

NEAR AND FAR

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War in Korea

The Korean war is being waged in weather below freezing point and United Nations troops are digging in prepared to spend their third Christmas in these frozen wastelands.

In Korea, as in World War I, much of the fighting is done with rifles, bayonets, grenades, machine guns and mortars, despite the much publicised high explosives which scientists seem to invent every second day or so.

Barbed wire, trenches and dugouts, have now appeared again as the opposing factions bog down for the winter.

Record Shipment of Buffalo Hides

Seven thousand buffalo hides, valued at £40,000, left Darwin by ship last week for overseas.

Many buffalo shooters had been holding hides to force a price rise.

Their move succeeded, because they received up to 2s. a lb. increase.

This resulted in to-day's record shipment of hides.

Government to sell more Assets

The Federal Government is negotiating the sale of the Australian Whaling Commission's assets.

These assets are worth more than £1,000,000.

The Minister for Commerce and Agriculture (Mr. McEwen) said recently that the Commonwealth had been discussing the future of the Commission with the West Australian Government.

The Commonwealth had given the West Australian Government the chance to buy the Commission's rights and assets.

The Government had received no firm offers from private enterprise.

A-Bomb Abolition Urged

The first Asian Congress of the World Movement for Federal Government, opened in Hiroshima last week in a building at the centre of the 1945 atomic-bomb blast area.

The Congress decided to call for the abolition of atomic bombs, maximum disarmament, the prohibition of racial discrimination, the release of all war criminals, and free access to world resources.

The 150 delegates, including Lord Boyd Orr, President of the British Council of the Movement, decided to use "Gandhi methods" of non-violence and non-co-operation to achieve its aims.

The Modern Rainmaker

When an R.A.A.F. Dakota crashed into the sea late last month, it carried some of C.S.I.R.O.'s—and the world's—best equipment for studying clouds and rain formation.

Loss of this equipment may set back the rain-making studies of the C.S.I.R.O.'s famous cloud physics research team, led by Dr. E. G. Bowen.

Scientists of the Radiophysics Division of the C.S.I.R.O. turned naturally to rain-making studies after the war, because they knew wartime radar techniques could solve some of the questions about why clouds form and why rain falls.

C.S.I.R.O. scientists in 1947 produced the first recorded fall of man-made rain to reach the ground and since then have remained in the forefront of the world's rain-makers.

New Wells for Alice Springs

Alice Springs will soon get relief from its severe water shortage.

The Federal Government has approved the expenditure of £25,000 on the construction of new wells and a large storage tank.

Wallaga Lake Wedding



A very pretty wedding was witnessed at Wallaga Lake last month when Beryl Andy, daughter of Ernest and Winnifred Andy of Wallaga Lake Aboriginal Station, was married to Ernest Brierly, son of Walter and Kathleen Brierly of Moruya.

The bride wore a very attractive lace gown and carried a beautiful bouquet of roses, and was attended by her sister Helen, who was dressed in a white taffeta frock with a pretty wreath of orange blossoms in her hair. Peter Brierly, the brother of the groom, was best man.

The wedding was held at the Cobargo Church and was well attended by the people from Wallaga Lake and some of the white community of Cobargo.