

Chrysler Bid For Rootes Sparks Row

LONDON (Reuters)—A major political row is brewing here in the wake of Friday's announcement that the Chrysler Corporation has bid for a 30-per-cent interest in Britain's Rootes Motor Company.

Opposition Labor party leader Harold Wilson accused the Conservative government Saturday of "willingness to sell out vital concerns" to foreign interests. He made a strongly worded speech in the north-west England industrial town of St. Helens.

"Everyone recognizes the central role of the motor car industry in production and employment and we must view with concern the fact that more and more of it is falling into foreign hands," Wilson said.

The Chrysler-Rootes deal involved £12,300,000 for Chrysler to hold 30 per cent of Rootes ordinary voting shares.

REMAINS UNCHANGED
A spokesman for Rootes — makers of the Hillman, Hummer and Sunbeam cars as well as the new entry into the small car field, the Imp—has said the "very large interests of the Rootes family remains unchanged and control and management are, therefore, unaffected."

Still, a parliamentary storm was expected in the House of Commons today when the opposition was likely to combine forces against Chancellor of the Exchequer Reginald Maudling and Trade and Industry Minister Edward Heath.

Official approval was expected provided the balance of payments benefited from a cash payment in dollars and control of the £70,000,000 Rootes company stayed in British hands.

Soot Particles Speculated As Cancer Cause

WASHINGTON (AP) — Reduction in the size of soot particles in the atmosphere — due to changes in soft coal use — might partially explain sharp decreases in human stomach cancer and concurrent increases in lung cancer in the U.S., two researchers have theorized.

The Georgetown University Medical School team further speculates that these smaller soot particles tend to concentrate more readily in the lungs than in the stomach — with a resultant greater chance of promoting lung cancer.

Reduced use of soft coal by homes and railways since the 1930s — and more efficient burning of it in electric power plants — would tend to make the atmosphere's content of soot particles predominantly of the smaller type, they added.

The report, conceded as speculative, was made by Dr. Robert J. Coffey, chairman of the medical school's department of surgery, and by Marvin D. Anderson, a four-year medical student. They made it in the university's Medical Bulletin journal.

They said various studies have indicated that the incidence of stomach cancer has dropped in most countries of the world in the last few decades. They reported its relative importance as a cause of death in the United States has lessened by at least half.

Russians Take Grudging Note Of Anniversary

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet Union has taken grudging note of the 20th anniversary of the D-Day landing, but claimed the Red Army could have defeated the Germans by itself.

The Soviet military newspaper Krasnaya Zvezda (Red Star) acknowledged the efforts of the Western allies.

"However, the decisive role in this belongs to the Soviet people who performed by their heroic struggle the greatest feat of the Second World War," Red Star said.

The newspaper accused "bourgeois historians and military leaders" of exaggerating the importance of the Normandy invasion.

Although the Western allies inflicted "definite losses" on the Nazis, the opening of the Second Front in 1944 did not weaken the German armies facing the Russians in the east, Red Star said.

"The Soviet Union showed it was able to defeat Germany alone."

The newspaper charged that the Western Allies only invaded Europe because Britain and the United States feared that the Soviet army would liberate by itself the peoples of Europe from fascism.

"Through delaying the opening of the Second Front the imperialists expected that, in the struggle the Soviet Union and fascist Germany would bleed themselves white and would not be able to recover, while the United States and Britain would dominate the world," Red Star said.

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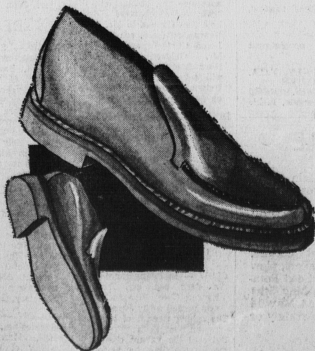
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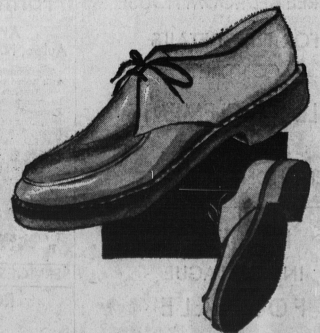
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