

Lack Of Exports Seen Torpedoing British Rations Amherst Opening

Britain, sapped by two wars and a great depression, is fighting for her national existence in an unprecedented economic crisis.

By JOHN DAUPHINE Canadian Press Staff Writer LONDON, May 1—Lack of exports is as great a threat to British rations as the submarine.

The shadow of hunger lurks behind cold statistics that shipments overseas show no spectacular gains and that 1947 trading accounts will show a \$350,000,000 deficit and an even bigger gap in the dollar countries where most food must be bought.

The United Kingdom is nearing the time when imports must be paid for with exports. And Labor government spokesmen have emphasized the nation's belt will be pulled tighter, rather than ask for more financial assistance abroad.

"We haven't reached the limit of austerity yet," said a Downing Street official when asked what will happen when the Canadian and American loans run out.

"If our exports aren't high enough to pay for today's quantity of food imports, we'll just have to cut them down.

"There still can be some reduction before we hit rock-bottom." As soon as supplies increase, says Sir Stafford Cripps, president of the Board of Trade, the United Kingdom "must try to get back to purchases in soft currency or sterling markets."

Negotiations have been started with European countries for their food surpluses. Canada helps. But a large share of the bread, meat, bacon, cheese and egg rations comes from Canada and the United States and there is no prospect that adequate supplies can be found elsewhere in the near future.

Even with dollars no particular problem, the bacon ration has been cut this year, the meat ration is threatened and the bread ration—imposed originally for a few months—is likely to continue indefinitely.

Latest problem for the Food Ministry is the worst winter in 50 years, delaying farm work so much that a depleted labor force cannot catch up and killing more than 1,000,000 sheep and lambs that would have gone into the meat ration later this year.

Agriculture Minister Tom Williams wanted 2,500,000 acres of wheat in 1947, 600,000 more than last year. Even with the higher prices announced this spring, the target will not be reached.

A National Farmers' Union spokesman termed the situation "very grim." British agriculture is short of time, labor and machinery. The long-term program calls for more home-produced milk, meat, eggs and bacon, and less wheat and other grains.

That will save the country money since grain imports for feeding animals will cost less than the finished product. But boosting the livestock population takes time and the Canadian and American loans will probably run out early next year.

Shortage of dollars may reduce still further the carefully-balanced but monotonous British diet.

DISAPPOINTED IN LOVE NEW YORK, May 1—(AP)—A young woman who left a note referring to a June wedding which apparently had been cancelled, today plunged to her death from the 86th floor of the Empire State building.

Tentatively identified as Evelyn McHale, aged 25, of Baldwin, L. I., she crashed through the floor of an empty automobile parked on 33rd Street.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS 50c Per Insertion

BIRTHS WILSON—At the P. E. I. Hospital on April 26th, 1947, to Mr. and Mrs. Ford Wilson, Cornwall, a daughter, Sandra Isabel.

DEATHS COADY—At her home in Millville, May 1, 1947, Mrs. Wm. Coady, age 81. Funeral from her late residence Saturday, May 3rd, to St. Joseph's Church, Vernon River, Mass. at 9:30. Interment in church cemetery.

SQUAREBRIGGS—At Montreal on April 30, 1947, Miss Nora Squarebriggs, in her 24th year, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Squarebriggs, Maple Hills. Remains will arrive at Cutcliffe Funeral Home this (Friday) evening where funeral service will be held Sunday afternoon, service starting at 2 p.m. D.S.T. Interment in People's Cemetery.

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Third Reading Given Main Gov't Control Bill

(By The Canadian Press) OTTAWA, May 1—The Commons today gave third reading to the Government's main control bill which extends the authority to continue price and rent controls for at least another year.

The reading came shortly after members by a vote of 63 to 14 defeated a C.C.F. amendment which would have given Parliament the right to decide when the Prices Board should be abolished.

Although Justice Minister Tisley said he was prepared to hold a free vote on the amendment, sponsored by Stanley Knowles, C.C.F.—Winnipeg North Centre, only C.C.F. members supported the motion.

Mr. Knowles said his amendment was aimed at allowing Parliament to put a brake on the Government in matters of decontrol. He mentioned yesterday's announcement that butter prices are being boosted by 10 cents a pound.

The question was whether members were going to allow the Government to continue its decontrol policy at the current rate. Many Canadians did not make enough to pay income tax, but they still had to pay higher prices for their food products.

Mr. Tisley said Mr. Knowles' amendment would make no practical difference. The Government had to be free to handle the price and rent orders-in-council and take the responsibility for the way in which they were handled.

In reply to a question, Mr. Knowles said the amendment would not prevent the Government from making any decontrol moves until the next session.

Stalin Attends May Day Parade In Red Square

By EDDY GILMORE MOSCOW, May 1—(AP)—Prime Minister Stalin nimbly climbed the long flight of stairs to the platform above Lenin's tomb today and saluted scores of times as thousands of Russian soldiers and civilians marched before him in Red Square in the traditional May Day parade.

The biggest May Day celebration since the war concluded with a harried attack on the United States by Ilya Ehrenburg in Pravda, the official Communist Party newspaper. The Soviet journal denounced "American hypocrites" and spoke of "American gangsters who love to conceal their low affairs by high words."

Stalin was accompanied by leaders of the Communist Party and the Government as he walked with brisk step from the Kremlin to the stairs that ascend to the tribune above the tomb.

The military part of the parade was relatively small this year, with a banner-carrying civilians and colorfully garbed sports groups passed the reviewing stand by the thousands.

The long-moustached Marshal Semeon Budenny was the reviewing officer. In a speech before the parade began he declared that the Russian people are moving toward new successes in achieving Communism, equal rights of people and "honest collaboration between nations."

He concluded with "hurrah for Comrade Stalin!"

May Day Parade In New York City

NEW YORK, May 1—(AP)—Bearing pictures of the late Franklin D. Roosevelt and banners among the throngs at the morning parade, several thousand persons marched from Columbus Circle to Union Square in the annual May Day parade today.

Delegations from the Furriers' Union, several garment trades unions and the National Maritime Union were prominent in the line of march.

Members of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, which fought for the Spanish Republican Government in the civil war, joined in the parade.

At St. Patrick's Cathedral on Fifth Avenue, three blocks east of the parade route, a special service was held at which prayers were uttered "for the people of Russia and for all those in countries under the influence of Communism."

Time ago, were extended substantially. "Recently, the terms of admissibility were extended to include still wider groups of relatives. All married relatives who are admissible now are granted the right to bring their families with them."

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FOR SALE—HARDWOOD AND softwood. Phone 436.

FOR SALE—1941 PLYMOUTH sedan, good condition; 1937 Ford coach; 1931 model A coach; 1943 Dodge sedan; 1935 Dodge coupe. Can be seen at 43 Elm Ave, this afternoon.

CENTRAL GUARDIAN

This column is reserved for news of local interest, but advertising of a newsy nature may be inserted at five cents a word strictly payable.

JERSEY COWS RECORD—Spruce Brook Dolly—129404, a Jersey cow bred and owned by Bruce MacDonald, New Wiltshire, has completed a four-year-old record of 7,327 lbs. of milk, 361 lbs. of fat in 305 days with an average test of 5.20 percent. Dolly is a daughter of Hedgelee Benedicta's Rex—100249.

CITY POLICE COURT—At the Police Court yesterday morning a man charged under the Prohibition Act with illegal possession of spirits was fined \$200 and costs or three months in jail. Two drunk and incapable were each fined \$5 and costs or 10 days and a breach of the Income Tax Act case was withdrawn by the prosecution.

SPECIAL PRIZE FOURTH KING'S The Rural Beautification Society acknowledges a donation of \$50 from McGowan Ltd., Klilmuir, to be used as a special prize for the rural home in the 4th electoral district of Kings showing the greatest improvement in 1947. To be eligible for this prize, all entries must be submitted by May 5th.

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Many years ago his predecessor as president of the Canadian National Railways, the late Sir Henry Thornton, made a similar remark. Later he saw he had spoken somewhat out of turn and made Prince Edward Island honorable amends by building a million-dollar hotel there. I feel sure that Mr. Vaughan who has listened so patiently to all discussion of this matter will give evidence of similar generosity."

In the course of discussion on the Prince Edward Island railways, Mr. McLeure asked if the locomotives on these lines were to be converted from coal-burning engines to diesels.

Mr. Vaughan replied in the affirmative.

The member for Queens expressed pleasure over the change from the present power units to diesels, since the latter are cleaner, more powerful and generally more reliable. Since they are oil-burning, fuel problems will be simpler, he said.

Challenges Power Of Wheat Board

WINNIPEG, May 1—(CP)—The Federal Government's order-in-council P.C. 1282, empowering the Canadian Wheat Board to compel elevator companies to deliver to the Board all oats and barley held by them, encountered its first legal repercussions here today.

They took the form of a hearing before Mr. Justice P.J. Montague in Court of King's Bench over disposal of 40,000 bushels of 3 c.w. six-row barley held in storage at Fort William by Hallett and Carey Limited, grain merchants.

The hearing, instigated indirectly by Jeremiah J. Nolan of Chicago, was adjourned for one week after preliminary arguments were submitted.

Mr. Nolan's attorneys told the Court that he had purchased the barley in question between November, 1946, and January, 1947, paying \$8,267.58 cents in carrying charges to the grain company.

About March 17 Mr. Nolan was informed by the company that the Wheat Board was taking over his grain. He forbade the company to dispose of his terminal certificates and warehouse receipts, giving title to the barley, to the Wheat Board, or to deliver his barley to it. If the company did deliver the barley, he declared his intention to sue.

The company, as a result of the conflicting orders, it received from the Board and Mr. Nolan, applied in court for relief from both claimants by way of interpleader.

A.F.L. And C.I.O. Consider Merger

WASHINGTON, May 1—(AP)—Leaders of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations, troubled alike about what Congress may do to labor unions, started talks today on the possibility of merging their strength.

The main personalities in the unity talks are three veterans of many a hot fight for unions, and of arguments among themselves: William Green, 74-year-old president of the A.F.L. whom John L. Lewis once tossed out of the United Mine Workers.

Phillip Murray, 60-year-old head of the comparatively young C.I.O. who broke off from the A.F.L. which has tangled with Lewis, too. Lewis himself, at 67 still the unquestioned leader of the miners and a man of proved willingness to take on all comers, including the Government.

There was a little by-play as the talks got under way. Daniel J. Tobin, president of the largest A.F.L. union, the Teamsters, remarked that he was sitting among "three mice workers." He referred to Green, Murray and Lewis.

Both Murray and Green said in advance that they have "an open mind" on the proposal to merge their groups into one big force of 13,500,000 members. Their main stumbling block has been the method of working to-

Divisional Commanders In Cancer Drive



Pictured above are the seven divisional commanders in the cancer campaign in Charlottetown. They were very successful in the general canvass, obtaining 150 per cent of their objective. They are, from left to right: seated, Major T.B. Rogers, Major Ivan Nicholson, Standing, W.R. Rix, Harold G. Hennessey, Walthen Gaudet, Frank O'Neill and, George MacDougall.

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during the campaign, and to St. James Church for use of the hall for supper rallies.

Results By Divisions Following the results of the campaign, the various divisional commanders, A. Walthen Gaudet, George MacDougall, Frank G. O'Neill, W. R. Rix, G. Harold Hennessey, Major T. B. Rogers, and Major Ivan Nicholson spoke briefly on the success of the drive and expressed thanks to their workers.

Major Rogers in the course of his remarks suggested that a Community Chest Campaign might be feasible which would, in the future, group all drives under one main campaign.

Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan, Provincial President of the Canadian Cancer Society, thanked and congratulated the workers on the success of the drive. He pointed out the importance of the Cancer Campaign and felt if people were educated to seek medical and surgical treatment early, many lives would be saved.

Dr. MacMillan paid tribute to Col. MacDonald, chairman, and J. Andrew Likely, vice-chairman of the City drive, who were instrumental in the great results achieved. He also cited the splendid work done by the Special Names Division headed by Roy Cudmore and Edwin Johnston.

In closing he expressed the thanks of the Canadian Cancer Society to all who helped make the campaign the success that it was.

Col. MacDonald thanked the Press and Radio for their co-operation, and members of the banking fraternity under Mr. Ernest Ford who gave of their services in tabulating the returns.

London Film Magnate To Visit Canada, U. S.

By RONALD BEDFORD LONDON, May 1—(Reuters)—Film magnate J. Arthur Rank expects to leave for Canada and the United States shortly and one of the topics he will discuss with American and Canadian movie makers will be the production of sub-standard size films of an instructional, religious and documentary nature.

Rank declined to give interviews but an informant close to him said today: "An agreement was recently concluded between Canadian-British instructional films (one of the Rank string) and United World Films of America for the joint, world-wide distribution of sub-standard (size) films."

The agreement calls for a production program starting with one movie weekly from British and United States studios. Further talks between Rank and United States producers on sub-standard size celluloid—35 millimeters in width—could have far-reaching effects, particularly in countries where movies are unknown or relatively undeveloped.

In Toronto Rank will meet a number of movie technicians with a view to encouraging Canadian movie production. He will receive the report of the Odeon Theatre's building program under which 64 movie theatres will be built in the Dominion within the next four years. Consideration of Canadian production would clearly have as a major topic the shooting of bilingual (French and English) films. The first of them, "Whispering City", now is being distributed.

BAGSHOT, Surrey, England—(CP)—Until Bagshot can find an assistant gravedigger, Saturday burials will cost \$1 (\$4) extra.

INDIA NEWSFRONT

NEW DELHI—(CP)—An Indian firm has made arrangements for the production of newspaper. The government is also making investigations with regard to finding suitable raw materials and a site for the factory.

PUBLIC FORUM This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

ANSWER TO ALARMIST

Sir—In the May 1st issue of this column I read a letter written by Alarmist. In this letter he faintly attempted to refute a few points of my last letter. On reading his notes, I find, he refuted nothing and very few words from me will show how fruitless his argument were.

His first wild statement was that "alcohol served to dehydrate the needed fluid in the cells". Alcohol, used as a dehydrating reagent must be used in its finest form. The alcoholic content of the beverages sold at any of the Island vendor stores does not exceed 50 per cent. This is too weak to have a dehydrating effect. He claims the cells are dehydrated because the person drinks more water after drinking an alcoholic beverage. Fine good thing to be able to drink lots of water. Modern health and hygiene books tell us we would die without it. "Alarmist" has only shown a benefit from alcohol rather than any defect. No doubt he has heard of people taking a medicine to build up an appetite. Is it his opinion that that medicine has exhausted the energy from the cells, and the person eats heavier afterwards to keep them up to par?

He also stated something about alcohol taken in any amount tends to produce cancer of the soul. I would like to ask "Alarmist" how he considers it possible to have malignant cells in that which is not a tissue. If he has a new theory, which I am inclined to doubt, I think now is the acceptable time to present it to the public since we are now working in a Canada-wide campaign against the disease. Never in the history of medical science has there been a case diagnosed as cancer of the soul.

I am, Sir, etc. EDWARD JEROME Charlottetown.

Army Helicopter Fails In Search For T.C.A. Plane

LAKE BUNTZEN, B.C., May 1—Hope for early discovery of the missing T.C.A. aircraft with 15 aboard was dashed tonight as a searching helicopter returned a "negative" report on what appeared to be a long slash of cleared-off treetops at the 4,000-foot level on Mount Coquitlan.

The helicopter, flown in from the United States Army base at Seattle, returned to base here with the message shortly before dark tonight after searchers reported that the treetops appeared to have been sliced with a giant scythe.

"No luck—nothing there," was the terse report by pilot Joe McArthur.

A ground search party, itself near the 4,000-foot level, reported that the rotten timberline plateau reached late in the day, was shrouded in a heavy mist while rain-soaked clouds obscured the peak of Mount Coquitlan. It is endeavoring to reach the spot on the towering 42,000-foot mountain where earlier "wildly gyrating" lights were sighted.

Rash Of Strikes Trouble Steel Plants In U. S.

(By The Associated Press) PITTSBURGH, May 1—A rash of strikes blighted production in the United States steel industry today but with wage settlements reached for more than 375,000 workers the industry's general condition appeared good.

Expiration of April 30 contract deadlines at midnight last night touched off the walkouts, all by units of the 850,000-man United Steelworkers (C.I.O.).

The walkouts affected at least 12 firms including the year's first major strike in the industry, at the Inland Steel Company, the country's seventh largest basic steel producer.

All of the struck plants except Inland Steel were fabricators, firms which process basic steel into finished products ranging from wire rope to bridges.

Besides Inland Steel, these firms were beset by walkouts: The Follansbee Steel Corporation, with three plants and about 2,100 workers involved at Follansbee and Parkersburg, W. Va., and Toronto, O.; Walworth Company, Greensburg, Pa., 1,500 workers; John A. Roebling's Sons Company, plants at Trenton and Roebeling, N.J., workers unestimated.

Also Continental Foundry and Machine Company, Coraopolis, Pa., 1,500 workers; Hancock Manufacturing Company, New Cumberland, W. Va., and Toronto, O., 300 workers; Sheet Metal Specialty Company, Follansbee, W. Va., 900; Union Spring and Manufacturing Company, New Kensington, Pa., 800; Ohio Foundry and Manufacturing Company, Steubenville, O., 150; Pittsburgh Bridge and Iron Works, Rochester, Pa., 20; Hanlon-Gregory Galvanizing Company, 200, and Tri-Look Company, 25, both Pittsburgh.

Author's Suit Against Chaplin Is Settled

NEW YORK, May 1—(AP)—A \$5,000,000 suit brought by author Konrad Bergovet, charging Charles Chaplin with plagiarism and breach of contract in the motion picture "The Great Dictator", has been settled for \$95,000. Judge Harold S. Burke announced today.

The settlement ended a trial which began April 17 and ran through eight court days. Judge Burke said the stipulation of the settlement provides, at Chaplin's insistence, that he is the sole author of the dictator story.

It also provides, the Judge said, that Chaplin shall have all rights to the story and to two other stories—"The Haymarket Riots" and "The Cry of the Wolf"—involved in the suit but never filmed.

SEEK MORE FISH

EDINBURGH—(CP)—In an experiment to speed up fish production a loch on the west coast has been fertilized and the results have been startling. Once operations can be extended to a large field it is expected the fish market will be doubled.

A desirable residence, being number 238 Euston Street, Charlottetown. This house is in splendid condition, equipped with hot water furnace and all modern conveniences. Frontage of 42 feet and depth of 185 feet, with a large garage on rear of premises. Open for inspection at any time. This house will be vacated by May 15th next. For further particulars apply to TRAINOR & O'DONNELL, Solicitors.