

## 500-Ton TNT Blast Planned For Defence Test Purposes

OTTAWA (CP) — A 500-ton blast of TNT will be detonated July 16 at the Defence Research Board's Suffield Experimental Station in southeastern Alberta. It was announced here.

It will dwarf a 100-ton detonation at the same station in 1961 which was described then as one of the world's biggest non-nuclear blasts.

The ground-level explosion at the Research Board's prairie laboratory, about 26 miles west of Medicine Hat, Alta., will be observed by scientific teams from Canada, the U.S. and Britain who will conduct more than 100 individual experiments in shock and blast research.

More than one hundred Canadian soldiers will occupy shelters almost a mile from the charge to observe blast effects and experience the shock wave — both harmless at that distance.

Closer in dummy troops, some dressed in operational equipment, will be positioned in slit trenches and vehicles. The RCAF will photograph and measure detonation phenomena from a Neptune aircraft which will fly over the explosion at 18,000 feet.

A series of rockets with special instruments will be launched at the RCAF's Cold Lake station in northeastern Alberta, almost 300 miles due north, to measure the sound waves.

The detonation will be equivalent in its shock and blast effects to a one-kiloton nuclear explosion.

The experiment is expected to provide valuable data for use in developing protective equipment and techniques against the shock and blast effects of large-scale detonations.

## War On Land Speculators Declared By Home Builders

MONTREAL (CP) — Albert Gagnon, president of the Montreal District Home Builders Association, has declared war on land speculators.

He describes land speculators as parasites who reap benefits of improvements provided by builders, businessmen and taxpayers of the land "without contributing anything to the economy."

His association has launched a campaign "to arouse public opinion on this problem and convince our governing authorities to take the necessary measures to halt this evil which adversely affects our aspect of the economy."

Speculators hurt householders, architects, municipal authorities and builders and legal measures must be taken to curb it, he said in a statement.

The task of architects and town planners was made difficult by speculators, who divided their land in such a manner as to obtain the greatest number of lots rather than along aesthetic or practical lines.

## MUTINEERS SENTENCED

NAIROBI (Reuters) — Twenty-seven Kenya soldiers and non-commissioned officers Thursday were sentenced to prison here for mutiny with violence at their barracks at Lamu in January.

Maj. Nduba Ntulio, president of the court martial which tried the men, announced the sentences ranging from one to seven years.

## MEASURES NEEDED

"An analysis of the housing industry leads to the conclusion that the only way to meet the increases is to fight speculation ferociously and to take the necessary measures to eradicate it," he said.

Mr. Gagnon said in some sections in the Montreal area speculators own as much as 84 per cent of available land.

"We live in a democracy where free enterprise is respected and encouraged," he said. "If speculators acquire land to have their investments bear fruit at the expense of the common welfare, this is a privilege to which they are unfortunately entitled under our laws."

"A small householder," he said, "who buys a bungalow for \$15,000 will be assessed for that amount, and frequently for

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