

Lt.-Gen. Simonds To Korea: Lt.-Gen. G.G. Simonds, CB, CBE, DSO, Chief of the General Staff, leaves Ottawa on January 15 by air to visit the 25th Canadian Infantry Brigade Group in Korea and its reinforcement group in Japan, Army Headquarters has announced. He will be accompanied by his military assistant, Lt.-Col. G.M. Sprung, and by the Director of Infantry Col. Don Forbes.

In Tokyo he will confer with Gen. Mathew B. Ridgway, Commander-in-Chief of the United Nations' Forces, and with Brig. A.B. Connelly, Commander of the Canadian Military Mission in Japan. Later, in Korea, in addition to inspecting units of the 25th Canadian Infantry Brigade Group and conferring with its commander, Brig. John Rockingham, he will meet Lt.-Gen. Van Fleet, commander of the Eighth Army in Korea, and Maj.-Gen. J.H. Cassells, commander of the 1st Commonwealth Division, among others.

Plan For Funneling North's Minerals Through Edmonton: Edmonton, January 13 (CP)

-- A plan to funnel the far north's uranium and other mineral wealth through Edmonton was disclosed Saturday. It would involve construction of a 500-mile railway to the Alberta capital from the southern shore of Great Slave Lake in the Northwest Territories. Uranium concentrates would be processed in plants fueled by Alberta's plentiful low-cost natural gas.

The proposal was outlined in the annual report of Leonard E. Drummond, secretary-manager of the Alberta and Northwest Chamber of Mines and Resources. Mr. Drummond mentioned no cost figures, but others at the Chamber's annual meeting here said that, together with Alberta industrial projects already under way, expenditure of a minimum of \$1,000,000,000 would be involved.

Across Canada: Neither peace nor war, but a time of taxes and troubles was the future Arthur Hays Sulzberger predicted for North America and for the world at large. The New York Times publisher spoke in Convocation Hall, Toronto, Saturday night to a joint meeting of the Royal Canadian Institute and the Empire Club....A feeling pervaded Toronto at the week-end that a "break" in the transit strike was imminent. For the first time since more than 4,700 streetcar and bus operators struck January 4 to enforce a demand for higher wages, negotiations for a settlement open January 14....Six thousand Ford workers at Windsor voted almost unanimously to reject a wage increase offer made last week by the Ford Motor Company of Canada in a contract dispute which began last spring....Three RCAF fighter squadrons fought off an "attacking bomber force" over Smiths Falls on Sunday afternoon. "Operation Balbo" was held to demonstrate the ability of the air force to provide a fast, efficient interceptor screen over the Ottawa area....Arthur H. Hinds, 65, for 38 years chief clerk of the Senate's committee branch, died in hospital following a lengthy illness. He had retired last year.