

NEW SNOW STORM HITS PRAIRIES

Chinese Reds Advance; Peace Move Pressed

NANKING, Jan. 17—The Chinese Communists made further major military gains Monday, while the Nationalist government was under continued pressure to negotiate peace terms.

The Communist radio heard in San Francisco reported capture of Tangku, ocean port for Tientsin which fell Saturday.

Sunday, Nationalist troops abandoned Pengpu to the Reds. Pengpu had been outflanked for a month, but its abandonment without a fight reflected sagging government morale.

FOREIGN POLICY CRITICISM Observers Expect Bevin To Survive Political Row

LONDON, Jan. 17—Parliament reassembles Tuesday for its last year before the 1950 general election, mindful of the mounting criticism by many members over the government's handling of the Palestine situation.

A government statement is expected, and an early debate possible. Rt. Hon. Ernest Bevin, foreign secretary, may be the target of critical questions. He also may be pressed for explanations at a meeting of the Labor party caucus Wednesday.

Indications are that the assaults of Conservatives and left wing Laborites on the government would create possibly the most serious foreign policy crisis of the Labor party's three and one half years in office.

But political experts predicted Mr. Bevin would survive the storm. While newspapers like Lord Bea...

Bunche Opens Middle East Peace Drive

RHODES, Jan. 17 — A United Nations spokesman says Dr. Ralph Bunche has launched a general peace offensive in the Middle East. The spokesman for the acting UN mediator added, however, that other Arab states will not be invited to take part in talks now progressing here between Israelis and Egyptians.

Dr. Walter Eytan, head of the Israeli delegation, said Monday that Israel wants an armistice throughout the Middle East, but does not want any Arab states to join in the Rhodes talks.

(A reliable source in Tel Aviv said Israel, which has been discussing armistice talks with Lebanon, as well as Egypt, now has begun similar talks with Trans-Jordan.)

The armistice talks here bore fruit Monday when the Jews agreed conditionally to free some 2,000 Egyptian troops trapped at Faluja since the October campaign in the Negev.

Provisional Release The Israeli delegate was notified by Tel Aviv that the Egyptians in the Faluja pocket would be returned to Egypt "with full military honors" if Egypt would sign an armistice promising never again to attack Israel.

This was one of the critical points in the dispute between Israel and Egypt. Dr. Bunche said Lebanon has signified willingness to accept a Palestine armistice on condition that it will soon be confirmed.

Jews To Free Pilots TEL AVIV, Jan. 17 (Reuters)—Israeli authorities Monday informed the British consul-general at Haifa that they have decided to release two R.A.F. pilots shot down over the Palestine-Egyptian border.

Wheat Pact Negotiations Completed

BY HUGH BOYD OTTAWA, Jan. 17 (Special)—Simultaneous announcement of the terms of the Anglo-Canadian wheat agreement for its final year (1949-50) should be made from Ottawa and London within a matter of days.

So far as can be learned here, negotiations have been completed and a decision reached as to 1949-50 price. This is expected ever since the London talks on a ministerial level a month ago, was certain to be \$2 a bushel, basis No. 1 northern Fort William—the same figure as now prevailing for the third year (1948-49) of the contract.

What will be left in the air is the implementing of the "have regard" clause by which western growers were to receive at least partial compensation for their losses during the first two years of the contract. But it is believed that the forthcoming announcement will contain an admission by the British that they do have some obligation, the fulfilling of which will be likely left until the contract expires in the summer of 1950.

While sources here are confident there will be no hitch, they were aware that the British cabinet had not yet formally discussed the recommendation placed before it by its own negotiating ministers.

It is felt that no obstacle will arise either in London or in Washington, which has been consulted by the British, since the United States is deeply interested in financing a...

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Couple Gets \$7,316 In Suit After Accident

DAMAGES OF \$7,316.33 for injuries received in a traffic accident in September 1945 were awarded to Mrs. Lois Sackston and her husband, W. W. Sackston of 714 Wardlaw street, by Mr. Justice W. J. Donovan in court of king's bench Monday.

The damages were awarded against John D. Harder of Steinbach, Man., and his wife, Katherine, as the result of a suit originally laid for \$37,000 for injuries to Mrs. Sackston.

Knocked From Cycle The damage suit was laid following one of the most hard-fought accident cases ever heard in Manitoba criminal courts. It was alleged that John Harder, or his cousin Phillip Harder, was the driver of an auto which first struck down Mrs. C. McConnell, 154 Langside street, causing her severe injuries. Several minutes later the car knocked Mrs. Sackston from her bicycle, permanently disabling her. Both accidents occurred on Osborne street Sept. 21, 1945.

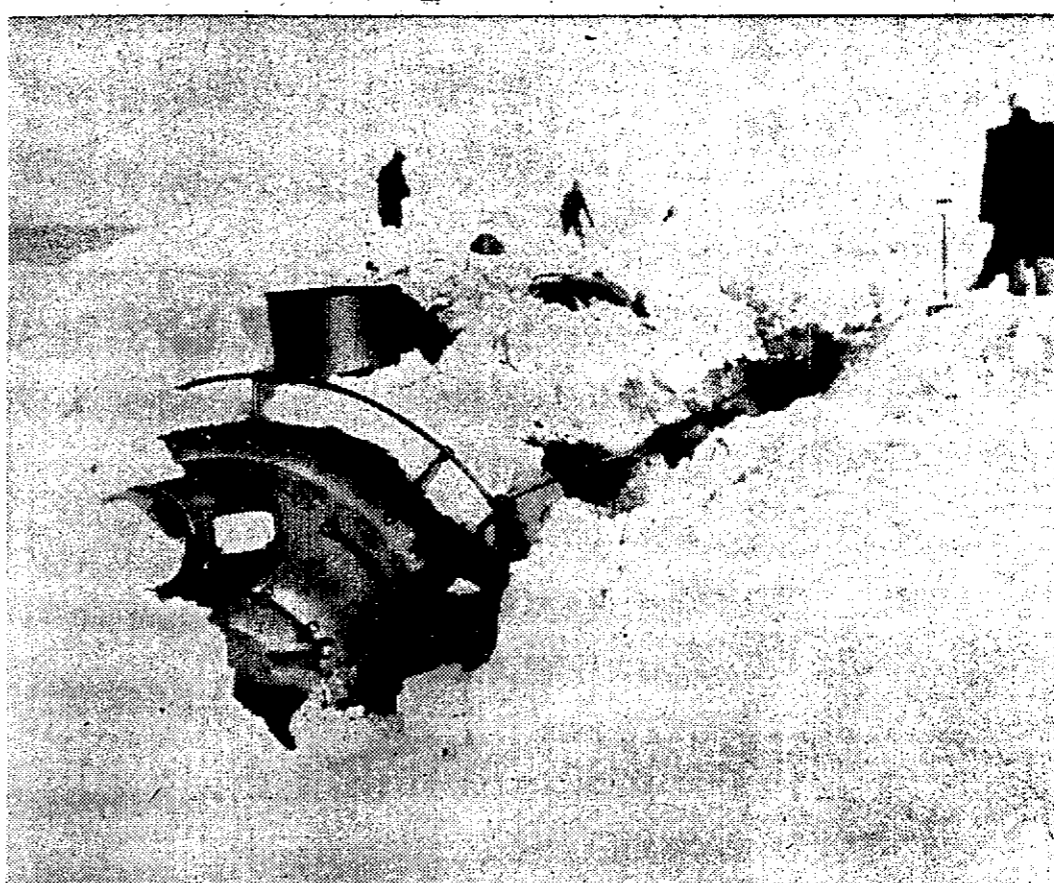
Phillip Harder was twice tried on criminal charges arising out of the hit-and-run accidents, but the court ruled that he must be acquitted as it could not be proved who had driven the car.

Harder Convicted John Harder was then tried on the charges and convicted. He was sentenced to 23 months in jail. Both men were said to have been drunk when the accidents occurred.

Mrs. Sackston was awarded special damages of \$791 and general damages of \$3,500, while her husband was awarded special damages of \$2,025.33 and general damages of \$1,000.

UN Mediation GENEVA, Jan. 17 (BUP)—The United Nations conciliation commission for Palestine met for the first time Monday to prepare to take over the functions of Dr. Ralph Bunche, acting UN mediator. The commission tentatively planned to go to Jerusalem next Monday.

High Winds Expected To Plug Roads Afresh



Southern Manitoba isn't the only place with a "digging out" job on its hands. Here workmen begin uncovering two engines buried under snowdrifts 30 to 40 feet high caved in at a railway cut near Alliance, Neb. Workmen with shovels freed engines and firemen but when the engine cooled the melted snow froze, creating new difficulties.



Believe it or not this Manitoba farmer of the Bowsman district is plowing his land in the middle of January. This photo of Clarence Hinchliffe was taken Friday shortly after he had completed plowing a six-inch furrow in his field. No more than one inch of snow had fallen in the Bowsman district and what had fallen had gone with last week's mild spell in that area.

A vicious Arctic-born snowstorm sweeping down over the prairies was expected to hit Manitoba early Tuesday and seriously hamper cleaning up operations that were being pressed Monday in the wake of the heaviest blizzard to strike the province this winter.

The week-end blizzard left nine inches of snow in the Winnipeg area, isolated towns all over the province and temporarily marooned more than 200 cars, buses and trucks on roads where drifts reached as high as 10 feet.

Because the blizzard missed sections of the province, 10 highways were reported open Monday. Only six were completely blocked.

To Undo Work Officials fear the new blizzard will undo much of the snow-clearing work already done and re-block many of the highways opened.

Here is the weather forecast: Overcast, clearing Tuesday evening. Snow and severe drifting snow starting Monday night and ending early Tuesday evening. Milder Monday night becoming much colder Tuesday. Winds shifting Tuesday morning to north at 25 m.p.h.

Temperature at Carman, Gimli and Winnipeg, rising steadily to 20 above Monday night and then dropping through Tuesday to zero during the forenoon and 10 below during the afternoon.

Transportation was crippled, fuel deliveries held up and milk supplies temporarily endangered by the snowstorm. At many country points school attendance was cut 75 per cent. Monday and numerous church services were cancelled Sunday.

G. B. Williams, chief maintenance engineer and employees in the highway branch worked around-the-clock shifts over the week-end.

Forty inches of snow have now fallen in the Winnipeg district since the beginning of the winter, setting a 15 year record. Other Manitoba points report more snow so far this year than all of last winter, which was termed a "bad year."

Road Report Here is the provincial highways picture, as at noon Monday: OPEN: No. 1 east and west, 4, 5, 14, 19, 20, 22, 27, 28 and 31. BLOCKED: 8, 11, 12, 13, 17, 24.

No. 2: Open Brandon to Winnipeg. Plowing under way. No. 3: Open to Carman. Very heavy. No. 6: Open to Ashern. May become blocked. No. 7A: Open. Closed in spots. No. 9: Open to Selkirk. No. 10: Open Minto to Swan River. No. 18: Open junction of No. 2 to Millarney. No. 21: Open junction of No. 1 to Hartney.

A majority of Winnipeg dairies reported their milk supplies "light" over the week-end. Ninety-five per cent. of milk supply trucks were stranded at country points Saturday and Sunday.

Unless the blizzard resumes Monday, most dairies anticipated an ample supply of milk for Tuesday deliveries.

Snow Plow Saga Three of the many plow operators who turned in outstanding efforts during the blizzard were: See STORM Page 6

FAKE FENDERS Frontier Guards On Their Metal

MILAN, Jan. 17 (BUP)—Italian customs guards said Monday they had arrested smugglers, carrying American passports, driving American automobiles with camouflaged silver fenders destined for Palestine.

The guards, on the Italo-Swiss border at Chiavenna, said many new American cars had been crossing the frontier lately.

An exhaustive inspection of one, they said, had disclosed the silver fenders under a light coat of paint.

Later two similar cars were discovered, the guards said, each carrying 150 pounds of silver.

The guards said a preliminary check indicated the silver, from Austria, was being smuggled through Switzerland and Italy for delivery to Palestine.

Fund In Sound Position Motorists Again Free From Safety Law Levy

Manitoba motorists for the second successive year will be free of the water itself, but in the event that a driver without insurance becomes involved in an accident he is likely to bring about a speedier settlement than would otherwise be the case, because of the immediate impoundment of his car and suspension of his driving privileges.

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A levy of \$1 was imposed during the first year. It was cut to 50 cents in 1947. By the end of 1947 the fund stood at over \$170,000. As a result the authorities decided there was no need to impose a levy in 1948 and it is being suspended again in 1949.

"There has been only one claim against the fund since it started, amounting to \$1,300," Mr. McLoughlin said. "The fund appears to be in a position to handle any claims that might arise in the near future and there would be no need to impose a levy in 1949."

ONTARIO HOTELMAN OUT ON STREET

TORONTO, Jan. 17 (CP)—If you wonder whether Toronto hotel rooms are scarce, ask the man who owns one.

Some 50 hotel executives tramped Toronto streets Sunday night—many ended up in rooming houses.

They were members of the Hotel Association of Ontario, here for a convention. Fellow hotelkeepers in Toronto misjudged the number of delegates, prepared for 800 and 1,100 turned up.

Prince Now 10 Pounds

LONDON, Jan. 17 (CP)—Prince Charles of Edinburgh, nine weeks old Sunday, weighs just over 10 pounds. This is two pounds 10 ounces more than his birth weight of seven pounds six ounces. It is reported that Prince Charles now takes a "lively interest" in people and in objects.

GUILTY OF TREASON U.S. Officer Gets 25 Years

NEW YORK, Jan. 17 (AP)—Martin Monti, a 27-year-old former United States air force lieutenant, Monday pleaded guilty to treason charges and was sentenced to 25 years imprisonment. Monti also was fined \$10,000. He could have been sentenced to death on the charges.

The Florissant, Mo., resident was indicted last Oct. 14 on charges he gave himself and his plane up to the Germans in Italy between Oct. 13, 1944 and May 8, 1946 after going A.W.L. in Karachi, India.

The indictment alleged Monti volunteered his services to the Germans, was released as a prisoner of war and broadcast for the Nazis from Berlin as Martin Weishaup. Subsequently, the indictment charges, Monti became an officer of the S.S. (elite guard).

After the Nazi capitulation, it was charged, Monti made his way to Italy and joined the United States fifth army.

South African Racial Riots Spreading



Indians armed with clubs stand guard in front of a burning building in a suburb of Durban, South Africa. The building was looted during savage race riots between Indians and native Zulus. Prime Minister Daniel Malan (right) and his Nationalist South African government were blamed for the strife by the Hindustan Times of New Delhi, India. The paper is edited by Mohandas K. Gandhi's son Devedas.

Government Acts To Control Clashes

DURBAN, South Africa, Jan. 17 (AP)—South Africa's bloody racial warfare showed signs of spreading Monday even as government leaders set up machinery to control the wild Zulu-Indian rioting.

The air still rang with shots in Durban where police fired on native looters Sunday night, but police said later the murderous feud was under control here.

More than 100 persons were reported killed here in the street fighting that began last Thursday after a native boy was injured in a fight with an Indian pebble.

The ugly warfare has spread to other towns and rural areas, however. Violence flared Sunday night in Johannesburg, largest city of South Africa 310 miles northwest of Durban. A bomb was hurled from a passing car at a shop owned by an Indian. Windows were blown in but Indian owners of the shop were in a back room and escaped injury.

The civil guard was put on the alert and police stood by to forestall any outbreak of riot.

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VISIONS OF NAGASAKI Londoners Warned Of Atomic Water

LONDON, Jan. 17 (Reuters)—Londoners turned on their water faucets during the week-end and watched the gushing water with an uneasy eye.

Just what they expected to see was by no means as crystal clear as the water itself, but in the minds of the more sensitive, horrible visions of Hiroshima and Nagasaki loomed.

On the whole the City, which stayed calm through wartime bombing, maintained its reputation for coolness in the face of a rather frightening announcement that radio-active waste was being discharged into the Thames from the government atomic research station at Harwell.

There is no evidence that life-long teetotalers locked their water supplies and rushed—gasping for beer—to the nearest taverns. Nor did the British Medical Association report a rise in hysteria.

Atom scientists had stressed there was no danger to be feared from radio-activity in the river. Just why it is safe is a bit too technical for most laymen.

Twenty Killed As Superfort Hits Mountain

LOCH GOILHEAD, Argyllshire, Scotland, Jan. 17 (CP)—Twenty United States servicemen were killed Monday, police said, when a United States Superfortress crashed in dense mist 3,000 feet up a lonely mountain side near here.

Police said there were no survivors. "The moment the alarm was given, a rescue party set out," police said. "They came across the tangled wreckage in Sucech Glen, between the mountains around the districts of Loch Goilhead and Strachur. There was just a pile of burned-out metal in the glen. Nothing remained to be done except to search for bodies."

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