

regarding the proposed plan, Lionel Chevrier on the bridge to replace the old Grand Trunk swing bridge at Westfort and Hon. Brooke Claxton on pensions for ex-service men. They are seeking to have the old age pension for the latter reduced to 65 years from the present 70, without a means test. Also scheduled for discussion at

dates. The local association will hold its annual meeting in March, it was decided. It is also proposed to hold a nominating convention at the same time to appoint a Liberal candidate for the next provincial election which, it was felt, may be held this coming summer.



"OUTSIDE" PAPERS CRITICIZED

5 Accused Highway Men Are Remanded

Five men accused of irregularities in the Fort William division of the Ontario department of highways were remanded two weeks to Feb. 6, by Magistrate C. D. LeMay in Fort William magistrate's court this morning. No plea was taken from the accused and bail of \$1,000 was renewed. The court room was filled to capacity.

Brown Attorney P. V. Ibbetson, asking for the remand, stated that Charles Dubin, appointed special prosecutor for the attorney general's department, will be here Feb. 6 to take election at the preliminary hearing.

Remanded was A. M. Mills, former division engineer, who is charged with "authorizing payment for work not done" and of misrepresenting the amount of work actually performed under highway contracts. Mr. Mills, 60, resides on South Hill street, Port Arthur.

Also remanded were Douglas T. Cutting, 41 of Kelly street, Fort William; Donald T. Gandier, 30, of Ridgeway street, Fort William; Thomas L. Ayres, 56, of Guelph; and Graham W. Turner, 29, of Cochrane. The latter two, formerly highway employees in the Fort William division, were brought here by provincial police escort.

The latter four men are charged with conspiring together and with one another by fraudulent means to defraud the government.

At this morning's hearing, Mills was represented by T. P. Callon, Cutting by Bernard Black, Gandier by A. W. Maloney. Turner will be represented by G. T. Evans of Timmins.

Newspapers "outside the lakehead" came under fire from Mr. Callon who said reports appearing in them were tending to "prejudice" the case against his client. He accused these newspapers with "flagrant contempt of court."

Mr. Callon also said he wished to go on record as requesting

"some particulars" to the charge against his client so defence case can be prepared. Mr. Black and Mr. Maloney also supported his remarks.

In his remarks to the court regarding the press, Mr. Callon stated that he would fail the court and his client if he did not bring to the attention of the court "the prejudice visited and perpetrated by the press" on his client. He referred to "certain newspapers published elsewhere but distributed here."

In support of his remarks, Mr. Callon quoted from Page 2, Vol. 4, of the Canadian Encyclopaedic Digest, regarding "the scandalizing of" (Continued on Page 3, Column 3)

Probe May Cover 20-Year Period

TORONTO (CP)—The Telegram says today that the scope of a provincial government inquiry into irregularities in northern Ontario highway divisions "may extend to contracts awarded as long as 20 years ago."

The newspaper story says a crew of 55 investigators studying surveys and the engineers' reports will be enlarged and will get bigger quarters.

The inquiry started in the Fort William division and spread to Blind River.

The Telegram story says "an investigation now is reported pending in Kenora."

Reds Refuse To Take Back Their Captives

By FORREST EDWARDS

PANMUNJOM (AP) — Twenty-one Americans a Briton and 325 South Korean pro-Red prisoners in Korea's neutral zone were caught today between a new Communist refusal to accept them and a tougher Allied attitude.

Two Communist generals rejected for the second time an Indian proposal that the Reds accept "under protest" the prisoners who renounced their homelands for communism.

Indian guards abandoned the captives last midnight after the Reds wouldn't take them.

The United Nations command virtually told the Communist command to take them back.

"We welcome any statement that you will make as to your plans for removing them as rapidly as possible from their present camp to any area north of the present demilitarized zone," Maj. Gen. J. K. Lacey of the UN command told the Reds at a session of the military armistice commission.

Growing Allied impatience with the pro-Reds was reflected also in Washington, where Defence Secretary Charles Wilson said the 2 Americans "must make up their minds quickly" if they want to come home. "Their pay is going to be cut off very shortly," he said.

SOLDER ARRESTED

Cpl. Edward S. Dickenson, 28-year-old U.S. soldier who originally stayed with the Reds but later changed his mind, was arrested in Washington and accused of "intercourse with the enemy" to get "favorable treatment."

The Far East command said in Tokyo it has no knowledge of whether similar action would be taken against Cpl. Claude J. Batchelor, a second American who renounced the Communists and now is in Tokyo.

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