

Speculate On Invasion

Biggest Raid On
Tachen Islands

By SPENCER MOOSA
TAIPEH, Formosa, (AP) — At least 100 Chinese Red planes Monday pounded the Tachen islands from dawn until late afternoon in the greatest air raid of the civil war, the Nationalist defence ministry announced.

Nationalist defenders on the vital outpost islands 200 miles north of Formosa threw up fierce anti-aircraft fire. They claimed two destroyers were destroyed and two damaged. There was no indication whether Nationalist planes were engaged.

The ministry reported more than 300 bombs were dropped but said most of them splashed into the sea. It conceded, however, that there were "considerable" civilian casualties and said more than 100 houses were destroyed.

LANDING CRAFT DESTROYED
Reuters news agency said a dispatch from the Communist New China news agency claimed the raids destroyed one landing craft and damaged three other naval vessels including a supply ship and another landing craft. The dispatch claimed all Communist planes "returned safely from their successful missions."

It was too early to say whether the air blows presaged an invasion which the Nationalists believe is bound to come.

The Communists threw into the attack propeller-driven light bombers and fighter-bombers, which were escorted by at least 28 MIG jet fighters, a communiqué said. All three types are made in Russia.

The ministry said only that military losses were being investigated. The estimated 20,000 defenders of the Tachens, northern anchor of Nationalist offshore islands, are well dug in.

SEVEN WAVES
The raiders in seven waves came from the big network of Red bases in the Shanghai-Hangchow-Ningpo triangle from 100 to 200 miles north of the Tachen, the ministry reported.

The communiqué said eight LA-11 fighter-bombers, four TU-2 twin-engine light bombers and 12 MIG fighters were in the first wave which attacked at 6:55 a.m.

In the second wave were four LA-11s and four MIGs. The third wave consisted of 12 LA-11s and eight MIGs. Then came three waves of a total of 40 TU-2s.

The final wave of four LA-11s and four MIGs flew over the Tachens at 4:23 p.m.

CHALLENGE TO U. S.
All the while, other MIGs at a great height were seen over the Tachens, apparently observing the progress of the attack.

Unofficial quarters were convinced the Red attack was intended as a pointed challenge to the United States, whose 7th fleet guards Formosa and the nearby Pescadore from Red invasion.

Invite Plans For Atomic Power
OTTAWA, (CP)—Canadian power companies have been invited to submit proposals on the construction of experimental atomic power plants, Trade Minister Howe announced Monday.

He said in the Commons that development of atomic power plants in Canada will be similar to the plan announced in Washington Sunday by the United States atomic energy commission.

Home From Korea

Sgt. Nelson Roberts of 2nd Bn. Black Watch, who has recently returned from Korea, is spending sixty days leave with his wife and family in New London.

This has been his third trip overseas. His first was during the War of 39-45. He has seen service in France, Holland, Belgium and Germany.

He re-enlisted in May 1951. With the 27th Infantry Brigade he spent one year in Germany with Occupational Forces and then returned to Canada. He joined the 2nd Bn. Black Watch for further training at Wainnykt, where they left for Korea in September, 1953.

While in Korea he received the Queen's Coronation Medal, after his leave he returns to Aldershot, N. S.

To Discontinue Parking Meters During The Winter
The use of parking meters during the winter months is to be discontinued. This was the decision reached by the City Council at the regular monthly meeting held last night.

His Worship Mayor Stewart presided. All the members were present with the exception of Coun. Keefe.

Tonger Brothers of Grand Falls, N. B., met specifications of Jamaican authorities including coloring of the potatoes with purple dye.

INSPECTED POTATOES
"The Canadian government inspection service inspected and certified these potatoes. They were sealed as certified seed by the government at the time of shipment."

"That a portion of this shipment should have become bad in the 10-day voyage from West Saint John to Kingston, Jamaica, is something neither Tonger Brothers, the growers, Saguenay Terminals, Ltd., the carriers, nor the Canadian government inspection service, which certified the seed, can explain."

"It is for this reason Ottawa has sent a top official from the inspection service to investigate."

Hammarskjold And Chou Talks Described Useful

HONG KONG (Reuters) — Dag Hammarskjold and Chou En-lai ended their fourth session of talks in Peiping Monday with a cryptic communiqué saying they had talked about "questions pertinent to the relaxation of world tension."

But the United Nations secretary-general and Communist Chinese premier made no reference to the 11 American airmen jailed by China as spies, and on whose behalf Hammarskjold made his 10,000-mile flight from New York.

"We hope to be able to continue the contact established in these meetings," the two diplomats said in a statement released simultaneously by the New China news agency and UN headquarters in New York. They described their conversations as "useful."

OUTCOME UNKNOWN
UN diplomats in New York said they did not know whether the communiqué meant success or failure of the secretary-general's mission to free the 11 airmen and other foreign prisoners held in China.

It appeared likely the world would not get a fuller account of the talks until Hammarskjold and his team of experts return to New York, probably at the end of this week.

THRONE SPEECH DEBATE LAUNCHED IN COMMONS; NON-CONFIDENCE MOTIONS



For Any Improvement

OTTAWA, (CP)—Owners of single houses will be able to borrow a maximum of \$2,500 and apartment owners \$5,250 under new home improvement loan regulations to come into effect Feb. 1. Banks will extend the loans on a promissory note.

Federal officials said Monday home owners will be able to get the loans, forecast in the throne speech, for almost any improvement purpose.

They will be able to borrow money to build an extra room, put on a new roof, add a garage, install new heating, plumbing or air conditioning, put in electrical wiring, construct sewage disposal units or simply do some new painting or decorating.

THREE TO FIVE YEARS
The maximum life of the loans will run for three years on borrowings of \$1,250 or less; five years for any higher amounts. The maximum interest will be 5 1/2 per cent, the same as on National Housing Act mortgage loans.

The one major restriction is that the improvement loans will be available only to owners of single houses and small apartments. Apartment owners must occupy space in their building to be eligible. Owners of buildings containing more than four apartments will not be eligible.

For apartments and other multiple dwellings, the maximum loan will be a \$6,250-\$2,500 on the first apartment unit up to a maximum of three.

BANKS MAIN AGENCIES
Chartered banks, bought into the mortgage lending business for the first time last March, will be the main lending agencies for home

improvement loans. The regulations, to be announced later also will allow approved instalment credit agencies to make loans.

Loans made by the banks and other lending institutions will get a limited repayment guarantee by the government's Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation. Borrowers will have to bear the cost of CMHC loan insurance.

To make certain that the improvement job will require the requested loan, CMHC will screen the applications. Informing banks whether the amounts requested sound reasonable for the job planned.

Plane Leaves For Search For Eskimos
ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP) — An RCAF Lancaster left here Monday on the first leg of a trip to Hudson Bay where it will help search for nine Eskimos adrift on an ice pack.

The plane was due to stop over at Goose Bay, Labrador, during the night, and continue the trip early Tuesday.

A third unidentified Eskimos have been missing since Jan. 4. The aircraft is carrying extra canisters of food and will also drop a dinghy to the Eskimos if they are sighted.

Wind Blows Fog

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—Heavy winds blew Newfoundland's fog out to sea Monday as the airline passenger waiting list was trimmed down by two flights.

A third inbound flight, however, was forced to spend Monday night in Gander because of 60 mile an hour winds.

High Seas Cause Heavy Loss At St. John's, Nfld.
By STEWART MacLEOD
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ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—Waves blasted 300 feet up the rocky cliffs of St. John's harbor Monday, tearing down wharves and fishing stages by the score.

Giant waves a hundred feet across churned madly through the narrow harbor entrance most of the day and occasional breakers shot more than 200 feet into the air.

Fort Amherst, 132 feet above sea level, was dripping as the huge breakers shot water over its glass dome.

WHARVES DESTROYED
Shattered timbers littered the frothy water as wharf after wharf fell victim to the angry seas in the usually calm protected harbor.

Spectators swarmed up historic Signal Hill where Marconi received his first wireless message 54 years ago to watch the angry water as fishermen worked feverishly to save what gear they could.

Veteran fishermen said they couldn't recall anything like it. There were no injuries.

WHARF SPLIT
Raymond Riche saw his wharf split in two under the constant pressure of the seas and it slowly was pulled out to sea, carrying with it his traps, winch, boom and a boat.

His boats were hauled to safety by a small liver factory built on the shores of the harbor lost half of its foundation.

As the sea showed signs of leveling late in the day, Riche guessed his loss at \$6,000. The other 13 dory fishermen along the shore estimated their losses at a total of \$6,000.

CONSTANT WINDS
The heavy sea was said to be caused by constant northeast winds which gradually built up a strong undertow in the sea. It reached a climax about mid-day but gradually slackened during the late afternoon.

In Conception bay, on the province's eastern coast, strong waves washed away a 40-foot section of the railway. Repair crews were rushed to the scene and a railway official said trains would not be held up.

No ships were reported in trouble. Winds during the day varied between 35 and 50 miles an hour.

Weather Delays Transfer Of RCAF Station To France

By RON EVANS
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NORTH LUFFESHAM, England (CP)—Low, thick clouds and high winds Monday delayed the start of a giant airlift from this RCAF fighter station.

Three loaded Flying Boxcars squatted on the wet tarmac, ready to begin shuttling some 300 tons of equipment in two weeks.

A fourth plane, which broke down on arrival in Britain, will go into service within a few days.

A cloud ceiling of 600 feet and a coating of ice on the new 8,200-foot runway at Marville forced cancellation of Monday's flights.

FINAL PHASE
The airlift is one of the final phases in the transfer of the three-squadron fighter wing from this station to the new one in France.

Some 1,000 servicemen, 300 dependent families and 1,000 tons of equipment are involved in the transfer. The Flying Boxcars are being used to ferry the bulk of the wing's ground equipment, including machinery and vehicles.

Completion of the transfer will group Canada's four fighter wings in a rectangular area straddling the French-German frontier. With the arrival in France of the North Luffesham wing, Canada will fulfill her NATO commitment of 12 fighter squadrons for Europe.

THREE ON CONTINENT
Three wings are already located on the continent, at Gros-Franquin, France and at Baden-Soellingen and Zweibrücken in Germany.

One Killed In Head-On Crash
MEMRAMCOOK, N. B. (CP) — Two cars crashed head-on near this Westmorland county village early today, killing a passenger believed to have been a hitchhiker and sending four persons to hospital.

The victim was not identified. He was riding in a car driven by naval rating Guy Renaud of Magog, Que., who was heading for Halifax to rejoin his ship.

Police said Renaud's car apparently spun out of control on a curve and skidded into an oncoming automobile driven by Allan Leblanc of nearby Cayton's. Mrs. Narcisse Leblanc and Doris Leblanc were passengers in the second car.

Police said they had been unable to identify the dead man because Renaud was still unconscious.

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Montreal Youths Charged With Shooting Of Priest

BRANDON (CP)—A charge of murder was laid Monday to three Montreal youths in the slaying of a Roman Catholic parish priest—shot three times and left to die in his car in a roadside ditch six miles northeast of here.

Police said robbery apparently was the motive for the shooting Sunday afternoon of Rev. Alfred Quirion, 44, of St. Edouard, Altamont and formerly of Quebec. Church authorities said the priest probably would have given his money for the asking—in his tiny parish he was known as "the penniless priest of St. Edouard" because he was repeatedly giving away even his meagre allowance.

The bullet-pierced body of Father Quirion was found by a passing motorist on the floor of his late-model car, which the diocese had given him.

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WALLET MISSING
Father Quirion's wallet, known to contain \$90, was missing when his body was found. Police said the youths had \$106 and only \$16 was believed their own. The wallet has not been found.

The three youths were arrested at the CPR station at Brandon after they had hitch-hiked to the city. They had hitch-hiked to a locker in the station. In a lone kitbag in the locker, they found a .32-calibre revolver, an automatic, a sporting pistol and two hunting knives.

Regional forecasts:
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Heavy Snow In Much Of N. B.

SAINT JOHN, N.B. (CP)—Most of New Brunswick already has had enough snow for a full winter season.

A light, steady fall Sunday night continued Monday and ranged from two inches in some areas to nine at Fredericton. It was melting Monday night and more mild weather was predicted for today.

All main highways in the province were open, with fair wheeling reported.

Accumulation of snow in Carleton county woods and northern areas counted about three feet, interfering with pulp and lumber operations. Ground was unfrozen when the first snow fell. As a result, hauling has been impossible on many forest roads.

Ice and snow on roofs has been another worry. The rink at McAdam was destroyed before dawn Saturday when accumulated weight collapsed under a lapse of a barn Monday at Lower Lincoln, near Fredericton, resulted from the same cause.

Ford Talks Are Again Adjourned
TORONTO, (CP) — Negotiators for Ford of Canada and the United Automobile Workers Monday night adjourned secret talks attempting to settle the strike involving nearly 9,000 workers at three Ontario Ford plants. The wage walkout is in its 92nd day.

Neither the company nor union would give any indication as to what, if anything, has been accomplished since current talks began between Christmas and New Year's.

Their only comment was that they will sit down at the conference table again today. They met for little more than two hours Monday, including both afternoon and evening sessions.

Minimum and maximum temperatures:
Dawson 23b 34
Vancouver 23 34
Victoria 32 41
Edmonton 0 10
Calgary 1 28
Regina 5 9
Winnipeg 6b 11
Toronto 26 33
Ottawa 12 19
Montreal 0 22
Quebec 0 —
Fredericton 19 34
Saint John 20 33
Moncton 28 34
Halifax 34 37
Charlottetown 33 35
Sydney 35 38
Yarmouth 30 33
St. John's 31 35

HALIFAX (CP)—The Dominion public weather office here says very mild air continues to flow from the north Atlantic across Labrador and Newfoundland to the Maritime s, while very cold weather persists over central Canada. There has been snow and drizzle in the western Maritimes, but the air will be drier Tuesday and only cloudy skies are forecast for most of the district.

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