allowing driving permits to deaf persons and declared that in Rhode Island, where such licences are allowed, no accidents have been attributed to defective hearing.

Allied Officers Believe Chinese Reds Planning Huge New Offensive

TOKYO, Feb. 28 — (Wednesday) — (AP) — The Chinese and North Korean Communists are planning to launch an offensive within a month with 300,000 troops, a highly-reliable source said today.

AP correspondent Tom Bradshaw reported Tuesday from the field, however, that the Chinese Reds appeared to have postponed the drive, probably because of heavy losses.

The source said the Reds are believed to have 33 divisions moving into attack positions in Central and Western Korea.

This huge force probably will be reinforced by elements of the Third Chinese Field Army from Northeastern Korea. It has not been in action since it forced the U.S. 10th Corps to withdraw from the northeast last winter.

Before the Reds attack, they are expected to mass from 120,000 to 180,000 troops in one sector.

Bradshaw said it appears now that the Chinese buildup is shifting to the western sector of the front.

An estimated 40,000 Chinese troops are in assembly areas north of Seoul. An additional 60,000 are in the hills between Seoul and Hoengsong, mountain stronghold on the central front.

A front-line commander told Bradshaw the present enemy positions indicate the Reds are dug in to defend, rather than in deployment for an attack.

The commander estimated it would take several weeks for the Chinese Reds and North Koreans to shift from the defence to the attack. This led him to believe the enemy forces "have pushed back the date of their expected offensive."

Coming Events

"Mail your Films to Garnhum Photo Studio, Charlottetown.

"Collecting Hogs for Swift Canadian Co. Contact K. MacDonald, Brookfield.

"Victoria Rink school hockey tonight, Cape Traverse, Tryon, Victoria and North Tryon.

"North River Rink tonight, East Royalty Royals vs. Charlottetown Abbies, Intermediate A playoff game at 8:30.

"Picking up hogs by truck, as usual, for Canada Packers Ltd. List your hogs with Sam Frizzell at Eldon. John McRae.

"Buying Pigs today at Fredericton. Paying $27.00 a pair for good pigs over 27 lbs. exct. Will also buy smaller ones. Kindly bring your pigs today as we expect the price to be lower next week. Knud Jorgenson.

"Will be loading hogs at the following points each Thursday: Elmer Wigmore, Breadalbane, until 11.30 A. M. Gordon Bagnall, Hunter River, until noon. Summerside until 1.30 P. M. and Kensington until 3 P. M. MacEwen and Cassidy.

Canada Studying New Gas Mask Respirators

OTTAWA, Feb. 27 — (CP) — Canada is studying new types of respirators for gas masks and other equipment to combat a largely odorless and invisible poison gas the Russians have in large quantities.

Officials, commenting on reports that Danish scientists have started a research program to find a remedy for what they called the "sneaking death" gas, said Canada has been studying its potentialities and uses for some time.

It is known here as the "nerve gas" because it can swiftly destroy the nerves and bring death. It would be quite possible for victims to be stricken before they were aware anything had happened.

Defence authorities here say it is not the worst gas yet developed but it is the worst that can be manufactured and put in weapons for effective use.

They say its qualities have been overstressed but that it is a "very powerful" gas. It is described as "much better" than mustard gas.

It was developed by the Germans in the last war and both the Russians and the Allies seized quantities of it in Germany at the end of the war.

At least small quantities of it are available in Canada and have been used in the drive to find an answer to it.

Since both sides have it, the same situation could conceivably apply as that which prevented any general use of gas in the last war. The Germans had the nerve gas and others but they didn't use them because the Nazis knew the Allies were even better prepared for chemical warfare than they themselves.

Largely in secrecy, Canada has been doing important work on chemical or gas warfare at Suffield, Alta. In fact, Canada did important work in that field in the last war which has never been made public.

Defence Dept. Surveys Unused Military Camps

OTTAWA, Feb. 27 —(CP)—The Defence Department has been quietly surveying many of the military camps which sprang up in the last war and have not been used since.

Considerably more space will be needed by the armed forces because of their expansion. But, officials said today, it should not be assumed that the visit of military officers on an inspection trip necessarily means the revival of the camp in any given area.

They were commenting on reports that the wartime air base at Claresholm, Alta., is going to be reopened as an R. C. A. F. training base in connection with the plan to train more than 1,000 Atlantic Pact airmen in Canada annually.

An R. C. A. F. spokesman said no decision has been reached about Claresholm and that no statement can be made in the meantime.

Figures published today by the Defence Construction Limited pointed up another feature of the rearmament program — a heavy splurge on construction or renovation of barrack blocks.

Contracts for barracks and living quarters were announced for the navy base at Deep Brook, N. S., the air bases at Chatham, N. B., North Bay, Ont., Clinton, Ont., and Whitehorse, Yukon, and army bases at Petawawa, Camp Borden and Barriefield, Ont.

Officials said contracts are being placed under three general headings for the R. C. A. F. and that the same pattern applies fairly generally to the other services.

For permanent bases, certain new buildings are of masonry and steel. Others are of steel superstructure with wooden walls, not only on the permanent bases but also on certain operational bases being put into use again.

The third category includes new construction and repair of wartime buildings on the new training schools. The new buildings will be of the same type—primarily wooden—as those erected in the last war except that they will have concrete foundations instead of wood.

TORONTO, Feb. 27— (CP) — Minimum temperatures observed between 7:30 p.m. and 7:30 a.m. EST; maximum temperatures between 7:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Victoria 31, 43; Edmonton, zero, 8; Calgary 16, 14; Regina 11b, 2f; Winnipeg 12, 15; Toronto 37, 38; Ottawa 31, 34; Montreal 30, 31; Saint John 30, 33; Moncton 28, 30; Halifax 33, 35; Charlottetown 27, 29; Sydney 31, 34; Yarmouth 33, 37; St. John's 35, 41.

HALIFAX, Feb. 27 —(CP) — Official forecasts issued by the Dominion Public Weather Office here and valid until midnight tomorrow.

Synopsis—Light snow is falling in most of the Maritimes this evening, as a weak disturbance passes south of Nova Scotia.

With the centre of the disturbance east of the Maritimes on Wednesday, there will be clearing in the northwestern regions, but snowflurries are expected to persist in the eastern part of the district.

A large mass of very cold air covers most of Canada. This colder air is now beginning to enter the district. Present indications mark this as the beginning of a prolonged cold spell.

Forecasts:—

Prince Edward Island: Cloudy with widely scattered snowflurries. A little colder. Northeast winds 15. Low early Wednesday morning and high in the afternoon at Charlottetown 22 and 28.

High tide today at 3.21 A. M. and 2.45 P. M.

Sun rises at 6.55 A. M. and sets at 5.57 P. M.

BORDEN — CAPE TORMENTINE FERRY SERVICE

Leave Borden	Leave C. T.
9.10 A.M.	2.40 P.M.

SUNDAY SERVICE

Leave Borden	Leave C. T.
6.45 P.M.	8.00 P.M.

MCA AIR SERVICE

Lv. Charlottetown for Moncton 5:50 A.M.—11:20 A.M.—4:45 P.M.
Ar. Charlottetown from Moncton 7:40 A.M.—1:15 P.M.—6:58 P.M.
Lv. Charlottetown for New Glasgow — Halifax 7:35 A.M. New Glasgow only; 1:40 P.M. New Glasgow & Halifax.
Ar. Charlottetown from New Glasgow and Halifax, 11:10 A.M. from New Glasgow only 6:30 P.M. from New Glasgow and Halifax.
Charlottetown — Sydney flights every Monday, Wednesday, Friday.