

Military Advisers' Warnings Ignored Says War History

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OTTAWA (CP)—A new official history of the Canadian Army in the Second World War discloses that the government in the late 1930s steadfastly ignored the warnings of its military advisers that a major war was approaching.

The first volume of "Six Years of War," to be published today, says that in 1936 the chiefs of staff told the government: "Indeed the possibility is growing in many minds that the cessation of hostilities in 1918 was, but an armistice."

Military leaders pleaded for bigger defence appropriations. They asked for \$70,000,000 in 1937-38 and got \$36,000,000. Even Defence Minister Iam Mackenzie described the services' requests as "staggering."

ECONOMY FIRST

Col. C. P. Stacey, director of the historical section of the general staff and author of the projected four-volume history, says at one point: "On Jan. 12, 1938, the prime minister (Mackenzie King) wrote to all his colleagues in the cabinet reminding them of the recent deficits and emphasizing the importance of achieving a surplus and if possible some reduction in taxation before the next appeal to the electorate." (The Liberal government was returned in 1940).

The government also ignored requests by the chiefs of staff for establishment of an armaments industry in Canada. Col. Stacey observes: "Had Canadian governments accepted the recommendations of their military advisers . . . the Canadian land forces in the Second World War could have been armed with modern weapons from the outset. As it was, they made do for many months with the equipment of 1918."

STRENGTH CUT

Even as late as Sept. 5, 1939,

two days after Germany invaded Poland, the government ordered that defence estimates be held down to a "moderate level" and planned strength of the army was cut to 40,000 from 60,000.

The first volume of the history deals only with the army in Canada, Britain and the Pacific. The 1944 conscription crisis, brought on by shortage of replacements for the overseas army, and the departure of Gen. A. G. L. McNaughton as commander of the First Army in December, 1945, are to be dealt with in later volumes.

Col. Stacey makes it fairly plain that Gen. McNaughton threw up his command because the army was split in two. He says: "By the autumn of 1943 the war was four years old and Canada's original overseas force of one division had been transformed into a small but well-organized and well-trained army."

"In June one of its five divisions had been sent to the Mediterranean to take part in the Sicilian campaign. It was then considered likely that this division would return in time to join in the invasion of France in 1944."

McNAUGHTON QUILTS

"In October, however, it was decided to build up a Canadian corps in the Mediterranean theatre. Shortly afterwards, and partly as a result of disagreement with the Canadian government on this issue, Gen. McNaughton relinquished the command of the First Canadian Army."

Col. Stacey says that after the 1st Corps was sent to Italy, survival of the army as such hung in the balance. It was finally decided that British or other Allied divisions would be placed under its command to lead the two Canadian divisions (1st and 5th) in Italy.

Two other matters concerning McNaughton are reported: He committed two Canadian bat-

talions to the Norwegian campaign without first consulting Ottawa. The external affairs department told him this was a "radical departure from pre-considered policy and plans." McNaughton felt he had such authority and was bitter at the implied censure by the government. Plans were changed and the battalions—Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry and the Edmonton Regiment—did not go to Norway.

HANDSOME REQUEST

WINNIPEG (CP)—A former Winnipeg teacher, the late Margaret Brooker, left the bulk of her \$37,000 estate to provide scholarships for Manitoba students of high scholastic standing.

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HAMPTON

The Christmas Cantata, to have been given by the community choir in Tryon United Church, under the direction of Dr. MacDonald, on Dec. 25, postponed by reason of the storm until December 29, was largely attended and greatly enjoyed by the large audience present on this date.

Friends of Hon. W. F. A. Stewart, Minister of Health and Labor, are expressing much sympathy in his illness at his home at Stratford, and are extending best wishes for an early return to health and duty.

Congratulations are being extended to Mrs. William Wadell, Mount Tryon, by her many friends upon the occasion of having passed the 100 mile stone on life's journey on January 1.

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Misses Carol and Betty MacDonaid, Soudshaw, accompanied by

their niece, Sandra and Dawn, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Murchison MacEachern on January 1.

Island relatives attending the funeral services for the late Peter Gordon included, Mrs. L. D. MacLeod, son Lester, Mrs. Donald MacLeod, Mr. and Mrs. Winton Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Donald MacKenzie, Mr. Pius Heath Gordon, Messrs. Judson and Peter MacEachern, Mrs. H. B. Willis.

Mrs. Clifford Sherrin was a weekend visitor at Summerside, and a New Year's guest of her mother, Mrs. Annie MacWilliams.

The Christmas Cantata, given by the Community Choir in Tryon United Church on December 29, under the direction of Dr. MacDonald, was repeated in St. John's Anglican Church on Sunday evening, January 1, and was greatly enjoyed by the large congregation present.

Relatives and friends of Miss Mary Morrison, daughter of Mr. Morrison, and the late Rev. D. J.

Morrison, a former pastor here student of the United Church training school, Toronto, are welcoming her home for Christmas and New Year's season. Miss Morrison formerly taught at Prince Street School before taking up the course at the Toronto training school.

Relatives and friends from our merging districts, joined the large number present at Trinity Church to witness the marriage of Fairlee, Edythe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor L. Shaw, to F. O. Donald, M. Millar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Millar, Cobden, Ontario. Gifts presented at the bride's reception testified to the esteem entertained for this young couple. Following the wedding trip through the Maritimes, and the province of Ontario, they will reside at Middleton, N. S., where the groom is posted at the R.C.A.F. Station at Greenwood, N. S.

Weekend visitors here, included Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cantwell and daughter Gail, Mr. G. R. Ferguson, Miss Alma Gould, Misses Ada Morrison, and the late Rev. D. J.

Most Fresh Water Fish Die Of Old Age Uncaught

NEW YORK (CP)—Black bass, one of the best of the fresh-water game fish, have prospered and multiplied with the advance of civilization, in contrast to the diminishing numbers of trout.

Large-mouth bass thrive wherever new waters have been provided—in a million farm ponds, in reservoirs of city water systems, in abandoned open-cast mines—as well as in their native lakes and streams.

So plentiful has the species become that in the United States 65 per cent of the 22,000,000 licensed anglers fish for bass.

The haunts and habits of bass are discussed at length in "Bass In America," by Erwin A. Bauer, just published by Simon and Schuster.

Once the range of bass was fairly limited—large-mouth bass were generally native to the deep south, small-mouths to the drain-

age area of the Great Lakes. MORE ADAPTABLE. Of the two species, the large-mouths have proved the more adaptable, following wherever humans have seen fit to provide new home waters and growing strong and scrappy as far north as southern Canada.

Bauer goes on: "Small-mouths haven't been quite so adaptable, perhaps because waters without vegetation and without earth bottoms are less numerous. Generally they prefer cool moving streams where oxygen content is high or rocky-bottomed lakes where the wind gives wave action similar to the tumbling of a stream. . . . They grow big and wild in numerous lakes across southern Canada; in many they were introduced only a short time ago. Lake of the Woods is one of these."

Bauer contends it is sound prac-

tice to fish for bass over spawning beds if you can find them, and if there is an open season in your area at that time of year. He says more and more conservationists are coming round to that point of view.

"Studies show that most fresh water fish die of old age and that only a fraction of the potential catch goes into the creels of anglers. Why not harvest them?"

KEEP FLASHING

MOOSE JAW, Sask. (CP)—Cold weather can slow down—traffic lights, works superintendent J. Poston explained. Lighter oil has to be used in the mechanism in freezing temperatures.

IMMIGRANT GULL

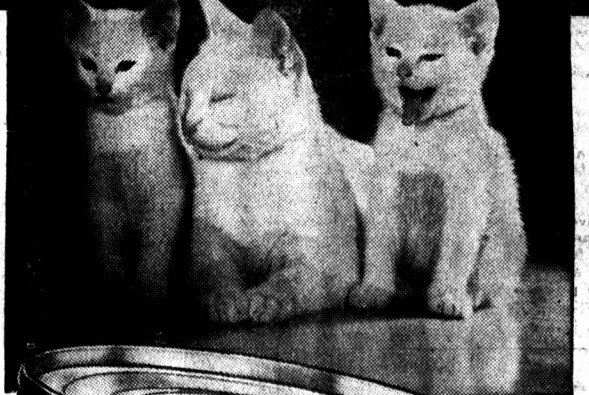
ALBERT BAY, B. C. (CP)—A seagull branded in Salt Lake City, Utah, on June 7, 1947, was discovered here by Rev. J. Salton.

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- Do HAMBURGER** lacks energy-giving carbohydrates, is deficient in vitamins A and D.
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RECEIVED SAD NEWS - Mrs. Peter McAleer, 22 Alley St., City, received the sad news Sunday, of the death of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Robert Lawson, Newton, Upper Falls, U. S. A. (nee Katherine McAleer, Sister of Mr. John McAleer, 21 Elm Avenue, City.

Y SING SONG—A large attendance gathered at the Y. M. C. A. Sunday evening for the regular weekly Christian Youth Fellowship Sing. Ian MacLean was song-leader for the evening and Allan Massey led the devotional. Lunch was served and the evening closed with the joining of hands in the fellowship circle.

DISASTER RELIEF—The Chairman of the Red Cross Disaster Committee, Mr. J. Gordon MacDonald, Sunday night informed The Guardian that as yet the Red Cross had not been called upon to give any assistance in connection with last week's storm. Up until the present, conditions were not of the type usually connected with disaster relief. But, he said, should a cold spell come into the picture along with the lack of power and communications, then it may be possible that the disaster committee may be called. In the meantime preparations have been made for such an event.

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A TWELVE WEEK COURSE Home Nursing will be started at the Red Cross about mid-January. Women interested may enrol.

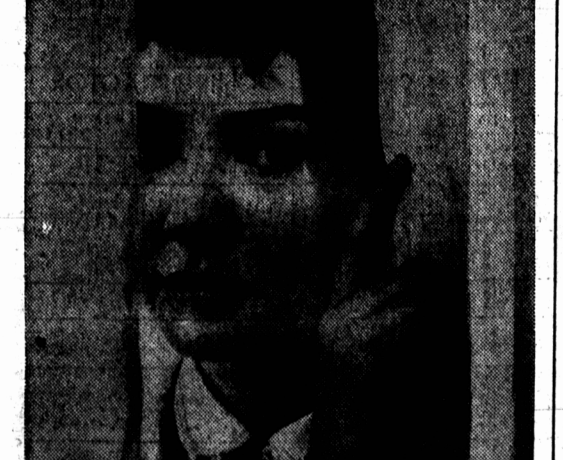
CARD OF THANKS

A sincere thank you to my many friends for their kindness during the holiday season.

J. H. Brennan.
Provincial Senator.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Robert D. (Dobby) Mann, who passed away Jan. 12, 1954. Always a smile never a frown. Always a hand, when some one was down. There wasn't a thing too big or too small That he wouldn't try to do for us all. Treasured memories are all we have left Of one we loved and will never forget. Sadly missed and lovingly remembered by Mom, Dad, sister and brothers.



Why your child needs your help when pimples strike

by MARCELLA HOLMES
NOTED BEAUTY AUTHORITY
(Former Beauty Editor of "Glamour" magazine)

Of all the mail that reaches a beauty editor's desk, there is none so urgent as letters from adolescent girls with pimples. That's why I want to alert mothers to the double dangers of this problem. Specialists warn that pimples undermine poise and self-confidence, can cause permanent damage to a child's personality. And every one knows that sensitive skin, if neglected, can leave permanent scars on the skin.

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