

New Reduction Anticipated For RCAF Defence Command

By DAVE McINTOSH
OTTAWA (CP) — The meeting of the Canada-United States cabinet defence committee in Washington June 25 may mark another step in the possible demise of RCAF Air Defence Command, informed sources say.

The main military purpose of the meeting, in Canadian eyes at least, will be an assessment of the Russian bomber threat against North America.

Informants said it is expected the U.S. delegation, which has infinitely more sources of intelligence information than the Canadians, will find the bomber threat reduced in comparison with the long-range missile menace.

Such an assessment, sources said, would eventually result in a further reduction in RCAF Air Defence Command, possible to the point where only a few jet planes are kept for reconnaissance purposes.

RCAF Air Defence Command now is down to 48 operational jet interceptors in three squadrons compared with 162 planes in nine squadrons in 1961. The number of radar stations in the Warning chain have been reduced and the Western half of the Mid-Canada Warning Line has been dismantled.

Besides the interceptors, the

RCAF has 86 nuclear-tipped B-marc anti-aircraft missiles. The interceptors are scheduled to be armed with nuclear B-marc rockets late this year.

A defence department spokesman said Tuesday though the number of interceptors has declined by 70 per cent, the firepower of the jets will be increased immeasurably when they get their nuclear rockets.

Prime Minister Pearson when in opposition suggested Canada retire from the jet interceptor business and maintain planes for Arctic reconnaissance only. Officially, he has never changed this view.

Defence production - sharing, Cyprus, United Nations peace-keeping operations in general and Canadian plans for integration of the armed forces' command structure are also expected to be discussed at the meeting.

Canadian delegates will be External Affairs Minister Martin, Defence Minister Heley, Associate Defence Minister Martin, Defence Minister Heley, Associate Defence Minister Cardin, Finance Minister Gordon and Defence Production Minister Druy.

The meeting is the first of the defence cabinet committee of the two countries since July, 1960, when the Canada-U.S. dispute over nuclear arms began to take shape.

Thomas Gates, then U.S. defence secretary, told a press

conference after that meeting Canada would get nuclear warheads in 1961. Howard Green then Canadian external affairs minister, kept saying "no, no" in a loud whisper while Mr. Gates was talking.

Senate Agrees To Soften Rule For Sea Papers

OTTAWA (CP) — The Senate has agreed to soften the rule of proposed mandatory qualifications for masters and mates of fishing vessels.

Approval was given to committee suggestions any man who can show he has served one season as master or mate prior to Dec. 1, 1965, will be able to get a certificate without a test.

However, men becoming masters or mates for the first time would have to pass the tests to acquire the necessary certificates.

Senator A. K. Hughes (L-Quebec) said this clause will enable continuity to be maintained in the fishing industry. To require longtime fishermen immediately to pass tests to obtain certificates would be unfair and prejudicial to the industry.

He said the transport department wants large fishing vessels to have certified masters and mates, but it also felt the

principle should be introduced by degrees.

FISHING BOATS EXEMPT

Senator Hugeson noted present law exempts all ships engaged solely in fishing and those up to 150 tons engaged principally in fishing from having certified masters and mates.

When the new qualifications were first introduced in the Senate as amendments to the Canada Shipping Act it was proposed that the exemption now apply only to vessels up to 25 tons.

He said it was felt this limit was too low and the committee decided to suggest the exemption apply to vessels up to 100 tons.

Other changes in the Shipping Act amending bill include these provisions:

No goods or passengers can be carried by foreign ships for journeys entirely within Canada between the Lakehead and the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

Tugs powered by internal combustion engines of a certain size must have a certified engineer.

TEST WATER

EDMONTON (CP) — Scientists at the provincial health laboratory on the University of Alberta campus test water in Edmonton nine times each day to assure its purity.

Dr. R. D. Stuart and 110 employees run the provincial laboratory here. A smaller lab, with a staff of 35, is employed at Calgary.

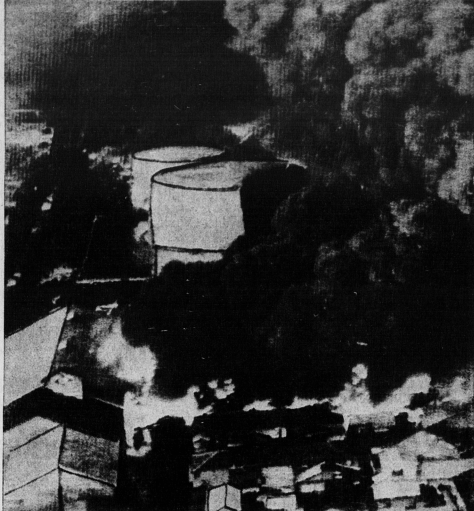
RATES SLASHED FOR NUDISTS

VANCOUVER (CP) — Reduced rates were announced here for student nudists—pardon, nudist students.

The agreement is between the nudist club in neighboring North Surrey, and the Aborigine Outdoor Club, which says its membership is made up of university and high school students.

"The student group... and Sunny Trails announced fees jointly an agreement has been signed permitting members of the student club to use the recreational facilities of Sunny Trails at reduced fees."

A press release added, "The death toll in the city was placed at 11, with 179 injured and 19 missing. Workmen are down some 90 homes in the path of the flames and moved 7,000 persons in preparation for tearing down more if the need arose. Leaking water, firemen and soldiers used sand and cement down on the creeping flames. (AP Wirephoto via radio from Tokyo).



OIL TANKS BURN IN QUAKE HIT CITY

This aerial view shows smoke rising Wednesday from petroleum tanks burning along waterfront in Niigata, Japan. The area was hit Tuesday by one of the strongest Japanese earthquakes of modern times.

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N.Y. Senator Suggests Limit On Power Import

NEW YORK (CP) — Senator Robert C. Byrd, West Virginia Democrat, said here steps might be necessary to limit imports of hydro-electric power from Canada if they grow to "abnormal" size in order to protect the coal industry from what he termed unfair competition.

Senator Byrd suggested other restrictions on residual fuel oil imports in a speech to the National Coal Association annual convention.

Calling for government moves to shield the coal industry, he urged an end to government subsidies for atomic power plants, saying nuclear fuel now threatens coal as an energy source.

His remarks about hydro-electric power imports apparently related to a Consolidated Edison Company project, now on the shelf, that envisioned a large increment to the New

YORK AREA'S ELECTRICITY SUPPLY

York area's electricity supply via extra-high-voltage transmission lines from water power sources in Labrador.

Byrd said it would amount to unfair trade practice for the U.S. to admit "abnormal" amounts of Canadian electricity while Canada employs tariffs and subsidies to block coal imports.

Byrd's atomic power remarks came against a background of President Johnson's assertion last week of an "economic breakthrough" in production of electric power from the atom.

Viscount Amory Gets HBC Post

LONDON (Reuters) — Viscount Amory, 65-year-old former high commissioner for the United Kingdom in Canada, has been appointed deputy governor of the Hudson's Bay Company, it was announced here.

The former Derick Heathcoat Amory, he was made a peer in 1960 after serving in Britain's Conservative government as pensions minister, agricultural minister and chancellor of the exchequer.

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BUILDS BOAT

VANCOUVER (CP) — Walter Pirocchio has used his spare time for the last five years building a 19-foot boat in his back yard. His wife often helps him. Although the hull is finished, he says he can't afford to complete the boat so he is putting it up for sale. Mr. Pirocchio is blind.

Vacation Money Map

Amount	Monthly Payment	Term
183.51	10.00	20 mos.
206.84	22.00	30 mos.
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