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WEEK'S EVENTS IN REVIEW

CANADA - U.S. EXERCISE: Canadian and United States troops will conduct a joint winter training exercise in the Yukon and Alaska next January and February.

The Minister of National Defence, Mr. Claxton, said on September 1 that the exercise, designated "Cross-Index" for planning and operational purposes, will be local in nature and on a comparatively small scale. It will be a continuation of the combined training program carried out by both countries during the past few years.

Present plans call for the United States Army and Air Force to join the Canadian Army and the Royal Canadian Air Force in peacetime simulated combat culminating in movements against a theoretical enemy.

The Canadian Army and the United States Army will each provide a one-battalion combat team including infantry -- some of which will be employed in a parachute role -- artillery, engineers, signals and other supporting arms and services.

The Royal Canadian Air Force and the United States Air Force will combine to provide fighter cover, ground attack forces, and bomber, reconnaissance and transport aircraft. In addition to existing communications, mobile RCAF and USAF signals equipment will be used. Mobile air force radar and control centres will also be employed.

The exercise will take place in the Whitehorse area.

The United States will name the overall commander of the exercise and will provide the allied forces commander and the allied army

commander. Canada will provide the allied air force commander.

Canadian Army Engineers are already in the Whitehorse area and are now being joined by advance detachments of U.S. Army Engineers and service troops who will prepare facilities for the combat elements. The latter are not expected to move northward until January after preparatory training at camps in their respective countries.

The majority of troops of both countries will be flown from concentration areas to the exercise areas and the remainder will travel over the Alaska Highway, involving in some cases a total one-way travel distance of more than 3,000 miles.

"The objectives of the exercise," Mr. Claxton said, "are to develop procedures, doctrine and techniques for the employment of combined Canada-United States army and air forces, operating in the far north."

TECHNICAL CONFERENCE IN U.K.: The Department of External Affairs announced on August 31 that Dr. W.B. Lewis will represent Canada at a meeting in the United Kingdom from September 5 to 10 to discuss, with technical experts from the United States and the United Kingdom, reactor safeguards and related subjects. The conference will be held under the general programme of technical co-operation on specified subjects agreed between Canada, the United States, and the United Kingdom.

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