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BRITAIN ANNOUNCES HUGE 3-YEAR DEFENCE PROGRAM

Showdown Battle For South Korea Appears Imminent

Canadian Destroyers Get First Action Assignments

(Special to The Guardian, by Ross Munro)

SASEBO, UNITED NATIONS NAVAL BASE IN SOUTHERN JAPAN—Thursday, Aug. 3—Three sleek grey destroyers of the R.C.N., gunned up and keen for action, have begun operating in Korean waters.

After a nineteen day trip from Pearl Harbor across the Pacific, through the Marshalls and Guam, the destroyer division, commanded by Captain Jeffrey Brock, arrived here to join the British Far East Fleet for operations from this base under United Nations command.

The ships were only here a short time before the first assignment to the Korean war area was given to the Athabaskan under Commander T. R. P. Welland. The Athabaskan has now completed the job of escorting troopships from Japanese waters across the Sea of Japan to Pusan, rushing badly needed American infantry reinforcements to the front.

The destroyers carried out the task under complete operational conditions, with decks cleared and crews at action stations most of the time. During the night

period the ship backed out. The guns were ready to take on any target and ammunition and torpedoes were all set.

No enemy was encountered but the Athabaskan crew has extra bounce now that it has its first operational tasks under its belt.

Other Tasks
The Cayuga, in which Brock is sailing, and the Sioux, commanded by Commander P. D. Taylor, are carrying out other tasks in the war zone but until they have completed their task, the nature of their mission cannot be disclosed.

I joined the Canadian ships here after a trip from the Korean front and found sailors in high spirits about this active war duty. The voyage from Esquimalt was long but uneventful, and excitement started here when orders came from the British flag ship for participation in operations to and off Korea.

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Queen Elizabeth's Birthday Today

SANDRINGHAM, England, Aug. 3—(Reuters)—Queen Elizabeth tomorrow celebrates her 50th birthday.

Her Majesty planned to stay quietly at the royal residence here. Saturday she will be visited by Queen Mary and Princess Margaret for a family party.

Princess Elizabeth is at present at her London home, Clarence House, awaiting the birth of her second child, expected within two weeks.

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Potato Marketing Plan Approved

EAST FLORENCEVILLE, N.B., Aug. 3—(CP)—Unanimous approval of a new potato marketing plan to be put into effect this fall was given today by the New Brunswick Potato Growers' Council, meeting in annual session. Under the plan, a marketing board will set the price for all exported potatoes, and no dealer will be permitted to sell below the price established by the Marketing Board.

Hon. A. C. Taylor, Minister of Agriculture, commended the marketing plan in explaining its various phases.

The index for residential building materials showed an increase of 8.3 points in June.

The bureau said this was due to increases in the prices of lumber and lumber products, roofing materials and electrical equipment.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Aug. 3—(CP)—Newfoundland received an economic boost during the past two days when big orders for iron ore and pulpwood were confirmed by Britain.

Added to this a new, \$3,000,000 cement industry for Corner Brook, on the west coast, and an economic survey of the island's natural resources beginning within the next few days, and industrially, things are looking up.

As a result of an order of 40,000 cords of pulpwood to Bowater's from Britain, next year may see the biggest timber cut in Newfoundland's history.

Jobs For Loggers
To fill the new order—and others anticipated—more loggers than ever before will be employed in the woods camps of Bowaters and the Anglo-Newfoundland Development Company. One source said there would be work for more than 1,000 men.

Hard on the heels of the pulpwood order, confirmation came today from the United Kingdom that she would buy 200,000 tons of iron ore from nearby Bell Island this year.

Another order was received by the iron mines owned by the Dominion Steel and Coal Corporation from the United States for 10,000 tons of ore. The mines are now working on a 50,000-ton order from Germany.

Bell Island was hit hard earlier this year when devaluation and loss of British markets cut the props from under iron ore mining. Nearly half the working force was laid off. With the new orders Bell Island will soon be back on her economic feet.

More Good Luck?
More good luck may be in the offing. There is a possibility of a 650,000-ton order from the United Kingdom in 1951, Bell Island manager W. L. Stuewa said today.

An economic survey of Newfoundland, meanwhile, will get

American Armor Reaching Battle Area In Quantity

TOKYO, Aug. 4—(Friday)—(AP)—Fast-moving North Korean forces began shelling new American riverfront positions Thursday as strong, tank-equipped U.S. marine and army reinforcements raced to back up the lines, now shortened to 125 miles over-all.

Field dispatches said American armor was reaching the South Korean battle area in great quantity as a double battle, biggest of the war, appeared at hand.

Communist infantry, hot on the heels of the 1st Cavalry Division, moved within seven miles of Taegu, the key rail and highway junction 55 miles northwest of Pusan.

Reds Follow Swiftly
The last American and South Korean soldiers crossed the broad Nakdong River to the east bank Thursday and blew all bridges. Within an hour, swiftly pursuing Red patrols which had marched 20 miles on foot during the night were sighted on the west side of the Nakdong, said AP correspondent Hal Boyle.

Red artillery also moved forward hurriedly and began shelling the east bank of the Nakdong by noon Thursday at a point 14 miles southwest of Taegu. Red artillery had not yet hit Taegu, which was within easy shelling range.

The second big Red build-up was aimed at Pusan, the southeastern port of 250,000 persons, now swollen by refugees. It is through Pusan that the American army funnels its supplies to the fighting front.

Front dispatches predicted action by nightfall Friday for elements of the newly-landed 1st Marine Division—with their 47½-ton Pershing tanks, flame-throwers and super-bazookas—and the well-equipped 2nd Infantry Division troops who were hastening to the front.

There was no reference to the U.S. 8th Regimental Combat Team, of approximately 6,000 men, also landed this week.

No Change In Situation
Gen. MacArthur's headquarters omitted its usual war summary early Friday morning with the statement, "there has been no change in the over-all situation."

Front dispatches, however, reported a reconnaissance in force by a battalion of U.S. 24th Division troops.

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Will Entail Expenditure Of 10 Billion Dollars; U. S. Aid Is Expected

(By The Canadian Press)
LONDON, Aug. 3—Britain announced today she plans a \$3,400,000,000 (\$10,540,000,000) three-year program to build western defences against Russia, but said that its completion depends on additional United States financial aid.

In return for U. S. aid, Britain offered to supply her North Atlantic Pact partners with free military equipment made in Britain.

A statement from Prime Minister Attlee's offices said the program would increase Britain's defence expenditures from eight per cent of the national income to 10 per cent.

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The captain said visibility was good, and he and others aboard could not have been mistaken. He told the navy the sub stayed on the surface for several minutes, then submerged. The Burgeo, owned by the Canadian National Railway, plies regularly between North Sydney, N. S. and Port aux Basques, Nfld.

The navy recently had three warships in the Bay of Fundy looking for a mysterious submarine reported seen by fishermen. The navy said the submarine seen off Sydney Tuesday night could not be identified.

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