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ECA CUTS OFF MARSHALL PLAN FUNDS FOR BUYING PORK

Russia Quits Big Five Atomic Energy Talks

Gov't To Support Cheese At 28 Cents

(By Harold Morrison)

OTTAWA, Jan. 19—(CP)—Completion of a \$21,000,000 cheese contract with the United Kingdom was announced today by Agriculture Minister Gardiner.

Under the agreement Canada will sell about 85,000,000 pounds of cheddar this year at a sharply-reduced price of 25 cents a pound. Last year Canada received 31 cents a pound.

To make the adjustment to the lower price easier, Mr. Gardiner said at a press conference that the Government will support the price of cheese at 28 cents a pound compared with 30 cents last year.

An Agriculture Department spokesman said later that premium payments to cheese producers also will be continued. Under the Cheese Improvement Act, the Government pays one cent a pound on cheese reaching a score of 93 points in tests by cheese inspectors. Cheese scoring 94 points or more gets a premium of two cents a pound.

The contract is expected to absorb most of Canada's exportable cheese surplus. Last year Canada ran into trouble when it met a \$15,000,000 contract to ship 50,000,000 pounds to the U. K. and then found a growing surplus of cheddar.

That surplus, purchased by the Government for about \$6,000,000, has climbed to 20,000,000 pounds.

Farmer's Reaction

In Toronto, V. S. Milburn, secretary of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, said the contract would reflect in a lower standard of living for city people.

As for the farmer, "it is quite definite he will insist that other groups of society make comparable reductions in their returns, because the farmer is a large buyer of their products."

A commercial cheese expert in Ottawa said he believed Canada's cheese output in 1950 will total about 125,000,000, of which 50,000,000 pounds likely will be used on the domestic market leaving 75,000,000 available for export.

Together with the 20,000,000 in Government storage, that would make 95,000,000 pounds available for foreign markets. With Canada's contract with the U. K. set at 85,000,000 that would leave about another 10,000,000 pounds in storage.



John C. Broderick, of St. Catharines, Ont. (above) has been named 1950 president of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture at conclusion of its four-day convention held in Toronto. Elected as vice-president is R. A. Stewart, of Almonte, a former president, and second vice-president is Wesley Down, of Hillm. R. M. Morrison, Long Branch, was named honorary president while Messrs. Broderick, Morrison and Stewart will serve as directors of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture.

Soviets Extend Boycott Over Chinese Question

(By Norman Alstedter)

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., Jan. 19—(CP)—Russia today broke up the private atomic talks among the Big Five powers and Canada by walking out when the Western Powers continued to reject insistent Soviet demands for the expulsion of Nationalist China from the United Nations.

The atomic withdrawal was one of a series of Russian boycotts today, all over the Chinese question. In Washington, the Soviet delegation left the closed-door conference of the Far Eastern Commission, which sets over-all policies for Japan, protesting the presence of the Nationalist delegate. In Geneva, Switzerland, the Russians did not show up for the opening of the winter session of the U. N. Trusteeship Council.

In another walkout move, high-ranking Russian officers left a meeting of the military staff committee in New York after failing to get expulsion of the Nationalist Chinese delegates.

Britain, Canada, United States, France and China agreed generally it would be useless to continue the series of atomic meetings here without Russian participation. The talks, started last July, were a special effort to break the East-West deadlock on plans for international atomic controls.

Mentions Hydrogen

The possibility of production of a hydrogen bomb was mentioned for the first time in the talks by Dr. H. R. Wel, the disputed Chinese Nationalist delegate.

Wel directed his remarks to Jakob A. Malik, the Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister who left the conference soon after. The Chinese scientist contended that developments in atomic energy such as the hydrogen bomb make it more important than ever that efforts be made towards agreement. Anyone who refuses to participate in discussions, he said, must bear the responsibility for lack of agreement.

Meanwhile in Washington President Truman declined to discuss the possibilities of United States production of a hydrogen bomb, which, it is reported, might be 1,000 times as powerful as an atomic bomb.

Elected President Of Agricultural Council

Mr. Harold W. Clay, Senior Live Stock Fieldman, was elected President of the P. E. I. Agricultural Council for the coming year at the annual Council meeting which concluded last night after a three-day grind. Mr. R. R. Hurst, Plant Pathologist, was elected vice-president.

The secretary is Mr. Stewart Wright, elected yesterday for the third consecutive year. Executive members are: Messrs. R. C. Parent, W. R. Shaw, F. M. Nash, F. M. Cannon, Chester Shaw and Henry MacLaren.

Throughout the day the council members listened to and discussed recommendations submitted by the different committee heads. These reports were drawn up Wednesday after the activities of the past year were reviewed Tuesday. These recommendations will be considered by Department heads of the Government.

Committees reporting yesterday and their heads were: Livestock, Mr. H. W. Clay; poultry, Mr. F. M. Nash, district manager of poultry products; potatoes, Mr. S. G. Peppin, district inspector; marketing, Mr. C. E. Shaw, district fruit and vegetable inspector; field



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Ottawa Expects U. K. Bacon Deal To Be Completed

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19—(CP)—In the face of a mounting pork surplus in the United States, the Economic Co-operation Administration today shut off further Marshall-Plan funds for Britain to buy Canadian bacon.

However, Agriculture Minister Gardiner announced in Ottawa that Britain will likely continue to buy Canadian bacon by using part of the Canadian dollar loan to make up for the E.C.A. loss.

E.C.A. law prohibits the use of Marshall-Plan funds for foreign supplies of any commodity in surplus in the United States. The Government here now has declared pork products surplus commodities.

Despite Gardiner's Ottawa announcement, there is a possibility that the Washington decision may leave the 1950 Anglo-Canadian bacon contract in a precarious position. The money to pay for the Canadian bacon this year was to have come out of Britain's Canadian wheat purchases, financed in part by E.C.A. funds.

Under the Anglo-Canadian bacon contract, Britain agreed to take about 60,000,000 pounds at 29 cents a pound.

An E.C.A. spokesman here said Britain will not be allowed to switch funds now set aside for Canadian wheat to bacon purchases.

Food Ministry officials in London tonight said the E.C.A. statement had not yet reached the Ministry and no comment will be made until it does so.

An official of the British Food Ministry in Washington said the effect on the present program will have to be studied before comment can be made.

It could not be immediately learned how much pork Britain bought with Marshall-Plan dollars during the 20 months in which E.C.A. has operated.

There are no regulations preventing Canadians from shipping pork to the United States, provided they pay the nominal tariff and collect payment in United States funds.

U. S. Defends Action In Potato Surplus Sale

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19—(AP)—The United States Agriculture Department said today its offer to sell surplus potatoes at one cent for 100 pounds for export does not violate a Geneva trade agreement barring dumping of commodities in foreign markets.

A Government trade source in Ottawa said yesterday that Canada may protest the U. S. offer.

"Dumping" means an offer by a country to sell its products below its own domestic price as well as below the prevailing world price.

Asked how the potato offering fits in with the international pact, a department official said it is a great bargain. He expressed doubt there would be many takers.

He pointed out that in the first place, the American farm price support program under which the Government acquired the potatoes is holding domestic prices of most farm products above world price levels.

He said potatoes at one cent for 100 pounds would be expensive by the time an eligible foreign buyer had them loaded in cars at country shipping points, paid the freight to ports, and shipped them abroad.

Potatoes are highly perishable and hence require costly shipping facilities, he said. "In the second place there is no broad general world market for potatoes in the sense that there are world markets for grains, cotton, coffee, wool and the like," he said.

"Consequently it is difficult to say just what the world price of potatoes is. But the Department feels that its offering price, taking into account shipping and other costs, cannot be classed as a dumping price."

He said potatoes were put on a cut rate price export list largely to show that the Department is doing all within its power to get rid of them before they go to waste. Surplus potatoes also have been offered free of charge at storage points to private and public welfare agencies in the U. S. and to private welfare agencies helping the needy abroad.

DOGS ARE MENACE

PIETERMARITZBURG, South Africa—(CP)—Packs of dogs are attacking race horses in early morning training on the Scottsville track here. A sports official said that dogs which harass race-horses will be shot. One horse was badly bitten, and several riders have been thrown.

Coming Events

- Mail your Films to Garnham Photo Studio, Charlottetown.
- Skate in New Glasgow Rink tonight.
- Card Party in Stanley Bridge School, January 20th.
- Rummage Sale, Salvation Army, Friday, February 3rd.
- Card Party at Graham's Road Hall, Monday, January 23rd.
- Dance in Orwell Hall Friday, Jan. 20.
- Cake Sale, St. Charles Auxiliary at Rogers Hardware, 2 o'clock Saturday, January 21st.
- Weather permitting, horse races on New Glasgow Rink Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.
- Cornwall Rink opening skate, Saturday night. Children's free skate Saturday morning.
- Rummage Sale, Central Christian Church School Room, Saturday, January 21st, 3 P. M.
- Canoe Cove tonight at 8.15. Show "Every Girl Should Be Married." Songs by Jim Austin.
- Card Party and Dance, Tracadie Hall, Friday, January 20th. Sponsored by Junior Farmers, Melody Boys Orchestra.
- Hockey at Hunter River Rink, Friday night, South Rustico vs. Hunter River Shurr. Game starts at 8 p.m. Skate after.
- Two one-act plays and specialties, Stella Maris Hall, North Rustico, Friday, Jan. 20, at 8 p.m. Presented by the Boy Scouts.
- The Stanley Bridge Sporting Club will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, January 24th, at Stanley Coles' Shop at 8 P. M.
- Hockey, Long Creek Rink tonight at 8:30 New Haven Royals vs. Canoe Cove Roughriders. Second League Game, Skate after.
- Reserve Friday, Jan. 20 for cake sale at Rogers Hardware at 2:30 under the auspices of Friendship Group of Charlottetown Baptist Church.

Farm Market Problems Cause Growing Concern

(By Harold Morrison)

OTTAWA, Jan. 19—(CP)—Gloomy forebodings of a widening international farm crisis gripped the capital today.

Pessimism reigned in Government, political and farm organization quarters following two Washington announcements, both of which affect foreign purchasing of farm goods in Canada.

One U. S. decision cut off from the United Kingdom Marshall Plan funds for the purchase of Canadian pork.

The other will damp a number of surplus U. S. farm products on foreign markets at bargain prices.

Agriculture Minister Gardiner and other Canadian and U.K. officials saw in the decision to cut off Economic Co-operation Administration funds for the purchase of Canadian pork a threat to the 1950 Anglo-Canadian bacon contract.

However, it was indicated that Britain will honor a contract to buy \$17,500,000 worth of Canadian bacon this year, even if it means dipping into reserves of "free" dollars to complete the agreement.

Officials here point out that never in the history of Anglo-Canadian agreements has the U.K. backed out of a commitment, no matter how tough it was on the pocket-book.

The U. S. decision to halt the flow of E.C.A. funds to cover Canadian bacon will not stop the shipment of Canadian smoked pork products to the U.S.

It had been feared that this would be the case, but the Washington announcement said there was nothing to prevent Canadians from shipping pork to the U.S. provided they pay nominal tariff and collect payment for it in U. S. dollars.

The same conditions, said Mr. Gardiner at a press conference today don't hold true for other commodities which the U.S. has declared surplus and available for export at sharply-reduced prices.

Mr. Gardiner was questioned on U. S. surpluses after he announced the negotiation of a new Anglo-Canadian cheese contract covering the shipment of about 85,000,000 pounds at 25 cents a pound. This is six cents below the 1949 price. The Government will support the price in 1950 at 28 cents.

Among these surplus items were dried beans, dried milk and dried eggs. This would mean, said Mr. Gardiner, that Canada no longer

R. C. A. F. Arctic Shipping "Mystery" Easily Solved

(By H. Dent Hodgson)

OTTAWA, Jan. 19—(CP)—The R. C. A. F. today touched off what appeared to be a first-rate Arctic shipping mystery. It was solved within two hours by Transport Department officials as a well-known 13-year-old disaster.

The "mystery" started with a press release from Air Force headquarters announcing that an aircraft had spotted a 10,000-ton vessel, abandoned, but "apparently not for a great length of time." The vessel lay coated in ice off the northwest shore of Mansel Island, in the northeastern corner of Hudson Bay.

The mystery deepened when Air Force officials subsequently disclosed that the observation was made more than a month ago, on Dec. 15. There was no explanation as to why further investigations had not been made.

It took Transport Department officials two hours to identify the mystery ship "beyond any doubt" as the S. S. Avon River, a British grain freighter wrecked at that spot in September, 1936. There was no loss of life and the crew was rescued by the Government ice-breaker, N. B. McLean.

Capt. C. A. Caron, present master of the N. B. McLean, now breaking ice in the St. Lawrence, told Transport Department officials in Ottawa who reached him by wireless that he had no doubt the ship was the Avon River.

Cmdr. C. E. Edwards, Deputy Transport Minister, recalled the disaster.

The Avon River, owned by the Roper Line of England, was heading for the Port of Churchill, Man. to loan grain when she was struck by a heavy southerly gale.

She passed over the outer high reefs at top high water of spring tides, and brought up about 75 feet from the shore of the island, practically undamaged.

Capt. W. J. Balcom, then master of the N. B. McLean, reported to the Transport Department at the time.

"She (the Avon River) was never refloated and her remains are still there. The N. B. McLean removed the crew and sent them to Churchill on another grain ship. No inquiry was held in Canada, but it could be attributed to poor seamanship."

The crew of the Lancaster aircraft—piloted by FO. D. E. Biden of Moncton, N. B.—made the "discovery" while on one of a series of experimental flights being conducted this winter to study ice conditions on Hudson Bay.

Photographs were taken, one of which, issued by the R. C. A. F. today, showed a dark-hulled freighter in an upright position. Desks were sheathed in ice, but its fore and aft masts were still intact and the ice-covered bridge seemed undamaged.

Cmdr. Edwards, on seeing the photograph, said it was not unusual under the circumstances for the Avon River to have come through her long abandonment in northern waters so well-preserved.

He mentioned particularly the climatic conditions, the fact that the Avon River was not damaged in the first place, and that she lay on the bottom in shallow water, protected by the outer reefs, as reasons she was not broken up.

U. S. Would End Boycott Of Spain

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19—(AP)—State Secretary Acheson announced tonight that the United States is prepared to support a move in the United Nations to end the diplomatic boycott of Franco Spain.

In addition, Acheson said the United States is "quite prepared to acquiesce in the extension of credits to Spain covering specific and economically justifiable projects" in which there is "a reasonable prospect of repayment."

The Secretary disclosed this major shift of American policy in a letter to chairman Tom Connally (Dem.-Tex.) of the Senate foreign relations committee.

"Dead Girl" Found Alive In Coffin

PORT AU PRINCE, Haiti, Jan. 19—(AP)—Doctors are studying the strange case of a young woman discovered to be alive in her coffin just as her mourning family was about to bury her.

Medical authorities said the woman, Anita Souffrant, 26, from the rural district of Sain Michel, had lost consciousness after a six-month illness during which she was dosed with medicines recommended by sympathetic friends.

On Dec. 14, authorities said, Anita's family decided she was dead and arranged a funeral.

On the way to the church, mourners were startled to hear noises coming from Anita's coffin.

They looked inside and found her breathing.

The local priest ordered the girl rushed to hospital at Port au Prince. Dr. Paul Desmangles, head of the hospital staff, said Anita gained full consciousness three days after her funeral and was able to talk intelligently.

He said her illness had been diagnosed as a type of malaria. Her condition now is fair.



TORONTO, Jan. 19—(CP)—Min. and max. temperatures: Vancouver 27; Victoria 21 26; Calgary 20; Regina 22; Winnipeg 30; 15; Toronto 9 20; Ottawa 9B 14; Montreal 4B 10; Quebec 12B 4; Saint John 6 13; Moncton 3 10; Halifax 16 22; Charlottetown 6 7; Sydney 17; Yarmouth 20 29; St. John's 22 31. B—Below.

HALIFAX, Jan. 19—(CP)—Official forecasts issued by the Dominion Public Weather Office at Halifax.

Synopsis: The weather was fine and cold in all regions last night. An area of high pressure extended from the Maritimes to the Prairies. Hence, the weather will continue mostly fine. However, a narrow band of snowflurries in Ontario and Western Quebec is moving eastward, and will cross the district tomorrow.

Regional forecasts valid until midnight Friday.

Prince Edward Island: Clear with a few cloudy intervals Friday. Widely scattered snowflurries in the afternoon. Continuing cold light westerly winds. Low early Friday morning and high in the afternoon at Charlottetown zero and 15 above.

High tide today at 12:56 P. M.

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Heavy Fire Loss At Springhill

SPRINGHILL, N. S., Jan. 19—(CP)—Fires destroyed a garage and a confectionery store here today, causing damage estimated at \$70,000.

Loss was estimated at \$50,000 after flames destroyed Claude-Carter's garage. Huge clouds of black smoke drifted high into the air, making it one of Springhill's most spectacular blazes in recent years.

A large tractor, 12 cars and \$25,000 worth of stock was lost.

Miss Mary Gilroy, principal of a school situated across the street, took her 400 pupils out of the building as a safety measure. Thick smoke frightened the children.

Early this morning a \$20,000 blaze destroyed the confectionery store of John Alick. Firemen battled the outbreak for four hours after it was discovered in the basement of the building.

Mr. and Mrs. Alick, who lived over the store, escaped from the building but could save none of their belongings.

The two blazes were a heavy drain on the town's water supplies and a special appeal was issued by the town council tonight asking residents to conserve as much as possible.

F. B. I. Head Takes Over Hunt For Boston Bandits

BOSTON, Jan. 19—(AP)—J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and long regarded as the top American crime fighter, today assumed overall supervision of the search for the armed robbers who set a larceny record by snatching more than one million dollars in cash from an armored-truck stronghold here Tuesday night.

Aides said Hoover is actively participating in the investigation, although for the present he does not plan to leave Washington.

"A talkative and imaginative phony"—so described by Boston police—furnished a tip which sent squads of officers into a flurry of activity early today. The check resulted in the finding of a pistol and 1,000 rounds of ammunition in an empty house.

But nothing more came of that and the tipster, who had telephoned from Newark, N. J., soon was discredited as a former mental patient who could not have been the driver of the getaway car as he claimed.

The small arsenal tonight remained a minor mystery.

A large Federal Reserve Bank money bag found in Saugus, a few miles north of Boston, remained a possible clue. It was turned over to the F.B.I., but at the same time it was pointed out that money bags are not difficult to obtain in honest commerce.

Brink's Incorporated, the armored express service victim of the robbery, published an announcement of a \$100,000 reward "for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the persons involved in the hold-up."

An insurance company added as an inducement an offer of five per cent of all money recovered.

Meanwhile, Brink's president, John D. Allen, headed east from the company's headquarters at Chicago to take personal charge of the firm's activities in the search.

In addition to the millions of dollars in cash, the robbers carried away \$500,000 in cheques, but it is extremely doubtful that they will attempt to cash them.

What had been briefly considered a clue evaporated in New York when that city's police cancelled a search for a Cadillac sedan that at one time was thought possibly the escape car.

A report from a filling station operator was responsible for the search. Police did not explain why it was called off.

Plan New Coin To Mark Anniversary Of Nickel

OTTAWA, Jan. 19—(CP)—To commemorate the 200th anniversary of nickel, a new five-cent coin will be issued next year.

The Finance Department will pay \$1,000 for the best design for the coin, the Department announced today.

It will be the seventh different five-cent piece to be issued since 1920 when Canada first began using nickel for coins.

Canada produces nearly 90 per cent of the world's nickel. The new coin is being issued to mark the anniversary of the first isolation of the pure metal from ore by a Swedish scientist in 1751.

In addition to the \$1,000 prize, four prizes of \$250, each may be issued for designs receiving honorable mention.

The Department said the design for the back of the coin only—

must have "definite Canadian characteristics." The only other specifications were that "it must include the word 'Canada' at the top and the denomination '5 cents' at the bottom. Provision must also be made for the figures 1751-1951."

The Finance Department's announcement did not say whether the new coin will be round or 12-sided. All five-cent coins have been 12-sided since 1942 partly to prevent confusion with 25-cent pieces which are only slightly larger.

W. C. Ronson, master of the Mint, will head the committee that selects the winning design.

Nickel because it is so closely associated with Canada—was introduced in coinage in 1922. The first nickel five-cent piece replaced a silver coin, so small that it was inconvenient.