

Report Roe-Dosco Merger Has Been Completed

TORONTO (CP)—One of Canada's largest industrial mergers was completed Wednesday with the acquisition by A. V. Roe Canada Limited of control of a majority of the outstanding common stock of Dominion Steel and Coal Corporation Limited.

The merger unites the biggest coal and steel producer in the Atlantic provinces with Canada's largest aircraft producer and ties in a variety of manufacturing enterprises from the Lakehead to Newfoundland.

Of the possible 3,100,000 Dosco converted debenture bonds, Roe shares outstanding, including the converted debenture bonds, Roe reported control of more than 2,100,000. The offer was 1 1/2 Roe common shares and \$10.25 in cash for one share of Dosco common stock and with a similar exchange and cash offer for outstanding Dosco debenture bonds. The Roe offer will not be extended again, a Roe spokesman said.

Roe common stock closed Wednesday on the Toronto Stock Exchange at \$24.50. Dosco closed at \$24.50.

What happens next remains in doubt. A spokesman for Roe said he does not expect any immediate statement on Roe intentions.

There was at least one outstanding legal issue to be settled. Dosco shareholder Charles D. Eaton, a Burlington, Ont., farmer, obtained writs against Roe, Dosco, and the National Trust Company a week ago seeking to upset the transfer of Dosco official said the three defendants would be expected to file defence statements within 10 days which would mean by Oct. 12. Whether his action can upset the merger remains for the courts to decide.

Major opposition to the merger apparently collapsed earlier this week when R. A. Jodrey, a Dosco director from Hantsport, N.S., announced he had voted to obtain support of the 25 per cent of the Dosco shareholders required to force a special Dosco meeting to dispute the deal. He did say, however, he would retain his shares and added "I intend to do my best to see that nothing is done by the new controlling owners which will adversely affect Dosco or its shareholders."

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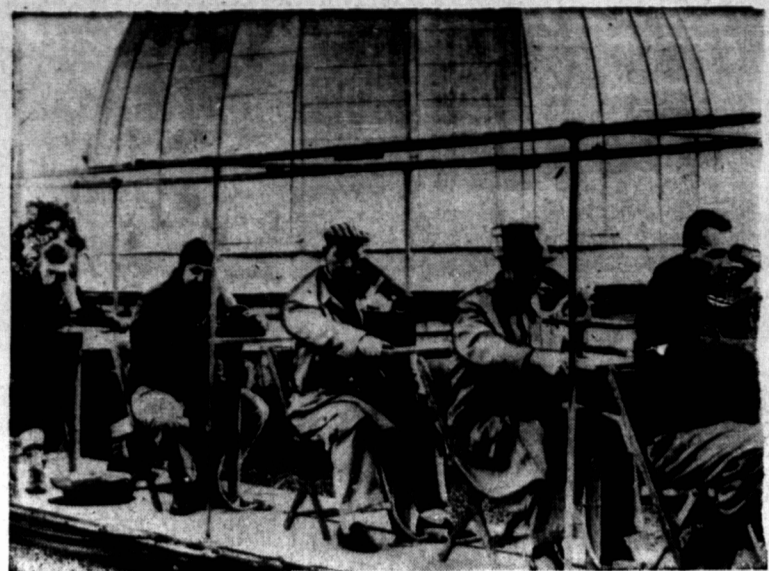
Flu May Follow The 1918 Pattern

LONDON (Reuters)—Public health workers here said Friday the present mild wave of Asian flu in Britain may be followed by a much more virulent one, following the 1918 pattern.

Then, the second wave killed 40 persons for each 100,000 population.

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WATCH FOR SATELLITE

A team of satellite trackers peer into low-power scopes at the Allegheny Riverview park in Pittsburgh, Pa., as they try to spot the Soviet satellite launched by the Soviets. The scopes are lined up and focused on a sighting pole in such a manner that they cover a 90-degree field. No one sighted the Soviet sphere, but signals from the radio transmitters in the satellite have been picked up in many parts of Canada and the U.S.

Poland Finds It Painful To Move Towards Freedom

By ALAN HARVEY
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Tear gas and truncheons in Warsaw are part of the price the Polish government must pay in trying to combine communism with a "little freedom."

Under Wladyslaw Gomulka, believed to be a convinced Communist, the predominantly anti-Communist population has moved a way from Stalinism toward something approaching free speech and discussion.

"The crown consisted mainly of young toughs out for a fight." There seems little disposition in informed quarters to question the fact that the Gomulka regime is a liberal one by Communist standards. In fact there is a great deal of sympathy for him in his present exposed position, as he seeks to satisfy the aspirations of the Polish people without going so far as to invite Russian repression.

But Gomulka must draw the line somewhere. When he does there is likely to be unrest. The recent riots in Poland are seen as a direct result of this uneasy struggle between government and people.

PLAIN TALK

The immediate cause of the student disorders, which continued Sunday night for the fourth straight night, was the banning of the weekly newspaper *Po Prostu*—"In Plain Words"—whose editor believes there is no socialism without democracy and no democracy without freedom of the press.

But the newspaper's searchlight on corruption and inefficiency in public affairs became too probing, particularly in a Poland in which the decline of social responsibility has been frequently commented upon by Western observers.

The decision to ban the paper provoked the student riots of last week and probably played a part in weekend disorders.

Others move in

Many observers in Warsaw seem to feel the original impulse somewhat changed Sunday night, with students standing aloof from the demonstrations and "hooligans" the word is used by several correspondents—causing most of the disturbances.

The News Chronicle, an independent Liberal paper published in London, says in a typical comment that the weekend disorders appeared to lack political design:

Red Cross Representatives To Attend Conference In India

According to a statement received yesterday by Mr. Walter R. Shaw, Provincial Red Cross President, three prominent Canadian professional and business men will travel around the world this autumn on a mission of mercy. They will pay their own expenses and willingly give up five weeks of their busy lives for one of their favorite interests—the Canadian Red Cross Society. The group will be composed of men who have been active for many years as voluntary officers and workers of the Red Cross and have held its highest positions, chairman of Central Council. They will travel to New Delhi, India, as official delegates of the Canadian Red Cross Society to the 19th International Red Cross Conference to be held there October 24th - November 7th.

This delegation will be headed by George Aitken, the present chairman of Central Council of the Canadian Red Cross Society. This is Mr. Aitken's first year as the top executive volunteer officer of the Society and it is expected that he will play a major role in the deliberations of the Conference. Mr. Aitken is a nationally-known insurance company executive in Winnipeg.

John A. MacAulay, a former president of the Canadian Bar Association and one of Canada's

Was Politician In Clinical Way

OTTAWA (CP)—Social Credit leader Solon Low Friday described as "despicable" the activities of a naturopathic physician in a political hoax that threatened to split Manitoba Social Credit ranks.

He was referring to a claim by Dr. Howard McGill in Winnipeg Thursday that he had worked his way into a position of power in the Social Credit party simply "as a research project in the power of positive thinking."

Dr. McGill of Grande Prairie, Alta., said that in less than a month he worked his way into the Manitoba Social Credit executive, had taken the key post of provincial organizer and was on the point of even wider powers. He quit as organizer and, with Keith Hunter, another former party organizer, formed the Social Credit Association to challenge the established Social Credit League.

Thursday he announced his withdrawal from Social Credit ranks and said he had always been a Conservative.

Mr. Low said "It is despicable for any man to come to a political movement under false pretences and try to mislead people. We are glad to get rid of him, as he evidently admits he did. He has been a trouble maker all along."

Feat Makes U.S. Look Again At Russian Science

By JOSEPH MacSWEEN
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Russia's victory in the race to outer space is causing soul-searching in the United States.

The Soviet feat of making an earth satellite and pitching it off into the unknown is a spectacular example of how far the Russians have come in a scientific way.

Questions—sometimes angry—are being asked in the U.S. as to why the Russians were able to succeed in this historic venture ahead of the Americans, traditionally proud of their inventive cleverness and energy.

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A study of statements and predictions by scientists indicates that it was not so much a case of the Americans letting up in their efforts.

Instead, the Russians stepped up their research vastly and their progress was sadly under-rated by the West. Money was lavished on the satellite project by the Communist chiefs.

The satellite— Sputnik, as they call it—was not their first victory. Perhaps their recent announcement that they alone have tested an intercontinental ballistic missile successfully should have been a tip-off that more news was yet to come.

N.S. NATIVE KILLED

ST. CATHARINES (CP)—Ellis F. Burns was killed Saturday when he was walking along the Queen Elizabeth Way, Burns, of fiddle age, had recently moved from Nictaux Falls, N.S.

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The New York Times lists a number of important achievements by the Russians and says that U.S. authorities were inaccurate in their gauge of Soviet progress.

"The consistent tendency to underestimate Soviet capabilities... appear to have deep roots of a psychological and emotional nature," the Times says in an article.

Americans were inclined to think of most Russians as ignorant and illiterate peasants.

The U.S., as the richest country in the world, was prone to think of itself as automatically first and best in anything important.

And, says the Times, antipathy to communism "results in wishes being substituted for facts."

BROAD PROGRESS

The Russians, it is certain, did not manage to launch an artificial moon into the heavens without enormous sacrifice. Unlike democratic governments, the Kremlin is in the position of being able to allocate fantastic sums to such a project without answering to anybody.

Already this year Russia has completed the world's largest atomic-smashing machine for research, and has made great strides in nuclear and thermo-nuclear science and weapons.

A Soviet scientist, asked about costs, said a few months ago: "We tell the government how much it is going to cost—and they give it to us without questions."

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