



**BRIG-GEN. JOHN SMITH**, Lethbridge, Alta., home. He carried in a "boot" hanging from the saddle. On the table is a Lee Enfield .303 rifle issued to him in 1900 and usually (CP Photo)

## Veteran Sees Boer War As Last Gentleman's War

By JOHN MATTERS  
LETHBRIDGE, Alta. (CP)—John Smith Stewart, soldier, dentist and politician, says the Boer War was the "last gentleman's war" this world will know.

The off-decorated brigadier-general, one of two Canadians now of that rank who served in the South African fighting, was interviewed before going to Ottawa for ceremonies to commemorate the end of the Boer War 60 years ago, on May 31, 1902. The other is Brig. Gen. Victor Odium of Vancouver.

"To a man, I feel it was the opinion of all that we had been opposed by a gallant and worthy foe," Gen. Stewart said of the conflict between the British and Boer Dutch settlers.

"They fought courageously and had not used any unfair tactics. I gained a wholesome respect for the attitudes of the Boer people and as far as I am concerned it was the last gentleman's war this world will know."

**FOUGHT ON HORSEBACK**  
Now 83, he recalls that as a private with the Lord Strathcona's Horse he saw "the romance of horses in wartime."

"To see the artillery galloping into action is a sight I will always remember. Wars will never be the same."

The regiment once ran into a dust storm and a cloud of locusts but the horses went through them as though they

## Joint Committee Gives Views On Canadian-U.S. Relations

MONTREAL (CP) — The Canadian-American committee, in a statement Sunday on relations between the two countries, said "it is vitally important to Americans that Canada not lose its political independence."

The statement said "a tempered and positive Canadian nationalism is a good thing."

Canadians feel that "in order to express and promote their national objectives and play a significant role in foreign affairs, Canada must have national policies of its own; that it must not allow itself to become so dominated by influence from the United States that it loses the basic power to determine its own long-run destiny."

The committee is comprised of 60 business, labor, agriculture and professional leaders of both countries. It is sponsored jointly by the National Planning Association in the U.S. and the Private Planning Association of Canada. It aims at better understanding of common problems and development of solutions.

**SAY CONCERN LACKING**  
The committee said relations have been "adversely affected at times by too little U.S. concern with the possible repercussions of U.S. national policies on Canadian interests." It cited "the original U.S. wheat barrier procedure and the initial U.S. oil import quotas."

The committee said there are other points at which "actions by either country may be construed as impinging on the sovereignty and vital interests of the other." Examples cited are the extra-territorial application of U.S. laws affecting Canadian business in cases of actions under U.S. anti-trust legislation and U.S. foreign-assets-control regulations, and U.S. reactions to allegations that Canada might move to exploit trade with Cuba.

Any significant retrenchment by either country towards more economic isolation and protection "can create serious problems," but U.S. moves would be more damaging since Canada is relatively much more heavily dependent on the U.S. in the matter of trade.



## TRIO SENTENCED IN SAIGON PLOT

Three men sentenced to death in Saigon for plotting to assassinate U.S. Ambassador Frederick E. Nolting, Jr. last July 8, are shown in court in Saigon. From left are: Le Quang Vinh, 40, wearing glasses; Le Hung Tu, 27, second from right; and Le Van Thanh, 22, extreme right. The three were accused and convicted of throwing a grenade at Nolting's moving car. The grenade did not explode. (AP Wire photo via radio from Saigon)



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