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Sea Corridors Through Alaska: Vancouver, Jan. 7 (CP) -- Canada may ask the U.S., for corridors to open new gateways to the sea through the Alaska Panhandle.

The corridors would open the way for development of a treasure land of minerals, power and timber areas.

Canadian industrial and mining interests are behind the proposals for several corridors to provide access to deep-sea ports on the Pacific. The plan has been discussed in Ottawa and Washington.

The executive of the B.C. and Yukon Chamber of Mines backs the idea, supporting industrial and mining interests.

Governor B. Frank Heintzleman of Alaska will make recommendations when he attends a conference in Washington later this month.

For the territory, Frobisher Ltd., an exploration and development company with world-wide chemical and metallurgical interests, has suggested a scheme involving moving three towns, rerouting the Alaska Highway, and shifting the White Pass-Yukon Railway.

The plan, with an estimated cost of more than \$1,000,000,000 would lay the base for the world's largest chemical and metallurgical industry.

Covering 17,000 square miles and three lakes emptying into the Yukon River and a hydro potential of 5,000,000 horsepower, it dwarfs a somewhat similar proposal by the Aluminum Company of America, rejected by the Canadian Government.

A number of companies have staked claims to what are believed vast copper fields in the area....

Atomic Energy Proposals: Ottawa, Jan. 7 (CP) -- Canada will take part in any full-scale negotiations on President Eisenhower's proposal for an international pool for peaceful development of atomic energy officials said today.

They added that ever since the President outlined his plan to the UN last month, Canada and the United States have been exchanging views on the subject. This process will continue....

Army Recruits From U.K.: Ottawa, Jan. 7 (CP) -- Nearly 300 Britons joined the Canadian Army last year, Army headquarters reported today.

An official spokesman said this number included 212 technicians, 50 bandsmen, and 26 former members of British civil or military police forces. The latter were enrolled in the Canadian Army Provost Corps.

"We are interested mainly in technicians, and musicians," the spokesman said, "but we are not running any recruiting campaign over there."

He said the Canadian Army is looking for men who have completed their tours of military duty with British forces and who want to come to Canada. He emphasized that only Britons without any military obligation in the United Kingdom are considered.

Science Aiding Fishermen: Ottawa, Jan. 7 (CP) -- Canada's commercial fishermen no longer have to rely on their own experience and intuition to determine if the fishing is going to be good. Science tells them.

The Fisheries Department said today that continuing investigations into water conditions and the biology of various types of fish have enabled them to forecast with some accuracy the commercial fisherman's haul.

Especially, a department statement said, in the case of the Digby, N.S. scallop fleet. In 1948, the department told the scallop fishermen that 1952 would bring them a record haul.