

in Korea of the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery. The Minister offered to carry messages back to the men's families and by nightfall had almost 1,000 notes to deliver.

960 Miles of Trans-Canada Highway Graded: Ottawa, January 2, (Globe and Mail) --

Grading has been completed on 960 miles of the 5,000-mile trans-Canada highway and paving on 400 miles. The Province of Saskatchewan has the largest mileage of new road opened with Ontario in second place, but in actual extent of work done Ontario is in the lead, with British Columbia in second place.

Figures on commitments and expenditures released today by the Minister of Resources and Development, Mr. Winters, indicate that work at the year end has kept pace with the anticipated schedule and that federal payments to the Province will use up all, if not more, of the \$15,000,000 voted by Parliament in the estimates last spring. Total payments to date have been \$11,090,615, but there are a number of claims still to be made on work completed during the summer and fall season.

Contracts let so far by the eight Provinces that have signed agreements total \$57,304,713, of which the federal Government is committed to pay 50 per cent under the Trans-Canada Act of 1949. Quebec and Nova Scotia so far have not signed agreements.

Bishops, Three Priests, Nuns Held By Communists: Toronto, January 2, (CP) -- A Roman Catholic bishop, three priests and three nuns are being held captive by Chinese Communists in Bishui, China, the Scarboro Foreign Missions Society announced.

They are: Bishop Kenneth Turner, of Montreal; Fathers Arthur Vendam, of Pomquet, N.S.; Craigh Strang, of St. John's, Nfld.; Alex McIntosh, of St. Andrews, N.S. and a Chinese priest ordained in Montreal, Father Paul Kam.

The three nuns held are: Sister Mary Angela McCarthy, of Ireland; Sister Mary Catharine Doyle, of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.; Sister St. Mathew Pinfeld, of Toronto. They are members of the Order of the Grey Nuns of the Immaculate Conception of Pembroke, Ont.

The group applied for exit visas last April, the Society said. Since then, the Communists took over the Bishop's residence, the convent, and are holding the group in a school, surrounded by barbed wire.

Another priest, Father G.M. McKernan, is being held in Shanghai. He applied for his exit visa last July.

Across Canada: Talks aimed at averting a threatened strike of Toronto streetcar and bus operators broke down late yesterday. The date and time of a walkout possibly will be set on Thursday.

A strike by the Street Railway Employees Union (A.F.L.-T.L.C.) would halt Toronto Transportation Commission streetcars and buses serving the Greater Toronto area, which has a population of 1,300,000. It also would affect vehicles of Gray Coach Lines, a T.T.C. subsidiary which operates over a wide area of Central Ontario....At least seven planes, valued together at more than \$1,000,000 were destroyed yesterday in a fire that burned down No. 9 storage hangar at the R.C.A.F.'s No. 6 repair depot at Trenton, Ont.... Air Vice-Marshal Alan Ferrier, M.C. former member of Air Transport Board of Canada, has been appointed acting Secretary-General of International Civil Aviation Organization in Montreal.