

Canada, US To Chart Arctic Defense Plan In Joint Winter Maneuvers

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2 (AP)—Canadian and United States ground and air units will work out fighting techniques this winter for combined defense of the critical arctic frontier.

The army has announced that "exercise cross-index"—involving comparatively small units of the armies of the two nations, supported by the U. S. and Royal Canadian air forces—will be conducted in the Yukon and Alaska areas near Whitehorse, Y. T., during January and February.

Each army will provide a "one-battalion combat team including infantry—some of which will be employed in a parachute role—artillery, engineers, signals and other supporting arms and services," the formal announcement said.

Army officials declined to specify the total number of men involved, pointing out that the size of a combat team varies widely, depending on its mission.

The two air forces will provide fighters cover for troops and bombers, reconnaissance and transport planes.

"In addition to existing communications, mobile RGAF and USAF signals equipment will be used," the army said. "Mobile air force radar and control centers will also be employed."

Canada and the United States are undertaking to build a permanent chain of radar aircraft detection stations across the northern rim of the continent to warn of the approach of hostile craft across the polar cap.

The overall commander of the arctic exercise will be named by the United States, as well as the army commander, while Canada will appoint the allied air force commander.

Most of the troops will be flown into the Whitehorse area, with the rest moving in over the Alaska highway. In some instances, troops will travel as much as 3000 miles.

"The objectives of the exercises are to develop procedures, doctrines and techniques for the employment of the combined Canadian United States army and air forces operating in the far north." The army announcement said.

The exercises apparently will be in the western command of the Canadian army. That command, with headquarters at Edmonton, Alberta, includes British Columbia and Alberta, the northwest territories and the Yukon.

The Canadian defense of the arctic rests with two commands, the western and the Quebec commands. The area of the latter stretches up through Baffin land toward Greenland.

The Canadian theory of defense for the vast and uninhabited northland is to man strongpoints and patrol the other strategic zones, watching for the presence of any strangers in the remote arctic land.

The defense collaboration between the two nations, started before the war and carried on since, includes an interchange of information and temporary exchange of officers both at headquarters and in the field.

As part of the beginning of a general standardization program, the two nations have adopted common communication systems and battle orders.

Moreover, the Canadian government has announced that it desires to standardize weapons "as far as practicable." Canadian Defense Minister Claxton disclosed recently that "we have a list in Canada of all weapons we are prepared to standardize to American designs."

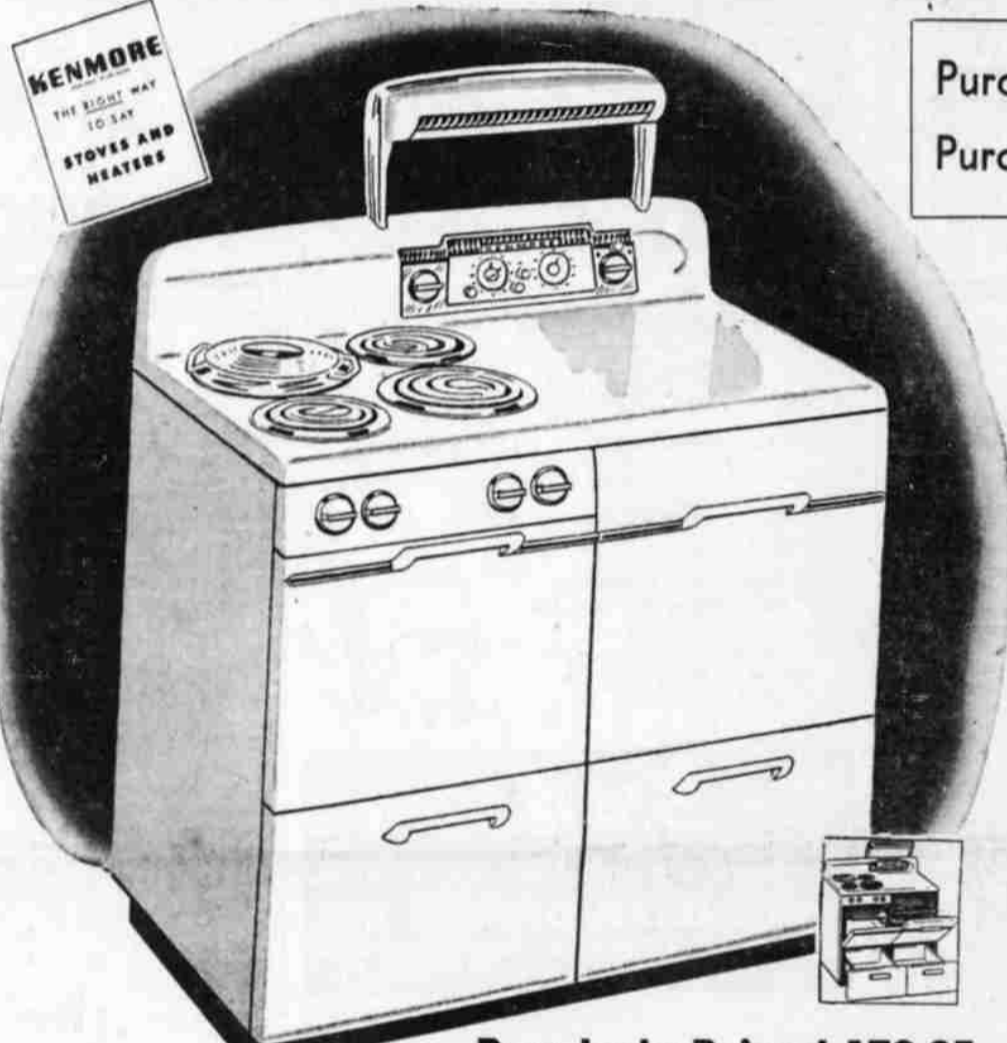
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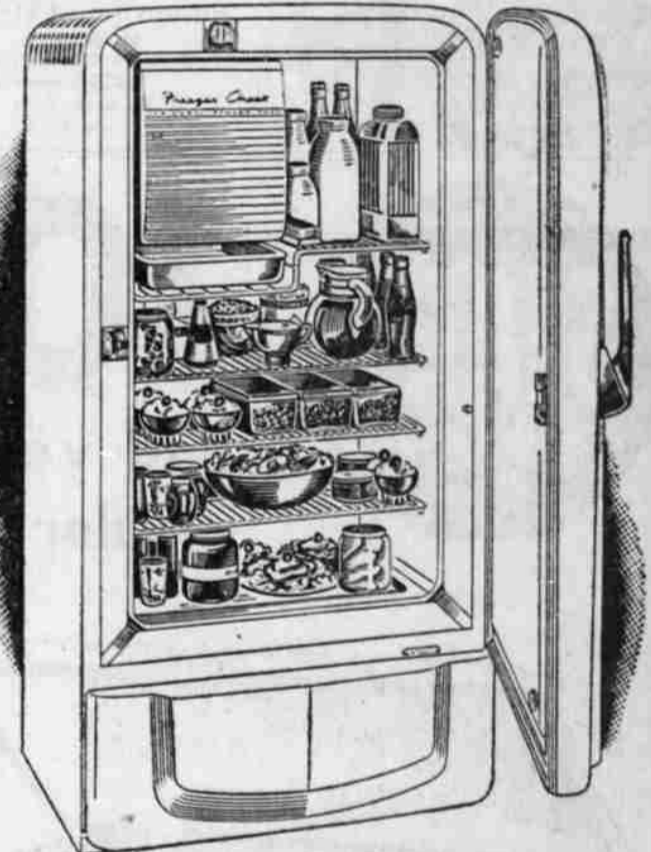
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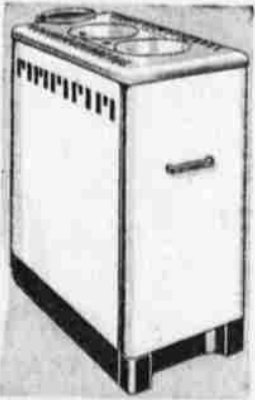


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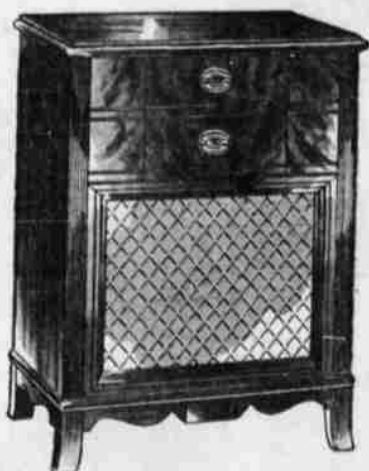


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The California philanthropic organization, guide dogs for the blind inc., offered Pettigill a new animal. The former Newberg restaurant owner will probably take the training course in November.

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