

Last Canadian Army Unit Leaves Europe: Final element of a Canadian army which deployed two corps in European campaigns, the Canadian section, headquarters British Army of the Rhine, Northwest Europe, officially closed its offices yesterday and started for home, six years and 11 months after the first Canadian contingent landed in the United Kingdom. It consisted of only 15 officers and 40 other ranks and since withdrawal of the Canadian Occupation Force last June administered small miscellaneous units remaining to clear up the army's responsibilities on the continent. (CP)

Report on Hydro Change: The Ontario Hydro-electric Commission has issued an interim report saying that changing the hydro power system in the Niagara district from the present 25-cycle frequency to the standard 60-cycle is practical from a technical viewpoint. The report, which estimated the cost of the change at \$200,000,000 over a period of 20 years, now is being studied by municipal hydro commissions in southern Ontario. The report said there would be no increase in consumer costs and no material increase in wholesale power rates. (CP)

Duplessis Advocates Provincial Gambling Control: Premier Duplessis of Quebec, saying that it must be recognized that "people like to gamble to a certain extent," last night advocated provincial autonomy in control of gambling. He was commenting on reports that while "bingo" had declined in the Montreal area it still continues on a large scale in some other areas of Quebec. "We have been asking the federal government for years to amend the (Criminal) code so that the attorney-general of each province will have a free hand in the control of gambling," he said. "If the citizens of one province do not want to gamble, it would be up to their attorney-general to enforce their wish. But on the other hand, if people of another province, such as Quebec, like to gamble a little, the attorney-general could supervise a lottery for the benefit of educational and health institutions." (CP)

PICAO Discussing Standardization: The Radio Technical Division of the Provisional International Civil Aviation Organization, which opened its first session in Montreal last October 30, has reached the stage of discussing specific types of equipment in considering world standardization of radio communications and air navigation aids. The Division, which includes representatives of 16 nations, yesterday was sub-divided into committees. One of two United States Civil Aeronautics Administration landing systems has been recommended for immediate adoption as an international standard for blind landing aids.

Steel Production Rising: Production of steel ingots in Canadian steel mills moved up sharply in October, reflecting the recall of employees following the termination of the strike early in the month. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports production of steel ingots in October was 117,760 net tons, rising sharply over the average output of 77,035 net tons for August-September. However, October production was considerably below earlier months of the year and the total for the ten months ended October fell to 1,805,381 net tons from 2,333,499 in the same period of 1945.

Gleanings: Pari-mutuel betting at Canadian race tracks totalled \$48,667,744 this year, only slightly less than the all-time high of \$49,867,765 set in 1925.... Winter gripped southern Alberta with below zero temperatures and three feet of level snow.... Gordon Lunan has been released on bail of \$6,000 pending hearing of an appeal against his conviction on espionage conspiracy charges... The Prices Board ration coupon figures reveal British Columbia's population has topped the 1,000,000 mark, with Vancouver city itself requiring 376,839 ration books... The congress of Cuba held a joint session to honor Gaspard Fauteux, speaker of the Canadian House of Commons... Frank H. Brown, newly appointed deputy minister for taxation in the Revenue Department will receive a salary of \$15,000, the highest now paid any deputy minister.