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Attlee and Truman To Confer On World Crisis

Worried British Gov't Wants The U. N. To Open Peace Talks With China

By ARTHUR GAVSHON

LONDON, Nov. 30 — (AP) — A worried Britain wants the United Nations to set up a firm defence line in Korea...

The Cabinet was reported to have decided today that the whole weight of British influence must be used to prevent any attack by U.N. forces on Chinese territory.

Russia has a treaty of friendship and defence with China. Its most important clause binds the Russians automatically and immediately "to give military and other help by all the means at their disposal" if China is attacked by a state or states "directly or indirectly" united with Japan.

Western diplomats in this capital assume that would mean the United States and her friends. They base their assumption on the tone and content of Soviet press articles which in recent weeks have stressed that an American-Japanese alliance exists and that the two countries have agreed on a program of Japanese remilitarization.

wait and see, if possible, just what Red China's intentions in Korea are. Britain, which has recognized the Communist Government, is exploring these intentions via diplomatic channels, and seeking to soothe the Chinese.

One possibility mentioned is that the Chinese aim not only at splitting and encircling the U.N. forces, but also at linking up with the North Korean guerrillas farther south.

But nobody here is sure whether even that military objective would prove Red China is planning to occupy all Korea. Some officials argue the Reds may want to negotiate from a position of strength in future peace talks.

British leaders were said to be quite definitely against: 1. Bombing Chinese bases in Manchuria. 2. Using the 30,000 Nationalist Chinese troops which Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's Formosa-based government recently offered to Gen. MacArthur for use in Korea.

Under pressure from their own supporters in the House of Commons, the Government is believed to be thinking of asking the United States to broaden the military high command on a more representative U.N. basis.

British Prime Minister Will Visit Washington Meeting Being Arranged In Effort To Avert General War.

By John M. Hightower

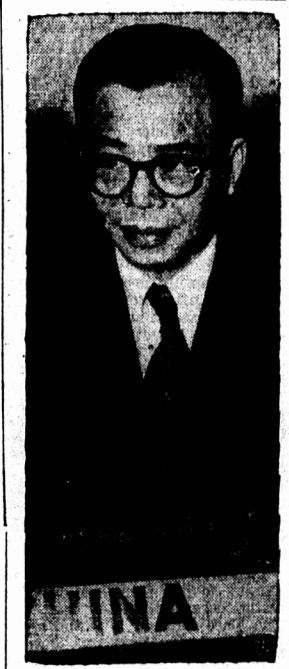
WASHINGTON, Nov. 30 — (AP) — President Truman and Prime Minister Attlee of Britain will meet here soon — probably this week-end — to discuss the Korean crisis in an emergency conference suddenly requested by Attlee.

(In London, Reuters News Agency said Attlee expects to fly to Washington Friday.)

Attlee also wants to give Truman his views on the question whether to use the atomic bomb in the Korean fighting. The British leader told the House of Commons today that such a decision should not be made "without fullest prior consultation" with United Nations members directly concerned in the Korean struggle against aggression.

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Cabinet Dismisses Freight-Rates Appeal



IN IRONIC ROLE—Dr. T. F. Tsiang, above, delegate from Nationalist China, will be president of the UN Security Council for December under that body's rotating presidency set-up.

OTTAWA, Nov. 30 — (CP) — An appeal by seven Provinces against the 20-per-cent freight-rate increases of the last 14 months has been turned down by the Cabinet, it was announced today.

The Government made public an order-in-council declaring its refusal either to revise the awards made by the Board of Transport Commissioners or to instruct the Board to revise them.

The increases were awarded to the railways in stages between September, 1949, and last May. They were put into effect progressively, with the full 20 per cent imposed since early June.

Estimated to yield about \$60,000,000 a year, they were sought by the railways after a 1948 wage increase of 17 cents an hour had been won by rail labor.

The seven appealing Provinces — all except Ontario, Quebec and Newfoundland — had called on Cabinet to eliminate or reduce the increases or to direct the Transport Commissioners, to have them applied on a different basis.

However, they said in the order-in-council today that the Provinces had not "discharged the onus upon them of proving the Board of Transport Commissioners erred" in making the awards.

The Provincial Governments, in argument before Cabinet June 24 last, had contended that the flat, percentage-type of rate increase granted by the Board served to aggravate disparities in rates between one region and another.

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Britain Prepared To Boost Bacon Contract; Price Still Under Discussion

OTTAWA, Nov. 30 — (CP) — Britain is prepared to purchase 130,000,000 pounds of bacon from Canada next year, but no agreement has been reached on price, Agriculture Minister Gardiner disclosed today.

Mr. Gardiner made this statement at a wide-ranging opening session of the ninth annual Federal-Provincial agricultural conference. More than 100 delegates, including Provincial Agricultural Ministers and their Deputies and various farm groups, are attending.

Because the price was not yet at a rate "where it ought to be," Mr. Gardiner said he did not think "we should discuss the actual amount."

But other sources said Britain has offered to pay 29 cents a pound, the same price she paid this year when she received only about 35,000,000 of a 60,000,000-pound contract. In buying that bacon for Britain, the Government paid a subsidy of 3½ cents a pound.

Opposes U. S. Market Mr. Gardiner said he could not agree with calls from the floor that Canada should seek a market in the United States for live pork as a means to stimulate hog output and to dispose of the vast amount of low-grade wheat harvested on the prairies.

Opening of the American market, he said, was the surest way to give Canadian producers smaller prices for pork products.

Pointing to the bigger market in the United Kingdom and the higher domestic demand, he expressed impatience with those farmers "who get in and out of hog production because of something that happens in Korea."

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Labor Retains Bristol Seat

BRISTOL, England, Dec. 1 — (Friday) — (AP) — Labor retained a Bristol seat in the House of Commons in a by-election Thursday, boosting the Government's edge in the House to five.

Anthony Wedgewood Benn defeated Conservative James Louis Lindsay, 19,367 to 12,018. The election filled the seat given up by Sir Stafford Cripps, former Chancellor of the Exchequer, who quit his Government and Commons post because of ill health.

Cripps' margin when he won the seat last February in the general election was 16,803 votes. His effective voting strength in the commons now is Labor 310, Conservatives 296, Liberals 9, Independents 1.

Another by-election, at Aberlery in Wales, is due Friday.

U. S. Casualties In Korea Reach 31,028

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30 — (AP) — Announced American casualties in the Korean war rose today to 31,028.

These are casualties about which next of kin had been notified through Nov. 24. Of the total, 5,307 were deaths. In addition, 3,904 were listed by the Defense Department as currently missing.

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Clansmen Celebrate Saint Andrew's Day

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Coming Events

**All your films to Garnham Photo Studio, Charlottetown.

**Kinkora Hall, Friday, Dec. 1st. See "Oliver Twist."

**Buying Timothy seed daily. McGuigan and Boyle.

**Reserve December 21st for North Wiltshire School Concert.

**Rummage sale, Clover Club, Saturday, Dec. 2nd, 3 o'clock.

**Rummage Sale, Holy Name Hall, tomorrow afternoon, 2:30. Notre Dame Alumnae.

**See St. Margaret's Players in "Brookdale Farm" at Cardigan, Friday, Dec. 1st. Dance after.

The 126th St. Andrew's Day celebration of the Caledonian Club of Prince Edward Island was held last evening in the main dining room of the Charlottetown Hotel with President Wendell H. Beaton presiding. There was a large attendance of Clansmen and friends.

Hon. Thane A. Campbell, Chief Justice, was guest speaker at the banquet, and opened his address by speaking of the importance of the Scottish people have played in the colonization and development of this country.

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With the exasperated air of a man near the limit of patience, Truman said the U.S. has made every possible effort to head off a third world war.

He said these efforts will continue and he hopes they will succeed.

But he declared in a formal statement that "we are fighting in Korea for our own national security and survival," and he told a tense, crowded press conference the United States will use every weapon that is needed.

Claim World Record For Ontario Holstein

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One Chinese Offensive Ends, New One Begins

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The Reds strangely eased the pressure of their rolling counter-offensive on the northwest front. Allied troops took advantage of the lull to start building a new defence line north of Pyongyang, former North Korean Communist capital.

Manj-Gen. Edward M. Almond, commander of the U.S. 10th Corps, said the fresh Red drive at the northeast front was powered by "probably eight to 10" divisions, including elements of three Chinese armies. This would be possibly 80,000 men.

The new smash from the frigid north sent Chinese Reds swinging behind parts of the U.S. 6th and 7th Marine Regiments northwest of the Changjin reservoir. Other Red troops set up road blocks behind elements of the 1st Marine Regiment at the south end of the reservoir. These three regiments make

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Victoria 38, 42; Edmonton 29, 2; Regina 30, 34; Winnipeg 30, 8; Toronto 30, 34; Ottawa 28, 33; Montreal 31, 36; Quebec 32, 38; Saint John 38, 45; Brandon 34, 42; Halifax 41, 50; Charlottetown 40, 45; Sydney 42, 49; Vancouver 40, 45; St. John's, Nfld. 37, 42.

HALIFAX, Nov. 30 — (CP) — Official forecasts issued by the Dominion Public Weather Office at Halifax tonight.

Synopsis The weather is not forecast to change much Friday. Most of the district will be cloudy with a few clear intervals, while the northern regions will experience widely scattered snowflurries.

Temperatures will be below freezing in New Brunswick and Eastern Quebec tonight, but somewhat milder values are forecast for Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia. Afternoon temperatures Friday will be near 40.

Regional forecasts, valid until midnight Friday: Prince Edward Island — Cloudy with a few clear intervals. A little colder. Light winds. Low and high Friday at Charlottetown 36 and 41.

High tide today at 1:49 A. M. and 3:40 P. M. Sun rises at 7:30 A. M. and sets at 4:33 P. M. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

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