

Five British Ocean Liners To Withdraw

LONDON (AP)—Five of Britain's large ocean liners are to be withdrawn from service and may be sold, shipping sources said here.

The ships are the Ocean Monarch and Queen of Bermuda, owned by the Furness Withy Line; the Kenya Castle and the Rhodesia Castle, owned by Union Castle, and the British India Steam Navigation Company's Uganda.

The sources said the Ocean Monarch, 13,581 tons, and the Queen of Bermuda, 22,552 tons, will become surplus because Furness Withy has decided to end its New York-Bermuda service next year in the face of sharply rising costs.

DEMAND DROPS

The other liners have become redundant, the sources added, following a decline in demand for berths to East Africa since independence was granted to former British colonies.

A Union Castle Line spokesman said no decision had yet been reached on the future of the 17,024-ton Kenya Castle and the 17,041-ton Rhodesia Castle when they are withdrawn shortly from the East Africa routes.

Union Castle has sold five passenger liners in the last 12 months and, said the shipping sources, it is unlikely they will keep these two ships.

The sources said British India Steam Navigation was considering converting the 14,430-ton Uganda into an educational cruise liner. If this proves too costly she will probably be sold, the sources added.

TOKYO (Reuters)—The world's biggest ship, the 209,000-ton tanker Idemitsu Maru, was launched Monday, seven months after work started.

The 1,122-foot long Idemitsu Maru is almost 58,000 tons heavier than the Tokyo Maru, until now the biggest ship afloat.

A spokesman for the builders, Ishikawajima Harima Heavy Industries Company Limited, said the new tanker would be ready for service in November.

Because of the ship's great length it has its bridge amidships, instead of aft, to aid navigation. It will be driven by a 83,000-horsepower turbine.

The Idemitsu Maru is not likely to hold its position as the biggest ship for long. The spokesman said Ishikawajima expected to start work on a 276,000-ton tanker next year, while the Japanese government has said it is considering building a 500,000-ton tanker.

Groceries Bill Reaches Record

NEW YORK (AP)—Housewives in the U.S. rang up a record \$60,410,000,000 grocery bill last year, it was reported.

That averages out to nearly \$1,025 for each family, up 6.6 per cent from 1964 and the biggest jump since 1957.

Prospects are for a similar rise this year.

In its annual consumer expenditure study, Food Topics, a supermarket trade publication, predicts housewives will spend between six and seven per cent more this year to feed their families.

Higher meat prices were the principal factor in the 1965 increase, the study says.

Church Union Blocks Noted

MONTREAL (CP)—Dr. Arthur Michael Ramsey, Archbishop of Canterbury, said here there are three main points that stand in the way of unity between the Anglican church and the Roman Catholic church.

He said these are:

1. The doctrine of the infallibility of the Pope.

2. The doctrine of the assumption of Our Lady must be treated as an article of faith.

3. The doctrine that the Roman Catholic Church is the sole Catholic church in the world.

The 61-year-old spiritual leader of the world's 44,000,000 Anglicans was speaking at a press conference.

Dr. Ramsey said he could not put a timetable on world church union but "we shall live to see many changes that will bring that day closer."

He said the relations between the Anglican Church in Canada and the United Church of Canada have taken "a turn for the better." The Anglican Church was "deeply engaged in examining the possibility of union with the United Church."

Ottawa To Aid Mineral Search

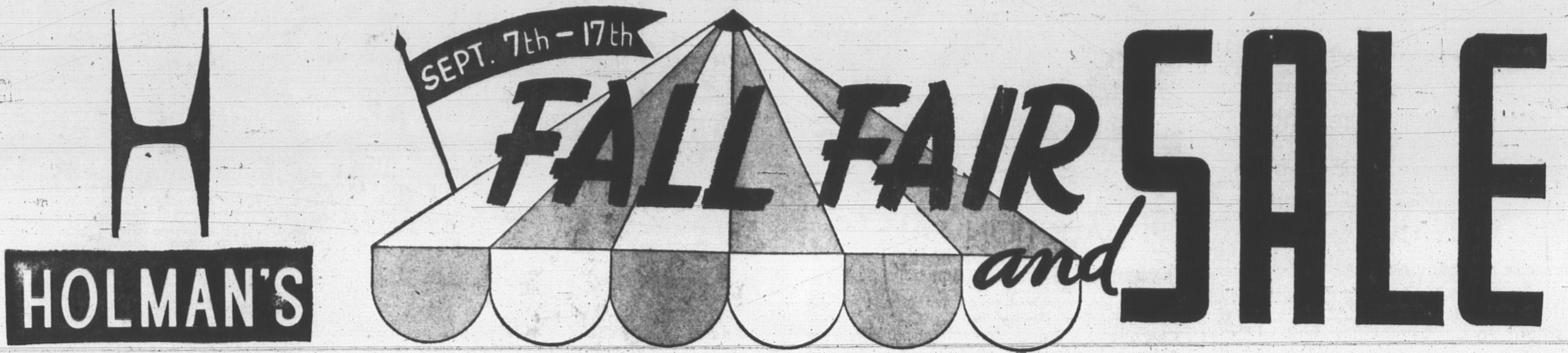
OTTAWA (CP)—The federal government will pay 40 per cent of all exploration work for minerals and oil in the Yukon and Northwest Territories.

The program, announced here by the national resources department, is intended as an incentive to attract additional sources of capital to northern exploration.

Grants totalling \$3,000,000 this year and \$9,000,000 each subsequent year will be made available to Canadian firms.

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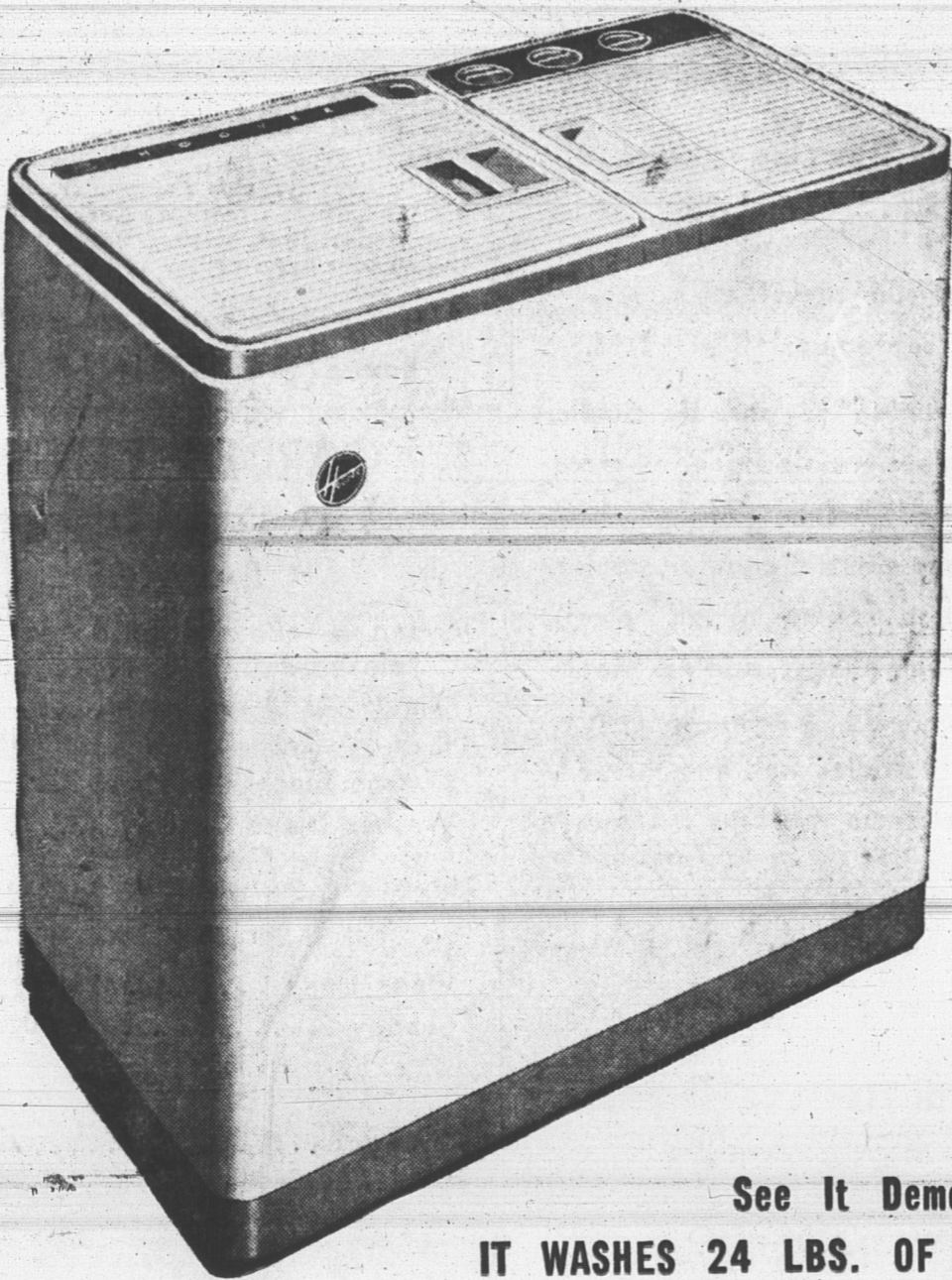


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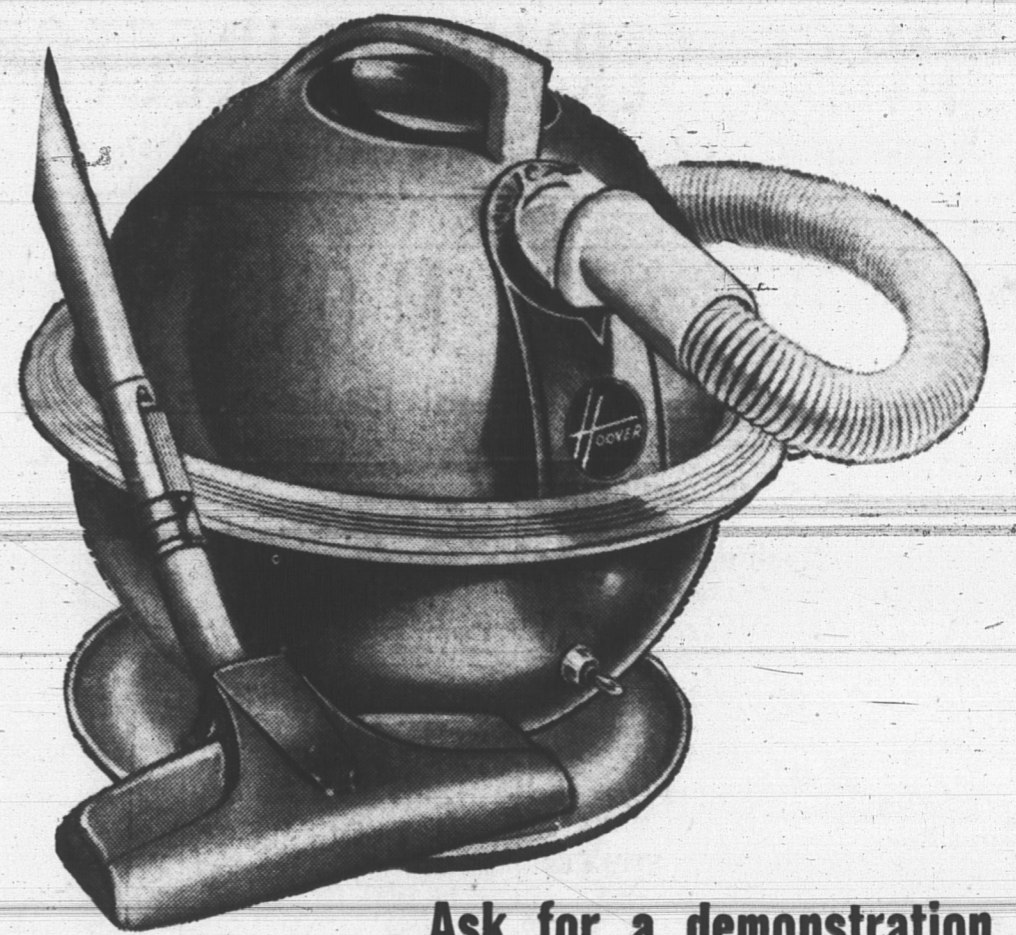
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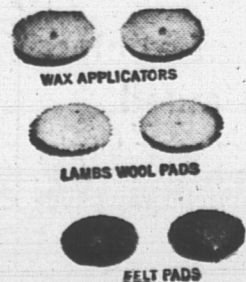
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