

MR. GREGG ADDRESSES LABOUR CONGRESS: The following is an extract from the address of the Minister of Labour, Mr. Gregg, before the 65th Convention of the Trades and Labour Congress of Canada, in Montreal, on September 11:

"...No need to tell you that the issues of peace and war are in delicate balance. Communism means to get the fruits of conquest without a world war, if possible. But men who do not know how to live in peace with their neighbours, or live and let live, are apt to miscalculate.

"We would be recreant to our trust and our own safety if we did not honour our pledges in defence plans to preserve the boundaries of the remaining free world.

"We have explored all other paths to peace. There is a world court of peace at Lake Success which communist dictators have deliberately tried to turn into a distracting brawl, bullying such support as they can muster.

"And so reluctantly we come to realize that the easy days are gone, and that ahead lies a programme of converting a part of our industrial output into preparedness for our own safety and that of others..."

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SPECIAL FORCE ENLISTMENTS 8,691: Almost 2,500 volunteers were taken on strength of the regular Navy, Army and Air Force from July 20 to September 2 inclusive, it was announced on September 7 by the Minister of National Defence, Mr. Claxton. A recruiting campaign for all three services was launched July 20.

Hundreds of others have been found suitable and are "in process" of joining the regular forces. The enlistments are in addition to the 8,691 men signed up for the Canadian Army Special Force up to 5.00 p.m. on September 6.

During the July 20 - September 2 period, 425 men were attested by the Navy, 1,475 by the Army and 560 by the Air Force. Of the RCAF total, 251 were air crew and 309 ground crew.

Regular force enlistments for the last week period were 468 compared with 577, 460 and 438 respectively in the preceding week.

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CANADA'S RAILWAYS: "Canada has more railway mileage per capita than any other nation, and makes more use of railways, per capita, than any other country. We operate over 40,000 miles of main track, and I need not tell you how complete the coverage of the ten provinces is. The use of the railways has risen steadily through each decade, from 1,200 ton miles per capita in 1900 to 4,600 today. We still have plenty of work for our railways to do, and it would be a poor Canadian who would look forward to a drying up of our resources and a drastic diminishment of our industrial production, instead of to a continued expansion." - From an address by the Minister of Transport, Mr. Chevrier, before the Montreal Rotary Club, on September 12.

MR. MARTIN'S LONDON, ONT. SPEECH: The following is an excerpt from the address of the Minister of National Health and Welfare, Mr. Martin, to the Opening Day Luncheon of the 75th Western Fair at London, Ontario:

"In the League of Nations and, more recently, in the United Nations, Canada has been a willing partner. In the past five years we have made many efforts to support the cause of collective action to ensure the peace. If quick and effective collective action has not been possible in Korea, it is not our fault. If no United Nations military force was in being to restrain the aggressor in Korea it is simply because the establishment of such a force had been effectively prevented by the same nation that today alone has the power to recall the North Korean troops and to stop the slaughter in this distant land.

"When this recent aggression started and the United Nations called on its member states to come to the aid of the South Koreans who were defending their homeland and their freedom against the aggressor, Canada was quick to act. In the air, our transports are now carrying supplies. On the sea, our destroyers are valiantly carrying out the tasks assigned to them. On land, a splendid group of men is now busy training in Canada for action in Korea or wherever their service will best further the cause of Canada and the United Nations..."

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COMMEMORATE ST. ROCH VOYAGE: The epic voyage of the R.C.M.P. auxiliary schooner St. Roch, first vessel in history to cross from the Pacific to the Atlantic Ocean by the Northwest Passage, is to be commemorated on September 16 at Regina, Saskatchewan. The crossing, unique in the annals of Arctic exploration, was made in the regular course of duty. The St. Roch has since circumnavigated the whole of the North American continent and has also completed the westward crossing of the Northwest Passage.

On the recommendation of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada, the federal Department of Resources and Development has erected a cut stone monument bearing a bronze tablet on the grounds of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Training Centre at Regina to commemorate this historic achievement. The Honourable John M. Uhrich, M.D., Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan, will unveil the monument and deliver the principal address. The Department of Resources and Development will be represented by Mr. Z.M. Hamilton, Secretary of the Saskatchewan Historical Society, who will also represent the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada at the ceremony.

It is expected that Inspector Henry A. Larsen, who commanded the St. Roch on this voyage, and Corporal P.G. Hunt, a member of the crew, will represent the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.