

Improved East-West Trade Seen Aiding Peace Outlook

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MONTREAL (CP)—Improved trading relationships between the West and Communist worlds, would be one of the best ways for removing political dissension, R. C. Berkinshaw of Toronto, president of the Canadian Council of the International Chamber of Commerce, said Wednesday.

Mr. Berkinshaw, addressing the council's annual meeting, said that in the move towards wider world trade Canada could take the leadership and he also suggested that NATO countries should live up to their declarations in his regard.

He recalled his remarks to the council two years ago, when he said:

"The alternative to peaceful co-existence would appear to be mutual self-destruction.

REALISTIC APPROACH
"If we are to make co-existence a reality, it is necessary that we take a realistic approach, decide to let others live as they will, as long as there is no interference with the way of life we have chosen.

"Under these circumstances, I believe that the best augur for the future would be to extend, as far as possible, the pattern of world trade to include fully, not only the nations of the free world,

but also the Communist areas where such a large percentage of the world's population lives."

Mr. Berkinshaw said he still believes Canada should follow this policy.

In addition, Soviet Russia, the satellite countries and Communist China were proving an increasing challenge to the West on the economic front—a challenge which was taking place in three forms: Economic and military aid programs; technical assistance; and intensification of trade programs.

AIMED AT ASIA, AFRICA
These economic efforts had been directed chiefly against less-developed countries, particularly in Asia and Africa, and by the end of 1957 Soviet bloc agreements to provide assistance to the less-developed countries totalled nearly \$2,000,000,000.

Mr. Berkinshaw, president and general manager of Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company of Canada Ltd., said he has been pleased to note that in recent months there have been renewed demands by Britain and Western European countries to reduce, if not to remove, the embargo list in the case of trade with Red China.

"It is to be hoped that the United States may soon be persuaded to change its trade policy towards Communist China.

Loans For

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the past 10 years average the floor price. He said this formula applied to butter would work out at the rate of 47 cents per pound.

NOT ASKED FOR
He complained that potatoes was not one of the designated products under the act and noted that the Prime Minister while speaking at Summerside stated that potatoes could have been included if someone had asked for it. "What are our four Federal members doing if they did not see fit to ask for a floor price on potatoes—the Island's most important crop."

While on the subject of farming Mr. St. John made a strong plea for unemployment insurance for farmers who want it.

"The time is coming and some farmers are feeling it now that the farmer will not be able to get men to work for them unless the hired man gets stamps for unemployment benefits," Mr. St. John said.

KEEP THEM ON FARM
"He can go to other jobs and get stamps — this relates also to farmers' sons who work for their parents. If they could get unemployment benefits, it would be an incentive to keep them at home and they would be around in the Spring when cropping

starts," he said.

Replying to Opposition criticism, Mr. St. John said it was only a few nights ago that he heard the Leader say he was against the establishment of a second filleting plant at Souris.

"I wonder, when the Opposition Leader talks this way, does he know how many men this plant employs. I can tell you that it is between 100 and 200 people in the eastern end of the Island. Where would he send these people? Not to any other part of Canada, I hope because they have more unemployment than they want now," said Mr. St. John. "I suggest that the Leader of the Opposition wouldn't care where they went and care less if they never got work."

OPPOSED DRAGGERS
He said the Conservative Party was opposed to the building of draggers in 1950, and now we find they are opposed to the plants that prepare the fish for market."

Turning to the fishing industry in general, Mr. St. John said the seal is one of the greatest fish eating mammals with which the industry has to contend. He predicted that it would not be too long before the Government would have to put a bounty on seals to preserve the fish for human consumption.

Speaking of seal fishing, Mr. St. John noted that 14 ships with

over 200 men sealed in the Gulf of St. Lawrence last year. He said that in 1957 there were 400 ships employing about 13,000 men.

ICE BREAKER

"The Dominion Government", Mr. St. John said, "should have an ice-breaker in the Gulf of St. Lawrence as a mother ship for the sealers, to break leads in the ice to the seal packs, which sometimes it is impossible for the sealers to get to for days at a time; also to relieve ships that are stuck in ice floes and are sometimes if not relieved, are crushed by the pressure of ice."

Ground fish caught in Kings County by the draggers and in-shore fishermen as reported by the Kings members showed an increase compared with a year ago. The catch in 1957 was 23,423,247 lbs. including Irish moss valued at \$1,499,088, and in 1956, 22,257,000 lbs. with a value of \$1,553,468 — increase of over 1 million lbs., but a decrease in value of \$59,380.

GREATLY BLESSED

"There are few areas of Canada more greatly blessed than this Island, and in Fisheries, which is next only to agriculture in world importance. "This Island is by no means a depressed area as far as food is concerned, and it would seem only right and sensible that public attention be concentrated on these two resources."

The tourist industry is also important, he said, and could be made much more of, if we had the causeway at Borden, and our transportation facilities improved, but it is not a natural resource in the sense that farming and fishing are.

"Not only are markets waiting for our farm products and fish; in the New England States and other parts of Canada," said Mr. St. John "but even here at home, and in the Maritimes generally, hundreds of thousands of cans of peas, beans, and every other vegetable that might be mentioned are brought to this Island annually."

ISLAND PRODUCTS
It is frequently difficult and sometimes impossible he said to find an Island grow product on the shelves of grocery stores; and perhaps the root of most farmers' problems (apart of course, from fluctuating prices) is the lack of long term credit, with low interest rates. The credit supplied by banks and similar agencies is good enough as far as it goes, but often it does not meet the requirements of most farmers, especially those just starting out in farming.

"The Farm Loan Board loans mainly to established farmers and young men can get loans to buy a farm if they have 33 1/3 per cent for down payment. This should be cut to about 10 per cent, and recognition be given a farm woodlot as security on a loan, and a consulting service be set up for Farmers to help them plan loans, farm development and repayment.

Miss Elaine Gallant celebrated her birthday on Sunday, March 2nd.

Messrs George and Lyman Arsenault left by car on Tuesday afternoon, March 4th, for Hamilton, Ontario, where they seek employment.

The first Study Club meeting was held at the home of Alban Arsenault on Tuesday evening, March 4th. Meeting was opened by the rosary which was answered by 19. Catechetical questions were asked and discussed as the

EASTERN SMOKE

Leaf tobacco is one of the main exports of Cyprus in the eastern Mediterranean.



ACROBATIC CIRCUS IS ENJOYED

A very enjoyable evening was spent by those who attended the second performance of the acrobatic circus, presented at the Y. M. C. A. last night. The

different acts were well performed and the fact that everything was well timed helped to put things across smoothly. In the above picture, are a few of the

boys who participated in last night's events, Bob White, Tom and Roy Scantlebury, Wendell MacLean, Scott Stewart and Louis (The pig).

HOWLAN

Mr and Mrs. Clayton Carruthers and family were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Platts on a recent evening.

The Study Club which was to have been held at the home of Alban D. Arsenault on Wednesday night, February 26, had to be cancelled due to the storm and bad roads and now weather permitting will be held on Tuesday, March 4th.

Mrs. Frank Gallant was hostess to the Ladies Club on Saturday evening, March 1st. Winners were Mr. J. Arsenault and Mrs. Leo Arsenault. Elimination Mrs. A. T. Arsenault Mrs. A.A. Arsenault will be the next hostess on Monday night, March 3rd.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Arbing of Woodstock, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Platts.

The parents of P.O. Willard Carruthers recently received word that while in Florida Willard spent a day and a night with Islanders namely, Mrs. John Finnan and daughter Ethel and Paul Doiron. He reports he had a wonderful time at Fr. Plus Finans Motel.

Some of the men from Howlan attended the Liberal meeting in O'Leary on Thursday night.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Alonzo Foley of Bloomfield was held at St. Anthonys on Friday morning, March 7 at 9.30.

Word was received by their relatives here that Robert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gallant of Chelsea is ill in Chelsea Hospital. Robert in company with his parents visits here each summer.

Mr. Burreigh of the Old Age Pension Board was in Howlan on

Friday, March 7th, on business. Mr. and Mrs. Camillus Gallant of Summerside, were recent visitors to relatives in Howlan and Duvar.

Frank Pineau is in Western hospital as a patient.

A card party was held on Monday evening at the home of Alban D. Arsenault, with 4 tables in play, a small sum was realized which is to be added to the C.W.L. fund.

Train passengers to and from Summerside on Shrove Tuesday were Mr. Jack Platts, Mrs. Donald Platts and Miss Lillian Yeo.

Mrs. Syl Perry of Duvar is now a patient in the Community Hospital at O'Leary.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Arsenault and son Ronnie and Judy Arsenault, went to Piusville on Saturday, March 8th, where they will spend the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Felix Arsenault and Mr. Stanley Gaudet of Woodstock were to Howlan on Friday night.

Messrs Gilbert Gaudet and Edward Wedge of Woodstock called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Arsenault on Friday afternoon AG

Britain's Cut In Navy Is Of Grave Concern To NATO

NEW YORK (CP) — Britain's decision to reduce her naval forces is a matter of "grave concern" to NATO, the alliance's leading naval officer said Wednesday.

Admiral Jerauld Wright, supreme naval commander of NATO Atlantic forces, told a luncheon meeting that the decision is particularly serious in view of Britain's historic leadership and prestige in maritime matters.

The American admiral told the English-Speaking Union of the United States:

"We view with grave concern the recent decisions of the United Kingdom government to make drastic reductions in her naval and air forces, reductions which will have a far-reaching effect on her contribution of forces to the Allied Command Atlantic. Reductions which, I fear, will be taken as an example and a precedent by many of our allies in Europe."

OVERRIDING NEED
Wright, in paying tribute to British and Canadian contributions to common defence, stressing the overriding need of complete Anglo-American understanding, added:

"I hope that these reductions might be temporary and that the British economy will soon assist her return to her traditional position."

Wright said NATO naval forces are of great importance because the purpose of the Soviet Navy, "the second largest in the world," would be to sever lines of sea communication between North America and Europe in the event of war.

CONSERVATIVE CAMPAIGN BROADCASTS

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Mar.—20 A. B. McRae	7.00 p.m.
Mar.—24 Heath Macquarrie	10.15 p.m.
Mar.—25 Dr. J. A. MacMillan	7.20 p.m.
Mar.—26 Phillip Matheson	7.20 p.m.
Mar.—28 Angus MacLean	10.15 p.m.

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Mar.—21 W. R. Shaw	8.50 p.m.
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