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## EXPLOSION ON U. S. CARRIER KILLS 30, INJURES 40

### Belligerent Prisoners Block Explanations

#### Lobster Fishermen To Obtain More Equitable Compensation

OTTAWA, Oct. 16.—(Special)—More equitable compensation will henceforward be paid by the Federal Government to lobster fishermen whose lobster traps have been lost or damaged by storms. The compensation as announced today by acting Fisheries Minister Winters, will take the form of amendments to the recently-inaugurated plan of insurance of lobster fishing gear.

Mr. Winters noted that while the insurance plan had been started this year in Northumberland Strait, acceptance of it by fishermen was small on account of the low recovery rate in cases of loss. The new scheme will not affect Prince Edward Island lobster fishermen this year, departmental officials said, because the lobster season in P. E. I. waters is now over and will not re-open until May 1, 1954. At that time, a revised plan will be offered to lobstermen both in the Northumberland Strait and north shore waters.

The plan will go into effect as an experiment in the Bay of Fundy lobster fishing areas on November 1 and November 15, and in southwestern Nova Scotia on December 1.

Under one type of coverage, fishermen with traps valued at over seven dollars including rope and buoy, who pay a premium of 25 cents a trap, can receive compensation for storm or abnormal losses at the rate of \$4 per trap.

On account of normal wear and tear and traps and their average life of four years, no payments will be made on the first 25 percent of the total number of traps not recovered at the end of the lobster season. Traps damaged beyond the compensation rate will be considered as lost.

Under the present plan which begins in Bay of Fundy and southwestern Nova Scotia waters next month, a fisherman owning 500 traps valued at seven dollars apiece, would pay a premium of \$125 on his \$3,500 investment. If he fails to recover half his traps, he will be paid \$4 per trap on the 125 lost, over and above his normal loss.

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#### Defy Armed Indian Troops, Threaten Break

By Milo Farnett  
PANMUNJOM, (AP)—More than 7,000 North Korean prisoners defied 300 armed Indian troops Friday, threatening a mass breakout and forced cancellation of Red explanation sessions.

Ignoring an ultimatum, the angry prisoners loosened posts at their stockades for a smash at the barbed wire fences, dug trenches and made other preparations for what might have been a bloody struggle.

The prisoners were armed with sticks and stones. The Indian guards deployed about the seething compounds carried rifles and tear gas grenades.

Rather than risk rioting and heavy casualties, the Indians swallowed their "ultimatum" after 5 1/2 hours of tense manoeuvring and announced they would deal today only with Chinese prisoners in hopes they would prove more cooperative.

Red teams had waited through the angry demonstration for a chance to talk to 1,000 of the North Koreans hoping to persuade them to return to Communist rule.

The Indian retreat stirred speculation as to its future effect on efforts to get the 22,400 anti-Reds before the Communist explainers. Both the 14,600 Chinese and the 7,800 North Koreans have an elaborate grapevine and signal system. Few, if any of them, could have missed the significance of Friday's outbreak.

Grabbed Rocks  
A threat of force got the long-delayed explanations going Thursday when 500 Chinese reluctantly went to the explanation booths and all but 10 chose to stay with the United Nations.

#### Island Soldiers En Route To Korea

Some 900 members of the 2nd Battalion, The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada, now en route to Korea will be the first major Canadian unit to arrive in the 'land of the morning calm' since the truce.

Among Prince Edward Island soldiers are Sgt. Nelson Roberts, left, of New London, and Pte. Vernon Falls, Charlottetown. (National Defence Photo).

#### Report Israel Attacks Three Jordan Villages; British Issue Sharp Note

By TOM OCHILTREE  
LONDON, (AP)—Britain accused Israel Friday of endangering Middle East peace by "apparently calculated attack" on three Jordan villages that cost 56 lives.

She demanded the Israel punish those responsible and compensate the Jordanians.

In Washington, the U.S. state department was reported considering a public denunciation of Israel. State department officials said they were "very much concerned" about the incident.

Lincoln White, state department press officer, said Eric Johnston, President Eisenhower's special envoy to the Middle East now en route there, "will do what he can" to ease tension.

#### Syria Denounces Israel's Diversion Of Jordan River

By FRANCIS W. CARPENTER  
UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., (AP)—Syria denounced Friday Israel's diversion of the Jordan river as a flagrant violation of the Syrian-Israeli armistice and called on the security council to do something about it.

Rafik Asha, Syrian delegate, announced at a press conference that he was appealing to the council. He declined to say at this time just what action he would seek. The council, already involved in a flare-up of debate on Trieste, is expected to consider the Syrian Jordan case next week.

Israel wants to alter the Jordan river bed between Lake Huelh and the Sea of Galilee for irrigation purposes. The mixed armistice commission had called on Israel to discontinue the work, but Israel had refused to comply.

#### Navy Week To Be Observed Oct. 18-24

TORONTO, (CP)—Navy week will be observed in Canada Oct. 18-24, the Navy League of Canada said Friday.

The league said the Duke of Edinburgh has cabled wishes for "every success" and Prime Minister St. Laurent has said "During this week... all Canadians should pause and pay tribute to the men of the sea."

Traditional Protector  
Israeli newspapers have described the incident as retaliation for the shooting of several Israelis by Arabs at various places along the armistice line in recent weeks.

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#### 530 Trapped Coal Miners Rescued

MANCHESTER, Eng., (Reuters)—The last of 530 trapped coal miners were brought to the surface here Friday night seven hours after a pithead fire blocked their normal exit and left them in darkness 2,700 feet below the surface.

One man was hurt. The men were brought up a nearby emergency shaft by means of a cage which could hold only six men at a time. The operation took six hours. The first men to reach the surface at Bradford colliery shouted: "Everything's okay below."

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#### Sees Communism Taking Root In South America

MILWAUKEE, (AP)—Senator Alexander Wiley (Rep., Wis.) said Friday "Communism has established a strong beachhead in Guatemala" and has taken root to "considerable extent" elsewhere in Latin America.

Wiley, chairman of the Senate foreign relations committee, in an address prepared for a luncheon meeting of the City Club here, said one way to assure the continued security of the United States is to make sure "that we do not overlook our own backyard, our own hemisphere."

He said a foreign relations subcommittee will shortly issue a study of the world-wide strength of the Communist party, country by country.

"This study," he continued, "will indicate the considerable extent to which Communism has unfortunately taken root practically right under our own noses" in this hemisphere.

#### Says No Cause For Alarm Re Potato Pool Marketing

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"We do not propose to follow such a course of action," Mr. MacDonald stated, "and any sales already made by our selling agency to the United States potato trade have been at a level as high or higher than can be obtained in Canada. Under the present marketing plan the American trade will enjoy a greater measure of price level protection than they might otherwise have, and for that reason present marketing practices should not be any cause for alarm."

#### Accountant Sentenced On Holdup Charge

MONTREAL, (CP)—Marcel Laberge, 40-year-old accountant who pleaded guilty recently to four bank hold-ups which netted \$10,650 since July 20, was sentenced Friday to six years in the penitentiary.

Laberge, married and father of three children, told the court before he was sentenced that he had used the money to gamble.

#### Big Three Agree To Stand Firm On Trieste Decision

By ARTHUR GAVSHON  
LONDON, (AP)—The Western Big Three ministers agreed Friday night to stand firm on an Anglo-American decision to transfer Trieste's zone A to Italy, but were reported to have decided the Allied troops must stay there until Yugoslav and Italian tempers cool.

The original idea was to withdraw the 4,400 American and 3,000 British soldiers on occupation duty in the free territory about the end of November.

Official sources said the British, American and French ministers also discussed whether they should make an early offer to Russia for talks on an East-West non-aggression treaty. Faced with an objection by West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer to making the offer now, they were reported to have postponed a decision until today.

Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, State Secretary John Foster Dulles and Foreign Minister Georges Bidault also pondered the new frontier flareup between Israel and Jordan. They were said to have weighed a British suggestion that the matter be put before the United Nations Security Council, but failed to agree on that move.

#### Some Folks Won't Even Pay Themselves The Debt They Owe Themselves!

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Outlook for Sunday: Clear and warm.  
Bay of Fundy: Northwest winds 15; clear with visibility 15 miles; little change in temperature.  
High tide today at Charlottetown at 3:59 A. M. and 5:06 P. M.  
High tide today at the North Shore at 1:35 A. M.  
Summerside: Sixteen minutes later than Charlottetown.  
Sun rises today at 6:31 A. M. and sets at 5:26 P. M.

#### Coming Events

- Hope River bazaar and chicken supper Oct. 21 and 22.
- Card Party and Dance, Corran Ban Hall, Wednesday, October 21st.
- Jonk Chicken Supper, Thursday, October 22nd.
- Hot Turkey Supper, October 28th, Crapaud United Church.
- Weekly Dance, Fort Augustus, Wednesday, Burke's Orchestra.
- Hunter River Starch Factory will open for the season Thursday, October 15th.
- South Rustico Chicken Supper and Bazaar, Tuesday, November 3rd.
- Masquerade Dance, Belfast Hall, Monday, October 19th, Point Prim Women's Institute.
- Reserve Wednesday, October 21st, for Mount Stewart United Church Annual Supper.
- Masquerade Dance, Gowan Brae School, Friday, October 30th. Good prizes. Good music.
- Dance every Tuesday night, Stanley Bridge Rink hall. Music by Munroe's Orchestra.
- W. T. Scott will be hauling cream to Wiltshire Factory on Mondays only.
- At Milton, Thursday, October 22nd, Chicken Supper by St. John's Anglican Church.
- Turkey Supper in French River Hall, Wednesday, October 28th. Sponsored by Coronation W. I.
- Chicken and Ham Supper in Wheatley River, Wednesday, Oct. 21st, in aid of Hall.
- Showing at Mt. Stewart Friday and Saturday nights, "The Raiders", starring Richard Conte and Barbara Britten.
- Hot Supper served 5:30 to 9:30, St. Teresa's Hall, Monday, October 19th. Games, Dance, Burke's Orchestra.
- Annual Bazaar, High Tea, Bingo, Dance, St. James Church, Georgetown, Wednesday, October 21st.
- Masquerade Dance, Morell, Wednesday, October 21st. Harbor Cousins' Orchestra. Sponsored by Women's Institute.
- Coming to Morell on Tuesday, October 20th, the Georgetown play, "The Women Folks", Curtain 8:30 P. M.
- Shur-Gain Cavalcade, Tryon Baptist Hall, Wednesday, October 21st, 8 P. M. Luncheon sold. North Tryon Women's Institute.
- Masquerade Dance, New Zealand School, Monday, October 19th. Prizes, Free Lunch, Chaisson's Orchestra.
- Farmers ask about the Shur-Gain Feed Finance Plan. For particulars contact your local feed mill. Farmers who break records use Shur-Gain.
- Buying pigs Monday at Fredericton. Will not be buying at other points until following week. Knud Jorgensen.
- Entertainment, Eldon Hall, Wednesday, Oct. 21. Highland dancing, films, first aid demonstration and lecture.
- Attention Potato Growers Federation of Agriculture. Broadcast on C. F. C. Y. Wednesday, Oct. 21st, at 8 P. M. Questions and answers on "Potato Marketing Agreement and Operation of Pool, Board and Agency". This is an opportunity to get the information in your own home.
- James W. Gordon will be collecting hogs for Swift Canadian Company, Ltd., through Murray River, Abney, Iris, Hopefield and Dover. For trucking service, please list your hogs at Horton's Store, Murray River, Phone 4-2.
- Attention Alberry Plains and Summerside Hog Producers—Norman Devis will be collecting Hogs in your District for Swift Canadian Company, Ltd. For trucking service please list your hogs with Joseph Cronan, Phone Summerside 77-111.
- Charlottetown Farm Supplies, 203 Great George Street, Sales and Service. Complete line of De Laval Milkers, Coolers, new and used Separators, Water Pressure Systems, De Laval Refrigerators, etc.



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BOSTON, (AP)—A rumbling explosion tore through the big United States aircraft carrier Leyte Friday, killing at least 30 and injuring 40 others.

It was not known immediately how many of the dead were officers or ratings. It was reported some civilian navy yard employees were among the victims.

The 27,500-ton ship was tied up at the South Boston naval shipyard annex when the explosion and fire swept below decks forward.

The fire which accompanied the blast charred some of the bodies so badly that naval spokesmen said identification will be difficult.

Capt. Thomas A. Ahroom, a navy pilot who took command of the 856-foot-long ship Sept. 27, said that rescue parties and damage control men were in action "in seconds" after the blast shook the ship.

Capt. Ahroom was in his cabin when clouds of "bright" smoke swirled in and blocked two exits.

He climbed out an escape hatch through the side of the ship and ascended a ladder to the flight deck to direct rescue and firefighting operations.

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