

**EXERCISE "GRAND REPULSE":** Canada's 27th Infantry Brigade will take part in a large-scale, three-divisional exercise in Northern Germany this month; the last major manoeuvres before rotation begins in November.

The exercise, to be called "Grand Repulse", will take place from September 19 to September 23 and will see Canadian troops teamed with British and Netherland Forces in a mobile mock-battle against an "enemy" made up of British and Danish soldiers.

The exercise is designed to give the forces of the various nationalities and arms taking part practice in cooperating with one another, and with the 2nd Allied Tactical Air Force.

The Canadian brigade will be under command of Brig. J.E.G. Pangman; DSO of Toronto, while the exercise will be directed by Lt. Gen. Sir James Cassels, KBE, CB, DSO Commander of the 1st British Corps and former Commander of the Commonwealth Division in Korea.

"Grand Repulse" will be staged in the Bremen - Verden - Osnabruck area of Northern Germany, and will get underway at 0001 hours on September 19. Concentration of the Canadian Forces will begin several days beforehand, and involves all elements and arms of the brigade.

The exercise will be the largest Canadians have been involved in this year, and on its conclusion regiments and units will begin preparation for the rotation of the brigade to Canada in November.

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**NEW ATOMIC ENERGY CHIEF:** The Minister of Trade and Commerce, Mr. C.D. Howe, announced on September 16 that the Directors of Atomic Energy of Canada Limited have accepted the resignation of Dr. C.J. Mackenzie as President of that Company to be effective October 31, 1953, and have elected as his successor Mr. W. J. Bennett, President of Eldorado Mining and Refining Limited.

Mr. Howe stated that last year, when atomic energy activities were organized under a separate Crown Company, Dr. Mackenzie resigned from the Presidency of the National Research Council, under which body the Canadian Atomic Energy Project had been started, in order to supervise the reorganization of this complex undertaking. Now that the reorganization has been completed in a satisfactory manner, Dr. Mackenzie, having reached normal retirement age, has asked to be relieved of his heavy administrative responsibilities, but has agreed to continue his association with the Project as a special consultant on atomic energy matters.

Mr. Howe stated that, in the first instance, Mr. Bennett will administer Atomic Energy of Canada Limited and Eldorado as two separate companies, but it is expected the companies will later be amalgamated and thus make possible the centralizing of Government atomic energy activities under one authority, as has been done in other countries.

**EAST COAST SEA EXERCISE:** Waters off Canada's east coast will become a simulated battleground during Exercise Mariner, NATO maritime exercise which began September 16 and continues until October 4.

Five warships and two naval air squadrons of the Royal Canadian Navy and three maritime squadrons of the RCAF are taking part in the exercise, largest and most comprehensive of its kind yet to be held.

Nine of the 14 NATO countries are represented in Mariner by a total of nearly half a million men, some 300 ships and 1,000 aircraft. Aimed at practicing the participating forces in coordinated operations, the exercise will range over large areas of the North Atlantic and the North Sea and English Channel.

The "Blue", or NATO, forces will include ships and aircraft of many types and will be opposed by an "Orange" enemy operating submarines, cruisers and shore-based aircraft. Among the phases of training which will be covered will be convoy protection, communications, naval control of shipping, anti-submarine warfare, striking fleet operations, air strikes and air defence.

Canadian naval units taking part will be HMC Ships Magnificent (aircraft carrier), Quebec (cruiser), Algonquin (destroyer) and Swansea and La Hullose (frigates). On board the Magnificent will be 871 Squadron (fighters) and 881 Squadron (anti-submarine aircraft), comprising the 30th Carrier Air Group.

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**MINISTER OF NORWAY:** His Excellency Erling Sundt Bent on September 15 presented to the Right Honourable Thibaudeau Rinfret, Deputy Governor General, his Letter of Credence as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Norway to Canada. The ceremony of presentation took place at the Supreme Court Building.

Mr. Bent was born in 1894. He studied at Oxford University from 1912 to 1914 and entered the Norwegian Foreign Service in 1921. He has held diplomatic or consular posts in Hamburg, London, Montreal, Los Angeles and New York, and has also served in various capacities in the Norwegian Ministry for Foreign Affairs. Prior to his appointment to Canada, Mr. Bent was Minister to Italy.

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**WHEAT VISIBLE:** Visible supplies of Canadian wheat in store or in transit on August 27 amounted to 286,851,000 bushels, steeply above last year's corresponding total of 184,270,000 bushels, according to the Bureau's weekly statement. Farmers in the Prairie Provinces reduced their marketings of wheat during the week ending August 27 to 8,717,000 bushels from 14,893,000 in the same week last year.