

Select French Terms for Cease-fire

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**Offers
Plan
Justice**

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ists today "totally" rejected
mistake and countered with

d by the Vietminh, is for an
of occupation zones, a ban
ndo-China and control of the

While rejecting the French plan
an immediate cease-fire to be
served by the nine parties to
a conference, with political prob-
lems to be worked out later, the
stminh agreed to co-operate in
moving the wounded from fallen

The Communist armistice plan,
ch is expected to be pushed by
viet Foreign Minister Molotov
of Red China's Chou En-lai, was
sied before the conference by
am Van Dong, deputy premier
of the Red-Led Vietminh.

Major points of the Communist
plan were:

Recognition of the Communist
times of Vietnam, Laos and
mberia—the latter two labelled
the French as "phantom" gov-
ernments.

Withdrawal of all foreign
ops from Indo-China.

Elections, conducted along the
s already proposed by the Com-
munist for Germany and Korea
d rejected by the French.

A declaration of intent on the
rt of the Vietminh "to study"
form of association with
nce within the French Union.

French spokesmen labelled this
a phony gesture aimed at win-
g French public opinion.

A promise by the Vietminh to
pect existing French cultural
conomic interests in the three
ts.

A pledge of no reprisals
inst persons found guilty of col-
oration.

An exchange of prisoners of
r.

An armistice in Indo-China
s would be given priority over
other provisions.

By the second session of the
o-China phase of the Geneva
ference, the delegate of the
mmunist Vietminh regime
ned to a meeting of field com-
manders in Indo-China to arrange
separation of wounded.

Such a meeting had been asked
by the French three weeks ago.

A Vietminh move today
mpted French Foreign Minister
orge Bidault to remark "better
than never."

is the Vietminh representative,
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10 MORE PERSONS CHARGED IN ONT. HIGHWAYS INQUIRY

LOCAL ROYAL PURPLE LODGE HOST TO DISTRICT CONVENTION



Members of the local Royal Purple Lodge were hosts on Saturday for the third annual district conference of the Royal Purple. Shown in the above photo are officers of the district organization and delegates from a few of the district points. From left to right: Mrs. Nell Powell, Geraldine; Mrs. B. Pearce, Fort Frances; Mrs. Pearl Cadieu, D.D. S.H.R.L.; Mrs. Nan Jones, Supreme Trustee; Mrs. L. Friday, secretary, and Mrs. Eva Swanson of Nipigon.

Taxi Driver Admits Attack Story is Hoax

Ray Martin, Port Arthur taxi driver, admitted to provincial police yesterday that his story about being beaten and robbed by five men on the Hillside road last Tuesday was a fabrication.

The 21-year-old cab driver told police officials, after six days of extensive investigation had gone by, that he went out the Onion Lake road on personal business. On his way back he ran into the ditch and, believing that he had done extensive damage to the cab, invented the story and called for help on the car radio.

The cut on his forehead, which he said previously was done with a chain in the hands of one of the two men, was caused when his head struck the meter on the dashboard, he told police.

Numerous long distance phone calls were made and Port Arthur city police were called in on the investigation. From a description given by Martin, five men were detained at Dryden and a police lineup was arranged but the cab driver did not identify any of them.

Police said today that Martin probably will be charged with creating public mischief.

18 British Crewmen Deny Charge

MONTREAL (CP) — Eighteen crew members of the British freighter *Sheldrake* today denied charges that they refused to obey a legal command to take the ship out to sea Saturday.

The men appeared for arraignment before Judge Lucien Gendron. Hearing was set for Tuesday after Jean Briset, private prosecutor for the ship's owners, asked that it be held as soon as possible to allow the ship to sail.

Police said charges were laid Saturday after the group was taken to city police headquarters following complaints by the Shipping Federation of Canada. The federation includes owners and agents of many ocean-going vessels operating into Montreal.

The men involved represent more than half the crew of the 840-ton ship, which was the only one of

FIRST ROYAL VISIT IN 40 YEARS

Spanish Side Quiet As Queen at "Rock"

By GOMER JONES

GIBRALTAR (Reuters)—Shouts of "Long live the Queen" resounded across the Spanish border here today as Queen Elizabeth II drove within 200 yards of the frontier for an inspection of Gibraltar's military garrison at the island airport.

On the other side of the border all was quiet. A few Spanish soldiers stood guard amidst a tangle of barbed wire, but no demonstrations against the Queen's visit materialized.

The inspection came just a few hours after the Queen arrived in Gibraltar's harbor for the first royal visit to The Rock in 40 years.

Three thousand servicemen and women from the fortress garrison were drawn up on the airfield under a blazing sun. Shouts of "Viva la Reina" from the island's Spanish-speaking inhabitants were mixed with cries of "Long live the Queen" as the car approached the frontier for the royal inspection.

Spanish officials earlier this year had protested that the visit to what Spaniards regard as their rightful territory constituted an "insult." But there were no signs of activity on the other side of the frontier.

After the parade the ranks of troops broke into lusty cheers.

The royal couple then went to inspect some of the labyrinthine underground installations of the fortress that dominates the entrance to the Mediterranean sea. Some spectators commented that the Queen looked tired, and many remarks about her slowness were heard.

Before the parade at the airport the Queen had been ceremoniously greeted as she stepped ashore from the Britannia.

All Gibraltar's 28,000 people seemed to be at the harbor to greet the Queen and her family.

The Queen stood on the bridge patrol of Gibraltar security forces. (Continued on Page 23, Column 6)

Thieves Get Little in Six PA Break-ins

What Chief Connor termed "a rash" of break-ins occurred in Port Arthur over Saturday night and early Sunday morning. Six business premises reported being broken into, but in only one case were the robbers rewarded for their efforts.

Porky's Grill at 46 St. Paul street, reported the loss of approximately \$100 in cash from the cash box. The place was entered early Sunday morning by forcing open a small window on the north side of the building.

The net "take" from five other places entered consisted of 35 cents and three bottles of "pop."

Chief Constable Connor thinks they were all the work of one person or persons.

Woodside Brothers' machine shop at 173 Manitowish street reported that entry had been gained to their office through a ladder to a second-storey window; the intruders had managed to knock the dial off the safe but gave up after failing to get into the safe.

Helen's Grill at 43 North Court reported that the premises had been entered by smashing the glass in the rear door and opening the lock—but nothing was missing.

The clubhouse at Strathcona Golf Course was entered by breaking the glass in the front door. Three bottles of "pop" were missing.

Husman's Garage, 166 North Cumberland, was entered by a smashed window in the bathroom and 35 cents was taken from the till.

The Moose Hall at 187 North Cumberland reported that the front door had been forced open but a check-up failed to reveal anything missing.

Today's Weather

Maximum temperature at Fort William during the past 24 hours, 48 degrees at 1 p.m. today.

Minimum temperature at Fort William during the past 24 hours, 39 degrees at 5 a.m. today.

Temperature at 1:30 today, 47 degrees.

Winds, northwest at 18 miles per hour.

Relative humidity, 58 per cent.

Forecast for the Thunder Bay region: Cloudy, little change in temperature. Winds northerly at 20 miles per hour becoming light tonight. Low tonight and high tomorrow at the lakehead, 35 and 50 degrees.

MERCURY CLIMBS TO 48 DEGREES

Today was the warmest day so far this month, the department of transport weather office reported today. A high of 48 degrees was recorded at 1 o'clock this afternoon. The maximum temperature a year ago today was 60 degrees. A high of 50 degrees is expected tomorrow at the lakehead.

2 Killed as Jet Crashes Plant

NAPLES (CP)—An Italian air force jet plane spun out of a formation loop angle through the roof and into the office of plant manager Antonio Merzio. An accountant was killed. Merzio was uninjured.

3 Contracting Firms, Senior Officials Named

TORONTO (P)—Fifteen warrants issued today in connection with reported irregularities in Ontario road-building contracts name a federal government inspector, the former chief engineer of the provincial highways department and nine other persons.

Provincial police said arrests will be made "as fast as possible."

The charges are the first involving a federal employee or a contracting firm.

The warrants allege conspiracy to defraud the Ontario government.

Commissioner E. V. McNeill of the Ontario provincial police assigned Inspector Ward Kennedy to the case.

The federal official named is R. F. Peterson, who worked as a supervisor of Trans-Canada highway work in the Fort William area in 1951. He now is believed to be in another province.

The former chief engineer charged is Cecil H. Nelson, suspended for lack of co-operation with investigators. When sought for questioning last winter, he was in Florida. He returned March 11 at the request of Highways Minister Doucett, flew back to Florida March 16, then returned to Toronto at the end of the month.

Mr. Nelson, before his suspension, was No. 3 man, below the minister and Deputy Minister J. C. Millar. From his Port Hope home he said today:

"Nothing has come to me about it as all I can't make a statement until I have talked to my lawyer."

Joseph Sedgwick of Toronto, Mr. Nelson's lawyer, could not be reached. His office reported him out of town.

The companies charged, together (Continued on Page 24, Column 6)

Two Officials Arrested Here

C. W. Taylor, general superintendent, Tomlinson Brothers, and Arthur M. Mills, for the department, were taken into custody here this morning to face charges of alleged irregularities in the department.

Inspector Percy Hake of the provincial police said the two men were arrested on warrants issued by the department.

An indication that other warrants will be issued but no other names have yet been made, said the district inspector.

Taylor and Mills were to appear in Fort William's magistrate's court at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon where they will be formally charged. The former division engineer has already been committed to higher court on charges of breach of trust and fraud. The charges are slated to be heard at the fall session here.

Jealous Suitor Held In Woman's Slaying

LETHBRIDGE (CP)—A 41-year-old widow was fatally stabbed in the neck Sunday by a man described by her landlady and police as a jealous suitor whose marriage proposal had been spurned.

After an eight-hour search of Engel to change her mind. Mrs. Degnard and her husband were in the yard of their home when they heard a quarrel inside the house early Sunday. Mrs. Engel said that minutes later, Mrs. Engel stepped out the back



R. B. BRADLEY

New President Of Harvester Company Here

R. B. Bradley, newly-elected president of the International Harvester Company of Canada Limited, and C. D. Rolow, who recently relinquished the presidency to become director of foreign operations of the International Harvester Company in Chicago, arrived in Fort William today and conferred with M. R. Gerrish, district office manager. The two visiting Harvester officials are making an extensive business tour of the West, calling on district offices and meeting with members of their western organizations.

New Harvester President Bradley started his career with the International Harvester Company in Oklahoma in 1929. Ten years later he was named assistant manager of the International Harvester Company of Australia, with headquarters in Melbourne.

During his association with the Australian company, business was greatly expanded in that country, including the establishment of manufacturing facilities for both motor trucks and farm tractors. He served in the capacity of Managing Director of all operations during (Continued on Page 12, Column 4)

KNIFE-WOUND IS FATAL

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Japan Hit by Storm

OKYO (CP)—Winds of cyclone force whipped across northern Japan Sunday night, killing least seven persons and leaving missing, national police reported.

Yokohama news agency said more than 2,600 homes were destroyed and damaged by the storm.

The central meteorological observatory said 75-mile winds ashed across Hokkaido, northmost of Japan's main islands, the observatory said the storm is moving toward Siberia at 50 to 60 miles an hour.

Unidentified sea and land navigated scores of small ships and ding boats off Hokkaido's east tip. Up to 12 inches of snow accompanied the storm in some areas.

The observatory said a typhoon, liding up, in the South China Sea would reach southern Japan four or five days if it remained to present course.

Stripped Street Strike

Chicago Railway Co. rejected demand for a 30-cent hourly pay increase. It was the first mass transit strike here since 1924.

The company, which runs about 30 trolleys and buses into the

Nothing to It

Reported Threat to Kill Eisenhower Investigated

By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower didn't know it, but Kendall told reporters a man he termed "reliable" told police Saturday he had been approached