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**CANADA - U.S. ALASKA EXERCISE:** Names of senior commanders and major units participating in the joint Canadian-United States winter training exercise to be held in the Yukon and Alaska next January and February were announced on November 25 by the Minister of National Defence, Mr. Claxton.

In over-all command of the exercise will be Lt. Gen. Stephen J. Chamberlin, Commanding General of the United States Fifth Army. Working closely with General Chamberlin will be Maj. Gen. M.H.S. Penhale, C.B.E., General Officer Commanding the Canadian Army's Western Command, and Air Vice-Marshal C.R. Dunlap, C.B.E., Air Officer Commanding the RCAF's North West Air Command, both with headquarters in Edmonton, Alberta; and Major General Robert M. Lee, Commanding General of the U.S. Air Force Tactical Air Command, with headquarters at Langley Air Force Base, Hampton, Virginia.

Deputy Director, or Field Commander, will be Brig. Gen. G.C. Stewart, until recently Deputy Commander of the U.S. 10th Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kansas. Colonel F.S. Bowen, Jr., of the U.S. Army, will be the Allied Forces Commander.

The RCAF will supply the over-all Air Force Commander and the U.S. Army, the over-all Army Forces Commander. These commanders have not yet been named.

#### PRINCESS PATRICIA'S

Major Canadian ground troops participating in the exercise will be the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry of Calgary, Canada's first airborne battalion, and "B" Battery of the 1st Field Regiment, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, of Shilo, Manitoba. This Battery is presently completing its airborne training at the Canadian Joint Air Training Centre, Rivers, Manitoba.

The 1st Infantry Battalion, 14th Regimental Combat Team, stationed at Camp Carson, Colorado, will be supported in the exercise by service and support elements of the U.S. Army.

The RCAF tactical component will be supplied by 410 Fighter interceptor squadron equipped with jet aircraft and 417 Fighter squadron from The Canadian Joint Air Training Centre at Rivers, Manitoba. Transport aircraft will be supplied by 426 squadron, Dorval, 435 squadron, Edmonton, and 112 Transport Flight, Rivers. Reconnaissance aircraft from 408 squadron, Rockcliffe, 406 Auxiliary squadron, Saskatoon, and 418 Auxiliary squadron, Edmonton, will also participate.

Participating units of the U.S. Air Force include two squadrons of the 62nd Troop Carrier Wing, McChord Air Force Base, Tacoma, Washington, 363rd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, Langley AFB, Hampton, Virginia, 502nd Tactical Control Group, Pope AFB, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and the 66th Fighter Squadron, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska.

**GRATITUDE OF PEOPLE OF U.S.:** The "profound gratitude" of the people of the United States for the rescue by the Canadian destroyer "Haida" from the stormy Atlantic of 18 survivors of a crashed B-29, was expressed on November 22 in a telegram from Defence Secretary Louis Johnson to the Minister of National Defence, Mr. Claxton.

Mr. Johnson referred to the rescue of the exposure-ridden United States airmen 79 hours after their four-engine bomber ditched in soupy weather as "one of the most brilliant air dash sea rescue operations in peace-time history." The text of Mr. Johnson's message:

"Permit me to express our profound gratitude to the men of the Canadian armed forces whose tireless effort in behalf of their fellow Americans has climaxed one of the most brilliant air dash sea rescue operations in peace-time history.

"The destroyer 'Haida's' rescue of 18 United States airmen symbolizes the highest tradition of mutual co-operation and helpfulness between our services and makes us more than ever proud of the many endeavours in which we have been associated.

"Please convey to all concerned as well as Commander Madgwick, (Lt. Cdr. Edward T.G. Madgwick of Ottawa) and men of the 'Haida' this expression of heartfelt thanks and appreciation for outstanding performance of duty."

**FOR UNDERDEVELOPED AREAS:** The International Labour Organization's Metal Trades Committee on November 24 wound up a ten-day meeting with the approval of a number of recommendations designed to further the development of the world's underdeveloped areas.

In a resolution laying down principles for vocational training and promotion in the metals trades industry, the Committee said that a programme should be worked out to provide for the training of officials from underdeveloped areas in advanced countries. These officials would be taught to organize vocational training when they return to their own countries.

The resolution urged that arrangements should be made to ensure a training programme for workers which would enable them to qualify for promotion. It added that there should be co-operation between employers' and workers' organizations in laying down rules governing promotion procedures.

The Committee decided to transmit to ILO's governing body a proposal made by the workers' members that the governing body should re-examine the question of relationship of the ILO with various international non-governmental organizations.

As an organization with consultative relationship with the ILO, the World Federation of Trade Unions was represented at the meeting. During the meeting, an effort was made by the

workers' group to exclude the WFU representative from the Committee. The Chairman ruled, however, that the matter lay within the exclusive competence of the ILO's governing body.

**INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR:** Advice has been received from Mr. F.W. Fraser, Commercial Secretary for Canada in Melbourne, Australia, that the Australian Government has expressed keen interest in increasing Australia's exports to the dollar areas. It has set up an Export Advisory Committee, and more recently a Dollar Earning Committee to explore every possibility for developing new markets in Canada or the United States.

At a recent luncheon meeting arranged by General LaFlèche at Canberra (November 3) between Mr. R.M. Fowler, President of the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association, and several of the Australian Government Officials directly concerned with dollar commitments, Mr. Fowler suggested that the 1950 Canadian International Trade Fair would present an excellent opportunity for Australian exporters to explore the market possibilities. It was reported that many Australian manufacturers who enjoyed established markets within the Commonwealth or with the Far East were hesitant about switching to new fields in the dollar area. Their Government is doing everything possible to encourage them, and the Department of Commerce and Agriculture was reported to be giving sympathetic support to plans for Australian participation in the forthcoming Canadian International Trade Fair in Toronto, May 29 to June 9, 1950.

Trade Fair officials in Toronto report considerably increased interest from potential exhibitors in Australia with expectations that if space permits there will be exhibits from the Commonwealth of such products as: Engineering products and equipment, ball bearings etc; plant lifting equipment, small wares and hand tools; toys; foods products, such as canned foods, beverages, fruit juices; and textile products such as yarns, yard goods, men's socks.

**LARGEST ENGINEERING CLASS:** The Minister of Labour, Mr. Mitchell, stated on November 28 that the 1950 engineering graduating class would be the largest in the history of Canada.

Mr. Mitchell stated that the 3,500 new engineers who would be available to employers next spring would allow many employers to carry out plans for recruitment which had previously been restricted by the inadequate supply of graduates.

He explained that the 3,200 engineering graduates in 1949 had gone far towards taking up a backlog of openings, but that the needs of many employers had still not been met, especially in the smaller firms, many of whom were only now considering the possibility of using engineering graduates on their staffs.

Mr. Mitchell reported that a survey, made in 1946, had produced the information that an estimated 2,000 new engineering graduates in each of the five years from 1947 to 1951 inclusive would be required to meet the demand by Canadian industry for engineers. These estimates were being reviewed with the same employers, with particular reference to prospective needs in 1950 and 1951. While all of these employers have not yet been covered, the net results to date showed an increase of slightly more than 10 per cent in the combined estimates made three years ago.

In both 1947 and 1948, the actual demand for engineering graduates was between 2,000 and 2,200, while graduating classes in these two years amounted to 1,100 and 1,700 respectively. Thus, there was a considerable backlog of openings to add to the normal demand of 1949. This backlog was partially taken care of by the graduating class of 1949, which numbered about 3,200.

**WHEAT STOCKS:** Stocks of Canadian wheat in store or in transit in North America at midnight on November 17 amounted to 171,165,200 bushels as compared with 175,362,000 on November 10, and 183,999,400 on the corresponding date last year.

Overseas export clearances of wheat during the week ending November 17 totalled 5,919,100 bushels compared with 3,367,700 in the same week last year, and in the cumulative period, 62,796,500 bushels against 39,722,600.

**SEED CROPS PRODUCTION:** Hay and pasture seed crops are generally lighter this year than last, according to preliminary figures. Production of the major vegetable seeds such as peas and beans shows a sharp decline since last year, while the output of asparagus, lettuce, onion, radish and sugar beet seeds are all well above the 1948 level.

The alfalfa and clover crops are particularly light this season compared with those of 1948 when record crops of red clover, alsike clover, sweet clover and alfalfa were marketed. The grass crops are also somewhat lighter than those of a year ago, but the reductions are not as great as in the case of the clovers.

**ARSENALS LIMITED DIRECTOR:** Appointment of Air Vice Marshal D.M. Smith, C.B.E., of New Westminster, B.C., as a member of the Board of Directors of Canadian Arsenals Limited was announced on November 29 by the Minister of Trade and Commerce, Mr. Howe.

Air Vice Marshal Smith, whose appointment was confirmed today at a meeting of the crown company directors, will replace Air Vice Marshal A.L. James, C.B.E., recently appointed Air Member for Air Plans at R.C.A.F. headquarters.