

REHABILITATION IN KOREA: United Nations forces made another concession on April 26 toward the rehabilitation of troop-occupied sections of Korea, when the village of Chinmokchong was re-established in the Canadian sector of the front, less than a mile from the demilitarized zone.

The move was the result of mutual negotiations between the Korean Government, the Korean Civil Assistance Command of the 8th Army and the 1st Commonwealth Division. The move allows 95 Korean families to resume cultivation of 400 acres of soil that have been lying stagnant since the beginning of the fighting in June, 1950. Five hundred more farmers and their families will move into the area as construction progresses.

In a brief ceremony attended by U.N. officials, the commander of the 25th Canadian Infantry Brigade, Brigadier J.V. Allard, acting on behalf of all Commonwealth forces in Korea, cut a white tape, officially opening the new village.

Construction is to begin immediately on housing accommodation and a school for the new village. Each housing unit will comprise 600 board feet of lumber, seven pounds of nails and two and one-half bags of cement, all supplied by the Korean Civil Assistance Command, to which Canada contributes a proportionate share of the cost.

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EXERCISE "HIGH GEAR ONE": Operational elements of the 1st Canadian Infantry Brigade who have been undergoing training in this area for the past two weeks began battalion and brigade level training on May 3 with Exercise "High Gear One", the first of three exercises to be held under direction of Brigadier W.A.B. Anderson, the brigade commander.

The exercise will culminate in the brigade's first test as a fighting formation during Exercise "Commonwealth Three", when it will be practised by the 7th (British) Armoured Division, the famed Desert Rats of the Second World War. More than 4,000 members of Canada's NATO army formation will take part in the manoeuvres with the British forces.

This phase of training is being carried out under simulated battle conditions with 25 umpires appointed to observe and report upon reactions of both forces. Chief Umpire is Major J.R. Picard of Cornwall, Ontario.

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PIPE LINES DELIVERIES PEAK: The movement of oil through Canadian pipe lines continues to set new records, January's deliveries rising to 15,367,000 barrels, up by 4,642,000 from last year's corresponding total of 10,725,000 barrels. Total new receipts in January amounted to 15,430,000 barrels, up some 4,500,000 or 42%.

"VENTURE" PLAN INSTRUCTOR: The appointment of Instructor Commander George Lionel Amyot, 42, of Winnipeg, to be director of studies at HMCS Venture, was announced May 3 by Naval Headquarters.

HMCS Venture is the name to be given the establishment at Esquimalt, B.C., where cadets enrolled in the Royal Canadian Navy under the "Venture" Plan will be trained. It will be commissioned this summer under the command of Captain Robert P. Welland, of Ottawa and Victoria.

The plan offers seven-year short-service appointments to young men with junior matriculation or equivalent, with opportunity to apply for permanent status after initial training.

Commander Amyot, who is equally at home speaking either English or French, is at present the director of studies at the Canadian Services College, Collège Militaire Royal de Saint-Jean, Saint-Jean P.Q. Much of his career in the Navy has been devoted to the training of junior officers afloat and ashore.

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FEDERAL PROVINCIAL HIGHWAYS CONFERENCE: The federal-provincial conference on the control and regulation of interprovincial and international highway transport convened at 11 o'clock on April 26 with the Honourable Lionel Chevrier, Minister of Transport, presiding. Those representing the federal Government were Honourable Stuart Garson, Minister of Justice, Mr. E.A. Driedger, Counsel (Justice), Mr. C.W. West, Deputy Minister of Transport, Mr. W.J. Matthews, Q.C., Director of Administration and Legal Services (Transport), and Mr. G.A. Scott, Special Adviser to the Minister of Transport.

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CANADIAN ARMY NATO SUPPLIES: The Canadian Army will ship quantities of hand grenades, vehicle spare parts and electronic equipment to the Royal Norwegian Army and the Royal Danish Army early in May.

The military supplies will be shipped under terms of the mutual aid program of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. The Royal Norwegian Army will get the grenades and the electronic equipment. Spare parts for three-ton Army trucks will be shipped to the Royal Danish Army.

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BATTLE MANOEUVRES IN GERMANY: Infantrymen and tankmen of the 1st Canadian Infantry Brigade are learning battle co-operation in the former Wehrmacht training area at Soltau in the British Zone of Germany.

A troop of four Centurion tanks from "D" Squadron, Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) and a company of infantrymen from the 2nd Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment last week staged the first of a series of field exercises.