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Posting Of RCN Officers To NATO Command Headquarters: Ottawa, January 30 (CP) --Four Canadian naval officers are expected to be posted to the headquarters of Admiral Lynde B. McCormick, named today to be Supreme Allied Naval Commander of the North Atlantic.

Canada's naval chief, Vice Admiral E.R. Mainguy, is slated to go to Washington Tuesday for discussions arising from the appointment and will likely see Admiral McCormick at that time.

Admiral McCormick, who has been directing a big U.S.-Canadian exercise off Canada's North Atlantic coast, was named today to the NATO post.

The expectation here is that he will establish a headquarters somewhere on the East Coast of the United States and that representatives of Canada and other NATO naval powers will be posted to it.

Admiral McCormick's first official act was to appoint a Briton, Vice-Admiral Sir William Andrews of the Royal Navy, as his deputy.

Canada's representatives at the new headquarters will be two commanders -- equivalent of lieutenant-colonels -- and two lieutenant-commanders.

By the time of the end of the NATO council meeting in Lisbon in mid-February, the broad picture of the new Atlantic Command should be filled in. There is no intention that the new appointment should interfere with the day-to-day functions of the R.C.N. in the Atlantic. It will carry on almost entirely as before. From time to time, however, elements of the fleet will be assigned to Admiral McCormick for exercises. At other levels, R.C.N. officers will work with his headquarters in preparing for any outbreak of war.

Canada - U.S. Seaway Talks Near: Ottawa, January 30 (Globe) -- Within the next two weeks officials of the Canadian Government will meet a U.S. group, probably in Ottawa, to discuss concurrent applications to the International Joint Commission on development of St. Lawrence power in the international section.

As a start on the solution of complicated problems facing both countries as a result of the failure so far of the U.S. Congress to ratify the 1941 power agreement, the meeting will be of major importance. It is hoped that the talks, the primary purpose of which is to clear the decks for action if and when President Truman decides that Congress has failed to take advantage of its last opportunity to approve the seaway, will result in agreements on the type of applications which will be submitted to the commission, and on the time of the submission.

- Mr. Newman Consul At New Orleans: (Press Release No. 6, January 30) -- The Department of External Affairs announced on January 30 the appointment of Mr. G.A. Newman as Canadian Consul at New Orleans, Louisiana. Mr. Newman, who is also Canadian Government Trade Commissioner in that city, will continue to perform the functions of this office in addition to his new duties.
- Airfield In "Enemy" Hands: Moncton, N.B., January 30 (CP) -- Chimo Airfield in Northern Quebec is in "enemy" hands tonight, and combined Canadian and United States forces are being grouped here in preparation for an all-out operation to retake the field.

The "enemy" is made up of troops of the Royal Canadian Regiment who have taken up positions at Chimo in the opening phase of "Operation Sun Dog," a series of joint army-air force tactical exercises to train soldiers and airmen in Arctic airborne operations. And

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