

# Canada's Soldiers Praised

FRANKFURT (AP)—The favorite soldiers among all NATO troops stationed in West Germany are the Canadians, the Frankfurt Rundschau reports. "That Canadian forces make a considerable contribution to the defence of Western Europe is often overlooked in all the publicity over American, British and French troops," the newspaper says in an article on the Canadian forces.

"Except in the close vicinity of their garrisons and airports, their presence in West Germany is even widely unknown. By no means is this because they shut themselves off from their German surroundings. On the contrary, they are extremely friendly and eager for contacts with Germans."

"The reason for anonymity is much more the irreproachable behavior which marks the Canadians as the 'model boys' among all troops stationed in West Germany, including our own armed forces."

"Nothing happens in the garrisons of this NATO partner nor in the defence ministry at Ottawa to create discredit headlines." A Canadian army brigade and several RCAF fighter and bomber squadrons are stationed in Germany.

NOTES STANDARDS Canadian troops are all well-paid volunteers from whom a high standard of training and discipline is required, the Frankfurt newspaper says.

Their German neighbors appreciate this conduct with understanding and affection for their Canadian hosts. Nowhere else is there so little protest over noisy jet fighters as at the Canadian airfields of Zweibrücken in the Palatinate and Soellingen, near Baden-Baden. And the mayors of the communities near Zweibrücken have for a long time been answering themselves the letters of complaints that do come, instead of passing them on to the airfield commanders.

The Canadians have about 10,000 soldiers and airmen in West Germany, plus about double that number of civilian employees and dependants, the article reports. The RCAF contingent is soon to be bolstered by Canadian airmen moving from France in response to President de Gaulle's withdrawal from the NATO military command.

# Ministers Prepare Squeeze

LONDON (Reuters)—Millions of pounds were lopped off the market value of stocks recently as British cabinet ministers and other officials prepared a massive new credit squeeze aimed at saving the pound from devaluation.

The pound-dollar rate also dropped while financial experts waited for Prime Minister Harold Wilson to disclose his new austerity measures, expected to be the toughest since 1945, on Wednesday after his return from talks in Moscow.

The pound opened on the foreign-exchange market at \$2.782 U.S. but dropped to about \$2.789 during the day. Falls from \$2.780 were recorded last Friday after the bank rate, the nation's key lending rate, was raised from six to seven per cent. The pound is valued at \$3 Canadian.

Wilson was reported ready to tell his cabinet that they must give quick endorsement to his emergency summer budget or resign. Wilson himself was said to be facing his biggest personal test since he became prime minister 21 months ago.

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