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## CANADIAN TROOPS BACK IN ACTION AFTER 14-DAY REST

### Hope For Big Four Meeting Reported Brighter

#### New "Mark Up" System Of Food Price Controls Announced In The U.S.

WASHINGTON, March 28—(AP)—A new "percentage mark-up" system of food price controls was ordered tonight by the United States Government and officials predicted it will bring more price reductions than increases.

The Office of Price Stabilization issued three regulations applying to about 560,000 retail food stores and about 10,000 food wholesalers.

The orders affect about 60 per cent of the food on shelves of grocers and about \$20,000,000 of the business they do each year.

The new pricing method fixes specific percentages which food sellers can add to what they pay for food items. The system must be put into effect between April 5 and April 30. After the April 30 deadline, grocers must recalculate their prices every Monday, based on their newest costs of food deliveries.

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Under the new O.P.S. mark-up orders, both retail food sellers and wholesalers are broken down into four classifications each. These are based on the type and volume of business done. Different mark-up percentages are allowed for the

#### Gromyko Drops Insistence On Demilitarization

By EDDY GILMORE  
PARIS, March 28 (AP)—Andrei Gromyko today dropped his insistence that the Potsdam agreement on the demilitarization of Germany become a topic of a new Big-Four foreign ministers meeting.

The Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister agreed for the first time to inclusion of the question of the "level of arms" of the United States, Britain, France and Russia on the proposed agenda.

He also abandoned his stand that German disarmament must be discussed as a separate topic. These developments in the 19th meeting of the four powers' deputy foreign ministers led Western authorities to say guardedly that the four powers at last may be making some progress toward arranging the work sheet for a foreign ministers' conference to ease world tensions.

The proposal, at first glance, seems to indicate that Russia has moved a step toward meeting the West, but really we must study this item, a high official said. "Obviously it contains some flaws."

A French source commented that "it certainly permits the discussion to be usefully continued." Dropping of the Potsdam agreement occasioned special interest among Western observers. It was at Potsdam in 1945 that the chiefs of state of the United States, Russia and Britain decided that Germany should be demilitarized and that her power to make war should be destroyed.

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#### Wage Increase For Casual Labor Urged

A resolution calling for organized labourers to make the "strongest demand possible" on Civic and Provincial Governments to increase the hourly wage rate for casual labor was passed at a mass meeting held last night at the Labourers' Protective Union Hall.

It was signed by representatives of the United Packing House Workers of America, the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and the Labourers' Protective Union.

The resolution was drawn up following the meeting at which several speakers referred to the low wages paid by the city for casual and unskilled labor. It reads:

"Whereas the cost of living is continuing to increase; "And whereas there has been little or no action on the part of employers to increase wages to conform with the cost of living; "And whereas the Provincial Labour Law does not permit the organization of employees in an industry which employs less than 15 men; "Be it therefore resolved that we as organized labourers make the strongest demand possible to the Civic and Provincial Governments of Prince Edward Island to increase the pay of unskilled and casual labour to the rate of 75 cents per hour with time and a half for overtime and double rate for Sundays and statutory holidays.

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Mr. Mathieson's motion set forth that the affidavit was made under the Canada Evidence Act on March 26, 1951, by Leonard Ralph Herring, presently of Halifax, and formerly of Murray River, ship's captain, "which solemn declaration is hereto attached, that he was employed for a period of 10 months or thereabouts in the year 1949 and 1950 as First Mate, and for the period of 20 days in 1950 as Master of the said M.V. Eskimo, and that the said ship was operated by the staff of the said Shipping Service in an inefficient and negligent manner;

"And it has been further declared by the said Leonard Ralph Herring that the said ship's stores were stolen by members of the ship's crew and were exchanged for rum and were otherwise illegally dealt with to the knowledge and with the consent of the said Captain Terry and the said Shipping Manager C. P. Reddall.

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NEW YORK, March 28 — (AP)—The stock market fell sharply today after a short burst of selling. Losses ran to as much as \$3 a share, and the volume of trading stepped up to 1,700,000 shares.

The Associated Press average of 60 stocks lost \$1.20 at \$91.80, the lowest point in the general fall from the peak of \$96.90 reached Feb. 10 when the market stood at a high for more than 20 years.

The drop started shortly before noon when a sudden burst of selling put the ticker tape behind in reporting floor transactions. Among larger losers were Santa Fe off \$3 at \$156, Atlantic Coast Line \$2 at \$66, American Can \$2.50 at \$111, Sears Roebuck \$1 at \$54.75, and Westinghouse Electric \$1 at \$37.87.

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#### To Discuss Details Re Support Program Here

FREDERICTON, March 28 — (CP)—Negotiations toward working out a support price program for New Brunswick potato growers opened here this afternoon and will continue tomorrow.

Mr. McLeod said members of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Marketing Boards met with Federal and Provincial agricultural officials today. Later the P.E.I. delegation left for home, but the Federal representatives at the meeting here will go to the Island Friday to discuss further details of the plan with officials of that Province.

Mr. McLeod said he believed a joint announcement of the new plan would be made Saturday. Attending from the New Brunswick Department of Agriculture were Hon. A. C. Taylor, the minister, and E. M. Taylor, field husbandman.

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#### Spend Night In Pouring Rain After Advance

By Bill Boss  
Canadian Press Staff Writer  
WESTERN SECTOR, KOREA, March 28—(CP)—The Patriots went back into action today after 14 days of rest.

They made a 2,000-yard advance from one hill to another in a sector northeast of Seoul—the mountain climbing actually meaning about five miles travel overland. Tuesday the Canadians moved to the village of Porungol where they bivouacked overnight in a drenching downpour about four miles behind the lines.

Thanks to United States army ponchos—a ground sheet cut on sensible lines—issued last Sunday, they were perfectly dry when they moved northward today.

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#### Missing Tots Found In Bog

HALIFAX, March 28 — (CP)—Lili Marlene Stewart and Maureen Carter, both four years of age, were found sitting unconcerned on a rock in a bog near here late tonight after being missing from their homes for about eight hours.

They said they "just got lost" when their frantic parents asked what had happened. The girls were missing from their homes since early afternoon. Walkie-talkies and a Moutie-trained blood-hound were used in the hunt.

#### Three Island Men Graduate At Truro

TRURO, N.S., March 28 — (CP)—Twenty-four students from the four Atlantic Provinces were graduated from the Nova Scotia Agricultural College here today, 10 of them in the advanced farm class.

Little of St. Stephen, N.B. among those receiving honorable mention certificates was William P. Abraham, son of the Anglican Bishop of Newfoundland.

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#### Chinese Reject Peace Offer

HONG KONG, March 29 — (Thursday) — (Reuters)—Peiping radio today broadcast a statement rejecting Gen. Douglas MacArthur's offer to meet the North Korean commander in the field to discuss peace.

The statement said the Chinese Communist capital was made by a spokesman of the "Chinese People's Committee for World Peace Against American Aggression."

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#### News In Brief

DETROIT, March 28—(AP)—The spare tire today became the auto industry's first major casualty of the United States defence program. Several manufacturers disclosed they have notified their dealers they no longer will be able to furnish the spare tire with new cars.

VICTORIA, March 28—(CP)—Reports circulating in military circles here today indicate that Brig. William J. Megill, D.S.O., will command the new brigade to be formed at Fort Lewis, Wash., for an Atlantic Treaty defence role on continental Europe.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., March 28—(CP)—Premier Joseph R. Smallwood told the Legislature today "I repudiate with scorn" a statement by former Natural Resources Minister Russell that Newfoundland is headed for financial ruin.

Missing Plane Report In Error  
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He pledged at the start of a five-day visit of state as the guest of President Truman that France will stand side by side with the United States "in peace and liberty."

The echoes of a 21-gun salute at Union Station opened a ceremonious reception after he was greeted by Truman and his cabinet. A crowd estimated by police at 225,000 cheered as the two Presidents rode down flag-bedecked Pennsylvania Avenue in an open automobile.

The French leader is here for an 11-day visit in the United States and Canada. While here he will have talks on mutual problems of defence and economics.

#### 25th Brigade Begins Movement To Korea

FORT LEWIS, Wash., March 28 (CP)—The movement of Canada's 25th Brigade to Korea has started. It was announced today that a small advance party has sailed from a west coast United States port bound for the war torn peninsula where one Canadian battalion has just gone back into the line.

(In Ottawa, Defence Headquarters said the bulk of the brigade, about 5,000 men, is expected to sail in April. There have been difficulties in arranging shipping.)

The advance party "will make arrangements for the arrival of combat elements of the brigade." It sailed aboard the United States troopship Joseph P. Martinez, the ship which carried the 2nd Battalion of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry to Korea late last year.

The brigade's commander, Brig. John M. Rockingham, now is in Korea on a reconnaissance tour but is expected to return here before the brigade leaves.

#### New Plot Fails As Iran Seethes With Unrest

By Suleiman Shamloo  
TEHRAN, Iran, March 28 — (AP)—Authorities seized an armed Nationalist fanatic who planned to shoot Premier Hussein Ala when Ala left his office at noon and later rounded up eight others in the plot, a police source said tonight.

All were identified as members of the Fedayan Islam religious sect, which has claimed responsibility for the assassination of Premier Ali Razmara three weeks ago and threatened others opposing the proposed nationalization of Iran's Moslem oil industry.

The fanatic Moslem group has turned this fourth largest oil-producing country into a seething pot of trouble with violence and agitation to force the government to nationalize oil resources. This would include the huge British-controlled Anglo-Iranian Oil Company, the only oil producer in the country.

(Worried by the threats of her oil interests in Iran, Britain dispatched the cruiser Gambia to the Red Sea, within easy reach of the Persian Gulf. The Admiralty in London said the Gambia was going to the Red Sea port of Aden to bring Britain's East Indies fleet up to strength.)

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