

The army distributed copies of the article today. A spokesman said there is at least one point in it the Army doesn't agree with--a statement that the British .303 Lee-Enfield rifle now in use is obsolete. He said the 25th Brigade in Korea has tried both the U.S. Garand and the .303 and likes the latter better. And, the spokesman added, the .303 isn't obsolete.

The article says: "Although they already have been caught in the deadening, bureaucratic web of the U.S.-British supply line infrastructure in Germany, those Canadians have managed to weld themselves into a remarkably co-ordinated unit with a minimum of facilities and assistance."

Canada's First C.D. Headquarters Structure: Edmonton, Feb. 5 (CP) -- Canada's first specially constructed provincial civil defence headquarters building will be officially opened tomorrow by Premier E.C. Manning. It is a two-storey, self-contained building of which  $1\frac{1}{2}$  storeys are underground. It is built of reinforced concrete and is blended with new homes in the neighbourhood. It cost about \$65,000.

"It is not bomb-proof against a direct hit," said Air Vice-Marshal G.R. Howsam, Alberta's 56-year-old civil defence co-ordinator. "But it is reasonably proof against a near miss."

Service Pay-Split Reconsidered: Ottawa, February 5 (CP) -- A new plan to split the pay cheques of married servicemen and hand one cheque over to the wife, apparently has been reconsidered because of the clamour it raised among officers and men of the armed forces.

A spokesman said today that the plan, slated to go into effect for officers March 1, will either be dropped or greatly modified. The controversy it raised in the forces was such that the matter was taken under study by the Minister of National Defence, Mr. Claxton. The plan was meant to protect wives whose husbands don't support them properly. The assignment to the wives would have varied according to rank and there were to be four different categories for each rank depending on whether there were children, and where the couple were living.

Across Canada: Cape Breton County's rural and village teachers voted to remain on strike until their salary demands are met. That means until February 15 at least, unless the County Council changes its present plans. The 243 teachers, who asked a yearly salary increase of \$300, went on strike last Thursday, leaving more than 5,000 students without classes....An official of Montana Power Company, visiting Lethbridge, Alta., said the company is waiting for an order from the U.S. Federal Power Commission before importing Alberta natural gas....Dr. Doris W. Plewes, acting director of the Health Department's Physical Fitness Division, has been awarded the decoration of the Fédération Internationale de Gymnastique Ling of Stockholm....The United States and Canada are planning to start "preliminary" negotiations on problems connected with the St. Lawrence seaway about February 14 at Ottawa, it was reported from Washington.