

# CHINA WAR SHOWS SIGNS OF LIFE

## Britain's Entire Middle East Policy Under Review

LONDON (Reuters) — Britain's entire Middle East policy, widely considered to have suffered major setbacks recently, will come under close scrutiny here next week when Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd confers with British envoys in the area, diplomatic sources said Thursday.

Lloyd, appointed foreign secretary last week in Prime Minister Eden's cabinet shuffle, is summing up British views from Israel, Egypt, Iraq, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Saudi Arabia and the Persian Gulf area for urgent talks next Wednesday and Thursday.

The foreign office said Lloyd was "anxious" to discuss with them personally the situation in the tensest area.

Diplomatic sources said the talks will cover the whole range of current Middle East problems, particularly the recent Communist arms deal with Egypt; Britain's unsuccessful move to get Jordan into the five-nation Baghdad pact, which resulted in violence in the Arab kingdom; and the continued Arab-Israeli tension.

**WANTS CLEAR PICTURE**

The talks are designed to give Lloyd an up-to-date assessment of the critical Middle East situation before he accompanies Eden to Washington later next month for discussions with President Eisenhower and State Secretary John Foster Dulles.

Diplomatic sources said these are likely to be the chief topics on the agenda:

1. An assessment of the new cold war from the West for Russia has opened in the Middle East with the Czech arms deal with Egypt and Soviet wooing of other Arab states. Western diplomats charge that the Czech arms deal has upset the arms balance the West has been trying to maintain between Israel and the Arab states since 1947.
2. The British views also will discuss the recent offer by the United States and Britain to give Egypt financial aid in building the massive Aswan dam on the Upper Nile.
3. The violent reaction to Britain's proposal that Jordan join the Baghdad Pact, which links Turkey, Iraq, Iran, Pakistan and Britain in the "northern tier" of Middle East defence.

**CABINETS FELLED**

Rioting flared and two cabinets fell in Jordan, for many years the recipient of British financial aid for her budget and army. Failure to get Jordan into the pact was seen in the West as a major blow to British policy, which has been working for more than a year on the gradual construction of the organization.

The reaction to the proposals put forward by Eden last November for an Arab-Israeli settlement, Eden called for a compromise between Israel's insistence that her permanent frontiers were fixed by the 1949 armistice lines and the Arab countries' demands that the lines should be the 1947-which would make Israel much smaller than at present.

Israel rejected Eden's idea, while most of the Arab states were non-committal.



AMBASSADOR

Herbert F. Feaver, 48, Canadian minister to Denmark, has been raised to the rank of ambassador. The Danish legation in Ottawa has also been raised to the status of an embassy. A native of Glace Bay, N.S., Mr. Feaver was appointed to Denmark in 1954.

(CP Photo)

## Big Battle Shapes Up In U.S. Over Canadian Gas

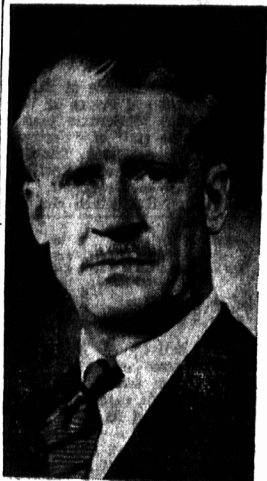
WASHINGTON (CP) — A vigorous, months-long battle is shaping up over a proposal by an American pipeline company to import natural gas from the projected Trans-Canada pipeline and sell it on the wide-open market in the north-central United States.

More than 100 groups—representing consumers, gas companies, and labor organizations—have indicated they intend to intervene in the request by Tennessee Gas Pipelines, coal mines, railroads, Trans-Canada Company and its affiliate, Midwestern Gas Transmission Company, for official permission to import 200,000,000 cubic feet of Canadian gas daily from the Trans-Canada line at Emerson, Man.

Tennessee Gas, which intends to market the Canadian product in the states of North Dakota, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Michigan, filed its request with the federal power commission Oct. 10 along with a companion proposal to export U. S. gas to Canada at Niagara Falls to help build up an eastern Canadian market for Trans-Canada Gas.

Since then, 125 groups have notified the commission that they are interested parties to it. Under an agreement reached in Ottawa late in the fall, Tennessee Gas became a one-third partner in the Canadian enterprise.

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TO VENEZUELA

Richard Plant Bower, 50, Canadian commercial counselor at London since 1950, will become ambassador to Venezuela in March. Born in the United States, he was educated at Winnipeg and joined the external affairs department in 1930.

(CP Photo)

## Mainland Guns Shell Quemoy

TAPEI, Formosa, (AP)—Formosa strait stirred ominously Thursday with Red mainland guns shelling Quemoy and sea skirmishing around the Nationalist Matsu Islands, official accounts said.

Quemoy and Little Quemoy—120 miles across the strait from Formosa—were hit by artillery fire for the third straight day. But the defence ministry said that mainland guns joined in this time.

The Red port of Amoy and nearby Tateng island had carried the load before. All three sectors joined in pouring 687 shells on the two islands before falling silent under heavy counter fire, the ministry said.

(Reuters said the ministry reported three civilians were killed and 38 houses were destroyed in the shelling of Quemoy.)

The ministry also reported Red mainland guns threw seven rounds of artillery shells at Kao's only four miles from the Red shore, tiny Kaoteng is the most ripe for possible invasion in the Matsu group.

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## Sampling Of New Year's Resolutions Over Canada

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

It's time to haul out the resolutions to do better and polish it up for a new try in 1956.

Canadians in each of the 10 provinces will face the new year armed with resolutions to seek personal improvement or contribute to the betterment of others.

Interviews by The Canadian Press with men and women in each province indicate many are resolved to help their fellow man.

Others expressed a desire to develop better understanding of friends and business associates by exercising more patience and tolerance.

**RAISE IN STANDARDS**

Here's a sampling of New Year's resolutions by Canadian men and women:

Premier Joseph Smallwood of Newfoundland: "To bring Newfoundland a step nearer to the all-Canada standard of public services."

Mrs. Grace Sparkes, women's editor of the St. John's Daily News and president of the Women's Progressive Conservative Association of Newfoundland: "I shall endeavor to have a warm understanding of human nature and willingness to pitch in to make our town and our country more attractive and a better place in which to live."

**GREATER PATIENCE**

James A. Whitebone of Saint John, senior vice-president of the Trades and Labor Congress (AFL): "A greater degree of patience and forbearance, and tolerance for the other fellow's point of view."

Mrs. E. W. Sansom, lower St. Mary's, N. B., national president of the Women's Progressive Conservative Association: "My resolve is not to take offence. So many people are quick to magnify apparent slights or imagined wrongs."

Jack Schulz of Winnipeg, chairman of the Interprovincial Farm Union Council: "I intend to go on day and night, telling the Canadian farmer that organized resistance has a bounty on him and is hunting for him."

Senator Nancy Hodges of Victoria: "I've seen so many resolutions broken early in the new year, I think it is wiser not to make any."

## Blame Wax For Yarmouth Fire

YARMOUTH, N.S. (CP) — Wax placed too near a stove was blamed Thursday night for a fire that destroyed the wholesale grocery warehouse and office of Edward Allen Ltd. on the Yarmouth waterfront.

One hundred firemen fought the blaze, which started about 10 o'clock Thursday morning. Managing director Edward Allen estimated the loss at about \$70,000.

The fire was discovered on the second floor of the two-storey wooden warehouse a short time after an employee lit a stove. Wax stored near the stove is believed to have ignited. An explosion followed.

Lack of wind helped firemen prevent the flames spreading to adjoining buildings. The new Yarmouth-Bar Harbor ferry terminal is about 400 yards away.

A warehouse employee, Fred Sims, suffered minor burns about the face.

## Reports P.E.I. Leading In Cancer Education

According to a survey taken during the past year across Canada, Prince Edward Island is more progressive in cancer education than any of the other provinces.

This was one of the encouraging announcements made last night by Dr. W.J.P. MacMillan, O.B.E., president of the P.E. Island Division, Canadian Cancer Society, at the organization's annual meeting in the City Hall.

"This shows that the funds from the Cancer Campaign, which are expended on education, are bringing results that do credit to our local programme," Dr. MacMillan said.

In his address the speaker reviewed the work and progress of the Society's educational campaign and further outlined the contributions to cancer research, cancer fellowships and refresher courses available for local doctors.

The financial report showed the receipts for the cancer campaign for the year as \$9,637.37, with expenditures of \$4,289.27 for cancer education, \$2,925 for research, \$334 for the national programme and \$283 for campaign expenses.

The following officers were elected: President, Dr. W.J.P. Mac-

## Two Burned To Death In N.B.

DOUGLASTOWN, N. B. (CP)—Two persons were burned to death and five injured while two other members of the same family escaped unharmed when fire swept through the home of Edmund Carroll in this village four miles from Newcastle early Thursday.

Robert Carroll, 19, died in a heroic attempt to save the life of a three-year-old brother, John.

The father suffered a broken ankle and burns. Mrs. Carol had severe face, neck and arm burns. A daughter, Joyce, and two sons, Fred and Donald, suffered minor burns and exposure. All five were taken to hospital at Newcastle.

Keith and Clayton Carroll escaped injury. The other member of the family, Lucy, was away from home at the time.

The fire started about 4:45 a.m. apparently from Christmas lights. The ground floor was ablaze when the father discovered the flames. The survivors escaped from upper windows of their bedrooms in the two-storey wooden house.

Loss was estimated at \$20,000.

## Brookfield Man Heads Junior Farm Federation

Mr. Sterling MacRae, Brookfield was elected President of the P. E. I. Junior Farmers' Federation at their annual meeting held yesterday at Prince of Wales College. George C. MacDonall presided.

In his annual report, retiring president MacDonall indicated that the Federation had had a very active year. Urban Laughlin summarized the work of the East Prince Junior Farmers. As representative to the P.E.I. Federation, he reported on the activities of the parent organization. Several fieldmen from the Department of Agriculture addressed the meeting.

Besides the president and past president, other officers elected were: Vice-president, Edward Clark, Belmont, Lot 16; secretary-treasurer, Gloria Jenkins, Dunstaffnage; directors for the counties: Prince, Edward Clark; Charles Wright, Searstown; Kathleen Dekker, Sherbrooke; Donnie Bearstou, Malpeque; George Riley, Hamilton; Queens: George MacDonall, Tracadie; Gloria Jenkins, Sterling MacRae, Rev. Fr. Cash, Vernon River; Robert Ravham, Wheatley River, Kings;

## Some Progress Towards Malayan War Settlement

BALING, Malaya (AP) — Talks to end Malaya's 7 1/2 years of guerrilla war ended abruptly Thursday. But the Reds pledged in writing to lay down their arms when an elected government takes over.

Negotiations broke off when Communist chief Chin Peng rejected a government demand for surrender. Before stalling back to a 3,500 jungle guerrillas, he declared: "We will never accept surrender and will continue to struggle to the last man."

The discussions to end the fighting, which has cost 10,000 lives, took place between Chen and two Communist companions on one side and Malayan Chief Minister Prince Abdul Rahman and a Singapore Chief Minister David Marshall on the other.

The Federation of Malaya now is a protectorate with an elected legislature over which the British high commissioner has veto power. It has promised eventual independence or Commonwealth status.

**ONE POINT WON**

While neither the Communists or the government scored a clear victory in the two-day talks, the Reds pledged to lay down arms when an elected regime rules Malaya. Marshall opened Thursday's meeting with a demand that all Communists surrender. Chin Peng and his aides refused. Then Marshall submitted a resolution for Communist acceptance. It read: "As soon as the federation obtains complete control of internal security and local armed forces, we will end hostilities, lay down our arms and disband our forces."

The Communists had said three times during the talks that when an elected government took over they would lay down their arms. Marshall took their statement down in pencil and passed it to "them" for confirmation. Chin Peng said he could not read English. One of his assistants translated and passed it back after adding two bracketed clauses. This amended it to read:

"As soon as the elected government obtains complete control of internal security and local armed forces we will end hostilities, lay down our arms and disband our forces. (Does not amount to accept (correct) of the present amnesty.)"

A government negotiator maintains that by making these changes to the resolution Chin concurred. But he did not sign it.

Abdul Rahman calls for Britain Jan. 1 to begin talks with the colonial office about Malayan independence.

## Fed 190 Aspirin Tablets To Sons; Felt Remorse

NEW YORK (AP)—A 40-year-old mother fed her two young sons 190 aspirin tablets Wednesday night following a quarrel with her husband, police said, but frantically summoned help when their suffering wrenched her heart.

The two children, Bruce Blackwell, 8, and Keith, 6, were taken to a hospital in serious condition. They were reported improving later.

Police said the mother, Mrs. Dorothy Blackwell, gave the tablets to the children while upset from a quarrel with her husband, Joseph, a navy seaman, who left home after the fuss. She was quoted as saying she planned to take her own life after the children died.

She told officers she fed each of the children 95 aspirin tablets and that they lay dead in a room. Soon they appeared to be suffering terribly, she said, and she couldn't stand it any longer. She called police and begged for help.

## BLAST WEST IN SHARP TERMS

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Canadian-born Cyrus S. Eaton, Cleveland steel tycoon, dons ski equipment to pose for photographers on his 72nd birthday. As in other years, Mr. Eaton was spending the year-end holidays with members of his family at a Lac Beauport, Que., ski-resort, north of Quebec City. (CP Photo)



TORONTO (CP)—Temperatures issued by the public weather office:

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	7	9
Vancouver	24	36
Victoria	30	36
Edmonton	0	22
Moncton	23	35
Regina	19b	6
Winnipeg	19b	6
Toronto	30	38
Ottawa	3	29
Montreal	4	28
Quebec	4b	20
Fredericton	0	30
Saint John	18	26
Halifax	22	29
Charlottetown	22	26
Sydney	25	29
Yarmouth	17	28
St. John's	24	31

HALIFAX (CP)—The weather office says a band of snow and rain over Quebec and the eastern United States is moving slowly eastward. This precipitation is expected to reach New Brunswick and eastern Quebec this morning, but Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island are not expected to be affected today. Southerly winds and milder weather accompany the precipitation.

Regional forecasts:

Northern Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island: Cloudy and mild; light winds. Low-high at New Glasgow 15 and 32, Charlottetown 15 and 30.

Eastern N. B. counties: Cloudy, occasional snow in afternoon and evening; milder, southerly winds. Low-high at Moncton 10 and 32.

St. John river valley, Bay of Chaleur: Cloudy; intermittent snow beginning in morning; milder; south winds 10 becoming light by evening. Low-high at Fredericton zero and 32, Saint John 10 and 35, Edmundston zero and 30, Campbellton 5 below and 30 above.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 12:02 p.m. and 11:28 p.m. Summer tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

Sun rises at 7:51 a.m. and 4:40 p.m.