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C. F. A. WANTS HIGHER PRICE FOR CANADIAN WHEAT

Truce Talks Nearing Complete Stalemate

Canada Rejects "Feeler" For Jet Squadron To Serve On Korean Front

By Douglas How

OTTAWA, Jan. 23 (CP)—Canada was informally sounded out by the United States recently on the possibility of sending an R.C.A.F. jet fighter squadron to Korea to join in the United Nations fight against Russian-made MiG fighters showing up in the hundreds on the Communist side. The "feelers" didn't click.

Canada took the stand that the R.C.A.F. has a big enough job on its hands in preparing to fill the commitment to field an 11-squadron air division in Europe on behalf of the Atlantic Pact. The air division is Canada's No. 1 commitment under N.A.T.O. for European defence.

A second fighter squadron is going to England next month and a third to round out the first wing of the division, will go later in the spring. The aim is believed to be to have two wings or five or six squadrons across the Atlantic by the end of 1952.

No Formal Request

There was apparently no formal approach from Washington about more Canadian help to add to a national effort which already ranks second only to that of the United States on a per capita basis.

There was instead a quiet, informal "feeler" which didn't ask for anything point blank, but made it clear that a Canadian squadron would not be unwelcome if it happened to be available. Such feelers often precede formal requests.

Canada's Korean effort now embraces nearly 10,000 men, mostly in the army's 25th Brigade but also including an R.C.A.F. transport squadron and three naval destroyers. More men and equipment are needed at home to keep this effort going. The navy for instance has five destroyers to keep this effort going.

This is not the first time that the possibility of posting a fighter squadron to Korea has been examined here. Canada is understood to have offered originally in 1950 to send either a fighter or a transport squadron and the high command in Washington picked the transport squadron because that was the type most needed then. In the months since, the Atlantic Pact commitment has been undertaken.

OTTAWA, Jan. 23 (CP)—A memorial service will be held here Saturday for Kenneth R. Wilson, Ottawa editor of the Financial Post killed yesterday in a plane crash at Elizabeth, N.J.



Mr. A.S. Hopkins who Tuesday was elected president of the Summerside Board of Trade. He succeeded Mr. Fred Bell.

Potato Prices Not Too High, Grower Declares

TORONTO, Jan. 23 (CP)—Potato prices are the highest in years but potato growers at the Ontario Crop Improvement Association convention were told yesterday that their product merely seems too expensive.

Edgar Hewitt of Simcoe, Ont., said in an address to the association's potato section: "This is not another step in the inflationary spiral, but an adjustment of potatoes to their proper level in our national economy. They have been too cheap for too long a time. This continued cheapness is also the reason why potatoes are in scarce supply today."

He said growers receive more attention than when they could not get rid of their potatoes at even 25 cents a bag in the early '30s, but unfortunately the whole story was seldom told.

If an average of the prices received by growers over the last three years were taken, it could be seen that the average price did little more than meet the needs of the growers. Several years with normal production and prices at the present level were necessary before the growers' long term income was in inequity to their needs.

Coming Events

- Card party, Stanley Bridge School, Thursday, Jan. 24th, 8 o'clock. Sponsored by W. I.
- Reserve March 18th. Ladies Auxiliary Y. M. C. A. Afternoon Tea.
- Don't miss the Highland Dancing. Burns Concert, Victoria Hall, January 31st.
- Farmers, ask about the Shur Gain Feed Finance Plan. For particulars contact your local feed mill.
- Millvale horse races will be held on Thursday, Jan. 24, race starting at 2 p.m.
- Hockey North River Rink Thursday, Jan. 24, Milton Hornets vs. Covehead Red Wings. Game time 8:15 sharp. Skate after.
- For Snapshots that will not fade mail your films and negatives to Garnham Photo Studios, Charlottetown.
- Get your beef cattle ready for the Fat Stock Show. Use your own grain. See Gil Henry, Purina Feed Store.
- Mutch's Store, Mount Herbert, is now open every afternoon and evening, except Wednesday afternoon.
- Victoria Rink tonight, Thursday, second league game for the Wood Trophy. New Haven Royals vs. Appin Road Bulldogs. Skate after. Admission 25c to all.
- As we are only setting to orders on hand, it would be advisable for any person wanting March orders for February and March delivery to place their orders with us immediately. Dillon & Spillet.

Dangerous Turn Seen By Red Negotiators

By WILLIAM C. BARNARD

MUNSAN, Korea, Jan. 24 (Thursday) (AP)—Korean armistice negotiations are drifting toward "a complete stalemate," Rear-Admiral R.E. Libby, chief Allied negotiator on the prisoner-exchange issue, said Wednesday.

(At the same time a Chinese Communist negotiator on truce supervision, Maj.-Gen. Hsieh Fang, charged the talks were taking a "new dangerous turn" due to four "provocative" incidents by Allied aircraft within 11 days. He was quoted in a Peiping broadcast heard at San Francisco.)

Negotiators scheduled new sessions at Panmunjon at 11 A.M. today (9 P.M. E.S.T. Wednesday).

No progress was made Wednesday on either prisoner exchange or an Allied-proposed ban on construction of Red airfields during a truce.

Stepping out of a fruitless two-hour and 50-minute session on prisoners, Libby looked weary and discouraged.

He said the negotiators would meet again but added: "I don't know exactly why."

"I don't know if we're coming up with a complete stalemate—it looks like it."

Other Developments

In other developments Wednesday:

- The U.N. command admitted that an Allied plane dropped a 1,000-pound bomb by mistake inside the Kaesong neutral zone Jan. 17. The pilot inadvertently pushed his bomb release when intending to drop a wing tank. The Allies reacted after an investigation.
- The Allies also said that further evidence indicated a Communist armistice convoy was strafed by Fifth Air Force planes on the Pyongyang-Kaesong highway, Jan. 18. Allied investigators said planes struck near Hanpo Bridge, about two miles north of Kaesong, but did not see convoy vehicles on the road.
- The Communists agreed to give the U.N. command today a map marked with the exact location of 11 prisoner-of-war camps in North Korea. A staff officers' meeting conferred on safekeeping for prisoners as the result of an alleged Allied bombing the night of Jan. 14 of a prison camp near Kangdong.
- These were three of the four "provocations" Hsieh charged against the Air Force. The other was an unconfirmed flight over Manchuria Jan. 13.

Ford Workers Threaten Strike

WINDSOR, Oct. Jan. 23 (CP)—Ford of Canada workers will strike Sunday if the company does not accede to their demands, George Burt, Canadian director of the United Automobile Workers of America (C.I.O.-C.C.L.) said tonight.

He made the statement in an announcement following a company announcement that Ford will not accede to union wage contract demands. The announcement came late today after the break-off of 1951 contract talks which began last spring.

Continue Discussion Of St. John River Projects

QUEBEC, Jan. 23 (CP)—Engineers today estimated \$250,000,000 could be spent on successful development of hydro-electric projects on the Saint John River, in Eastern Canada and the United States.

The figure came from the International Saint John River Engineering Work Group after a two-day meeting to discuss data collected on three sites for possible hydro development.

The three projects, with an estimated cost of \$125,000,000, would double the river's hydro output in 10 years.

The four-man international group, seconded by 46 representatives of Canadian and American Government and private interests, has other projects in mind whose cost would bring total expenditure to the quarter billion dollars mark.

The group was appointed 15 months ago by the Saint John River engineering board which will make an over-all report to the international joint commission of Canada and the United States when field studies are completed

Very Large Attendance At Community Centre Opening

"A credit to the parish, to the city and to the Province as a whole," was the way various speakers described the new Holy Redeemer Community Centre which was officially opened last night by His Excellency Rt. Rev. James Boyle, Bishop of Charlottetown.

The new Stewart Street building was packed with a solid mass of humanity come to view it for the first time. They saw a structure designed to present every conceivable convenience for the creation of a full parish life. The main hall, with its beautiful panel finished walls and hardwood floors is arranged for basketball and badminton as well as other sports, or for use as a meeting hall or theatre. It was noticeable that the acoustics were almost perfect and every word spoken from the stage could be heard in all parts of the hall.

The building also has many smaller rooms for use by study groups or for committee meetings and in addition has a large downstairs room for social functions as well as a bowling alley with four alleys. Pride of the women of the parish is the ultra modern kitchen offering every convenience for the preparation of lunches or full course meals. A fully insulated projection room will permit the showing of the films which are planned for frequent occasions.

The visitors last night were welcomed by Dr. J.A. McMillan who acted as chairman and introduced the various speakers. He said in his opening remarks that the new building represented the latest in church architecture.

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Europeans Bet Canadian Dollar To Go Higher Than U.S. Counterpart

By Sam Dawson
AP Business Columnist

NEW YORK, Jan. 23 (AP)—The Canadian dollar has climbed to parity with the United States dollar at the same time that eight other Commonwealth countries launch a drive to save the shaky pound sterling.

(The Canadian dollar dropped slightly to 1-16 of one per cent discount at New York Wednesday after reaching parity Tuesday for the first time in 18 years.)

The financial health of Canada compared with others under the British crown or in the sterling area is striking enough. But in Europe many are betting that the Canadian dollar will climb to a premium over the American dollar.

They cite as reasons: The Canadian Government's operating with a treasury surplus and the American's operating with a heavy deficit. Canada is reducing her national debt and the United States is increasing its debt. European and United States money is flowing into Canada for investment in Canadian resources, such as oil, hydro-electric plants and iron-ore deposits, and to buy grain, newsprint and metals. And some of that foreign money is a refuge from the instability of the European economy.

With the Canadian dollar at or near parity with the American, it means that Americans must pay more in U.S. dollars when they buy Canadian products, but since these are badly needed here—especially newsprint, nickel and aluminum—importers from Canada will doubtless stay high.

Americans are also going to pay 18 1/2 cents more a pound for tin—first fruit of the deal that Washington and London made whereby Britain get steel and the U.S. gets tin and aluminum.

The United States will pay Britain \$54,500,000 for 44,750,000 pounds of tin at Singapore. The money will help but won't solve Britain's financial difficulties by any means. That is made plain by the eight countries out to save the pound sterling. They are Australia, New Zealand, India, Pakistan, Ceylon, South Africa, Southern Rhodesia, and Britain.

Conservatives Gain Seat In Nfld.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Jan. 23 (CP)—The Progressive Conservative opposition gained a seat, for a total of five, in the Newfoundland Legislature as a result of a recount in the Ferryland district.

Chief Justice Sir Albert Walsh's recount gave the seat to A.M. Duffy by two votes—a total of 1,428 as compared to 1,426 for Miles Murry, Liberal. Result of the recount was announced today.

The Liberals now have 21 seats.

Extremely Mild Weather Yesterday

HALIFAX, Jan. 23 (CP)—Southerly gales brought extremely mild air and record temperatures to the Maritimes today, the Dominion Public Weather Office reported.

Records for the date were set in three provinces. Saint John, with 50 degrees, beat the previous high of 49 degrees set in 1916. Fredericton's 48 was one degree higher than the 1916 record, and Charlottetown's 48 broke the record of 41, also set in 1916.

Yarmouth had a temperature of 48, where the previous mark was 47, set in 1943, and Halifax had 50 degree, breaking the record of 48 set in 1910.

Rain torrential in this area, swept across the Provinces.

Quebec Legislature Is Prorogued

QUEBEC, Jan. 23 (CP)—The fourth session of Quebec's 23rd Legislature was prorogued late today.

The session, which opened Nov. 9, is the last of the present legislature. It is generally agreed the legislature will be dissolved at an undetermined date and provincial elections called some time this year.

Freak Storm Ties Up Traffic In N. B.

SAINT JOHN, N. B., Jan. 23 (CP)—A freak storm over much of New Brunswick today caused the worst driving conditions in years.

Freezing rain followed snow, with the temperature just right to cover roads with ice. Later in the day, as the mercury mounted, the ice melted, permitting resumption of traffic.

Street and highway traffic in much of the province was practically at a standstill for hours. Southern counties had only a slight snowfall before the rain but in northern areas the snow ranged up to six inches. High winds caused heavy drifting.

For about three hours Saint John, like other sections, resembled a huge ice rink. Motor transportation was impossible, and pedestrians slipped, slipped and skidded. Buses parked wherever they happened to be and none left the city until conditions improved. Many school classes were cancelled.

Also Would Boost Egg Price Support 6 Cents

By Harold Morrison

MONTREAL, Jan. 23 (CP)—The Canadian Federation of Agriculture decided today to seek a higher price for Canadian wheat and to have the Federal Government boost the wholesale support price on eggs to 44 dozen from 38.

Jack Wesson of Regina, president of the Saskatchewan Co-operative Producers, said that the climb of the Canadian dollar to par with the American dollar may be a feather in Canada's cap but it has brought financial trouble to Western wheat producers.

Since the price of Canadian wheat was fixed, under the terms of the International Wheat Agreement at \$1.90 (United States funds) per bushel for No. 1 northern Canada had been getting \$1.98 a bushel in Canadian funds when the Canadian dollar was priced at roughly 10 per cent below U.S. currency.

Now with the value of the Canadian dollar about even with the U.S. dollar, the price of a bushel of wheat in Canada is the same as in the U.S.—\$1.80—a drop of 18 cents.

Mr. Wesson proposed—and the Federation agreed—the domestic price should be cast loose from the terms of the International Wheat Agreement and should be adjusted in accordance with fluctuations in farmers' production and living costs.

Urge Seaway Speed-up

The Federation urged a speed-up in development of the St. Lawrence seaway and called on the government to seek renewal of the four-year International Wheat Agreement, though with higher ceiling and floor prices.

The multi-lateral pact terminates July, 1953, but countries must indicate their decision on renewal a year before termination. The ceiling is \$1.80 (U.S.) a bushel, with a floor ranging down to \$1.30 (U.S.) a bushel in 1953.

Delegates endorsed the Federation's policy to seek international commodity agreements to expand trade and stabilize markets and urged the government to expand preferential tariff concessions to the United Kingdom "to give the utmost encouragement to the sale of British goods in Canada."

U. K. May Be Able To Buy Increased Goods From Canada

MONTREAL, Jan. 23 (CP)—Finance Minister Abbott, while in London, may have achieved some success in arrangements to make it easier for the United Kingdom to buy more goods from Canada, a colleague of his intimated today.

Agriculture Minister Gardiner told the annual convention of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture that one purpose of Mr. Abbott's attendance at this month's Commonwealth finance ministers' conference was to see whether "financing can be arranged" so that markets could be found for increased production in Canada.

And reports coming back from London, he added, appeared to indicate that Mr. Abbott may have had some success. Mr. Gardiner was asked later by reporters whether he meant that the pound was to be revalued, or whether it was to be made convertible, but he said he had no information other than that placed before the convention.

The issue of Britain's position in Canadian markets in view of the grave financial crisis threatening the sterling area was brought up during a question period following Mr. Gardiner's address.

He told the Federation that the Government will thwart the plans of any speculators who may try to push up the price of butter this winter. He observed also that at the annual farm conferences, there now was a spirit of co-operation rather than of controversy.

Federation delegates tried to draw him out what the possible future may be for the Federal price-support program on foodstuffs, but to no avail. Mr. Gardiner stated, however, that the policy is not to provide "incentive" prices that are incentive to increase production, but rather to make sure that the farmer did not lose money in his normal farm production.

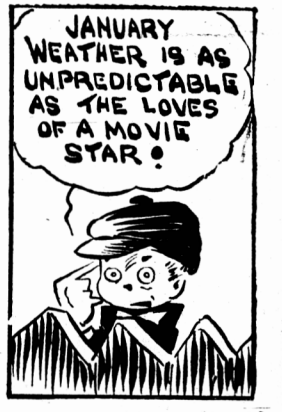
Non-Resident Gunners Discussed At Meeting Of Fish, Game Ass'n

The question of non-resident gunners who visit the Island every year was the subject of much discussion at a special meeting of the Queen's County Fish and Game Association held last night at the Vocational School. President Erskine K. MacNutt was in the chair.

A disappointing feature of the meeting was the small attendance of rural members of the Association, who had indicated at previous meetings that they had grievances to air. Those rural members who were in attendance stressed that although some of their remarks were rather strong, they expressed the viewpoints of their communities and not their own in particular. Fears were expressed by some members that the tendency of wealthy American hunters to lease the better hunting localities in other Provinces would spread to the Island, thus commercialising the sport to the detriment of the local gunners.

The lack of courtesy on the part of non-resident hunters in not asking permission of the land owner before shooting over farm-

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Mechanic Survivor Tells Of Explosion In Mine

STELLARTON, N.S., Jan. 23 (CP)—The McGreggor mine explosion here Jan. 14 was like a "ball of fire in a dirty snow-bank," Fraser Lorimer, a mechanic who survived the blast, told an official inquiry today.

Lorimer, the 26th witness called in the inquiry that began Monday, was the first to testify regarding the actual explosion that took 19 lives. The others described events preceding the accident.

Judge J. Welford MacDonald, conducting the inquiry, will visit Aberdeen Hospital tomorrow to take evidence from James Hawboldt, another survivor. William Sewell, the only other man to escape death in the blast, is not yet in fit condition to be questioned. Lorimer was 600 feet away from the explosion and suffered only a small head cut.

Five men who worked the night shift before the explosion testified today they became ill during the shift, before any "fire smell" was detected. One man, Finlay MacRae, said he still has not recovered from the symptoms—tightness of the chest, dizziness, staggering and weakness in the legs.

They reported their illness to H. V. Weir, overseer, who tested the air without finding indication of gas. He sent for Emile Hudry, the mine examiner, and his assistant, Danny Hughes, and after investigation they found a "faint" fire smell.

"Draegermen, led by MacKenzie Fleming, assistant superintendent of the rescue crew, entered the mine and erected a temporary "stopping."

Working in gas masks, they finished the job about noon, then returned to the surface and a "bare-faced" crew began to put up permanent stoppings to seal off the affected area.

These were the men who died when the blast came.

Airport Project Causes Stir In Cocos Islands

Before the Australians came ashore two months ago there was only a score of white people on the islands.

The islands—27 of them—are situated about 1,000 miles from Java and 2,000 from Perth, Western Australia. The Clunies Ross family has owned them for hundreds of years. It has a 999-year lease.

The 1,500 islanders, mostly Malays, make a living by selling coconuts. They live in neat, rent-free wooden houses, grow roses and bananas in their gardens and fish in the lagoons.

There are few labor troubles. Last year the islanders got their first wage rise in history—a 4-cent hike which brought an adult's pay to 14 cents a day.

But it doesn't cost a cent to marry, nor to send the kids to school. And there are no lawyers to take divorce fees and the women haven't heard of alimony.

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