

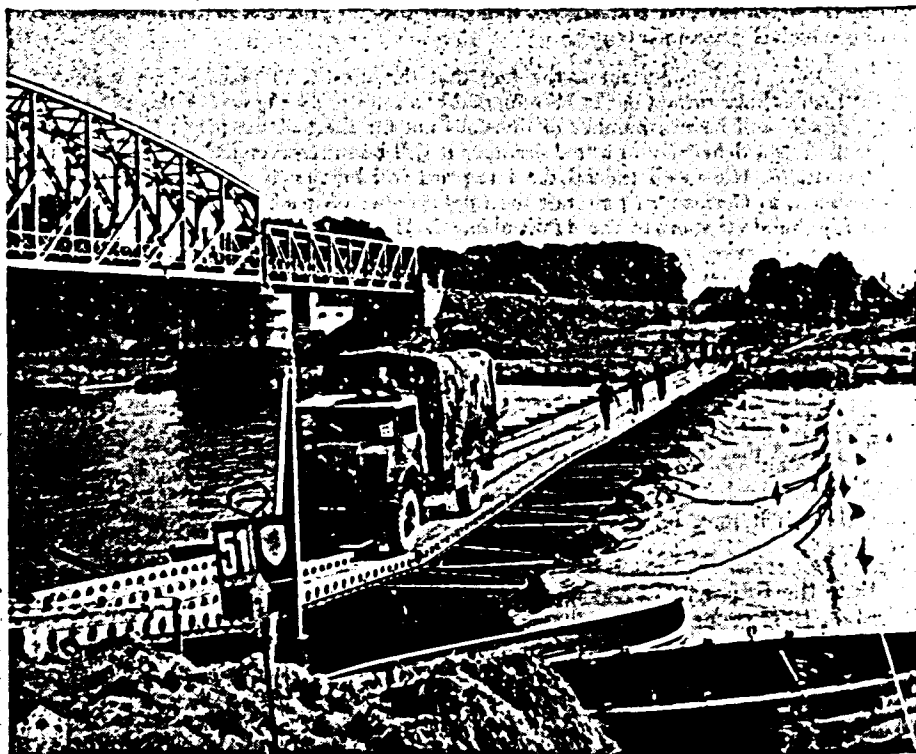
criminal risks in accepting inadequate force targets and in our slow timing. There are others who will argue that we are playing the Communist game by accepting military demands to impose on some at least of the member states crushing burdens which will create economic distress and social division and which are not justified by the threat to peace which faces us.

I suppose the best solution will be found — as is so often the case — somewhere between these extreme views.

Certainly this is no time to panic into extreme and unbalanced military preparedness. But it is also no time to relax the necessary effort we have begun or to deceive ourselves that the crisis has passed. Such self-deception is all the easier as the bills for protection come in and are reflected in our taxes.

NATO, by its resolve, its unity and its growing power, is now the strongest shield we have against aggressive attack, and before too long, it will provide the protection which may make possible the negotiation with some chance of success of the differences that now so dangerously divide the world.

This, then, is no time to falter or to hesitate, but one for determined and intelligent effort to finish the immediate job ahead of us. Then — but only then — can we look forward to a peace which means more than the absence of declared war — and progress which means more than better bombs and bigger guns.



—National Defence

CANADIAN NATO TROOPS IN GERMANY

Canada's 27th Brigade recently completed the most ambitious training exercise carried out since the brigade arrived in Germany almost a year ago. Troops of the 1st Canadian Rifle Battalion are shown crossing the Weser River.