

Indiscriminate Immigration Seen Danger

By CARL MOLLINS
BRIGHTON, England (CP)—An official representative of the Canadian Labor Congress cautioned British workers Tuesday against "indiscriminate" migration to Canada.

William Ladyman, international vice-president of the Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, told delegates of 9,000,000 British union members at the annual Trades Union Congress here that "things are not so rosy as is sometimes suggested" for immigrant workers in Canada, even for craftsmen.

Ladyman, reviewing the Canadian situation in bringing fraternal greetings to the TUC from the CLC, noted that Immigration Minister Nicholson visited Britain and other European countries in a summer campaign to step up immigration.

"Without disagreeing with Mr. Nicholson—we do have a shortage of skilled workers—we are worried about the effects of indiscriminate, wholesale immigration," Ladyman said.

He pointed out that the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate is about 4½ per cent and the Economic Council of Canada, of which Ladyman is a member, has recommended a rate no more than three per cent—still high by British standards.

NEED MORE JOBS
Canada must find 1,500,000 new jobs for its own youth coming onto the labor-market by 1970.

"If we flood the country with immigrants—no matter how much we may need skilled workers right now—what's going to happen to our own youth?" Ladyman asked.

Ladyman said Canada is afflicted with large pockets of unemployment and poverty in the Maritime provinces and Quebec. In addition, he told the British, the hard winter can hit the jobs even of skilled men.

He said there is a tendency among immigrants to believe that the government is going to look after them if they have trouble getting work in Canada. But judging from the number of jobless turning up at union offices, this is not so.

Ladyman also told the TUC that proposals for national health program in Canada are meeting with "hesitation and opposition in the usual places" and that Canadian labor is pressing for an increase in foreign aid to poor countries.

"We talk a lot about increasing help to underdeveloped countries but do little," Ladyman said.

Commodity Exports Reach High

OTTAWA (CP) — Canadian commodity exports reached a new high in the first half of the year, despite a sharp decline in wheat shipments to the Communist bloc, the bureau of statistics reported Tuesday.

Final figures for the January-June period showed total exports to all markets of \$3,911,800,000, up 1.8 per cent from the previous high of \$3,833,700,000 set a year earlier.

The gain, most of which was attributed to higher prices rather than increased volume of goods, was recorded despite a decrease in wheat shipments to \$294,800,000 from the previous year's \$480,400,000. The 38-per cent drop resulted from completion of the major sales negotiated earlier to the Soviet Union and some Communist satellite nations.

The \$450,000,000 wheat sale signed last month with Russia is expected to lift the export figures back to 1964's record levels by the end of this year.

January-June exports showed a 12.6-per cent increase in sales to the United States compared with a year ago and smaller gains to Western Europe, the Middle East and South America. Exports were down to Britain, Eastern Europe, Africa, Asia and Central America.

The U.S. increased its role as Canada's major trading partner by taking \$2,265,700,000 worth of goods during the six months or 58.1 per cent of the overall total. This was up from \$2,011,400,000, or 52.5 per cent, last year.

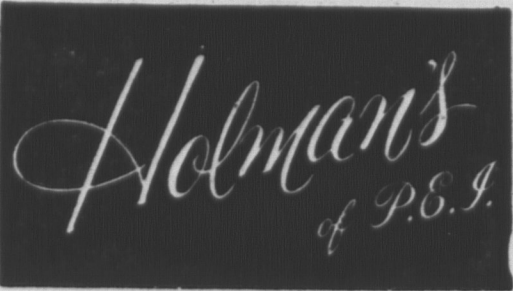
Newsprint remained Canada's No. 1 sales item to the U.S., followed by wood pulp. Both recorded substantial gains in the six-month period as did exports of natural gas, fertilizers, industrial machinery, and motor vehicle parts.

ENVOY ARRIVES

KUALA LUMPUR (Reuters) — Ko Teck Kin, the first high commissioner to Malaysia from Singapore, which left the Malaysian Federation early last month, presented his credentials to the Malaysian king Monday.

PLAN MORE TRADE

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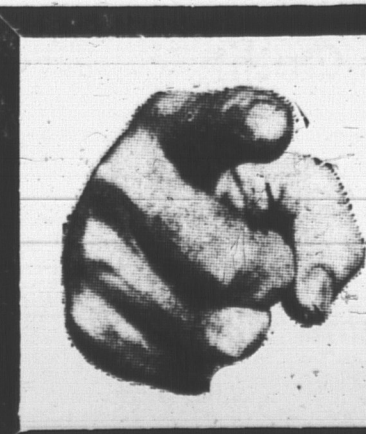


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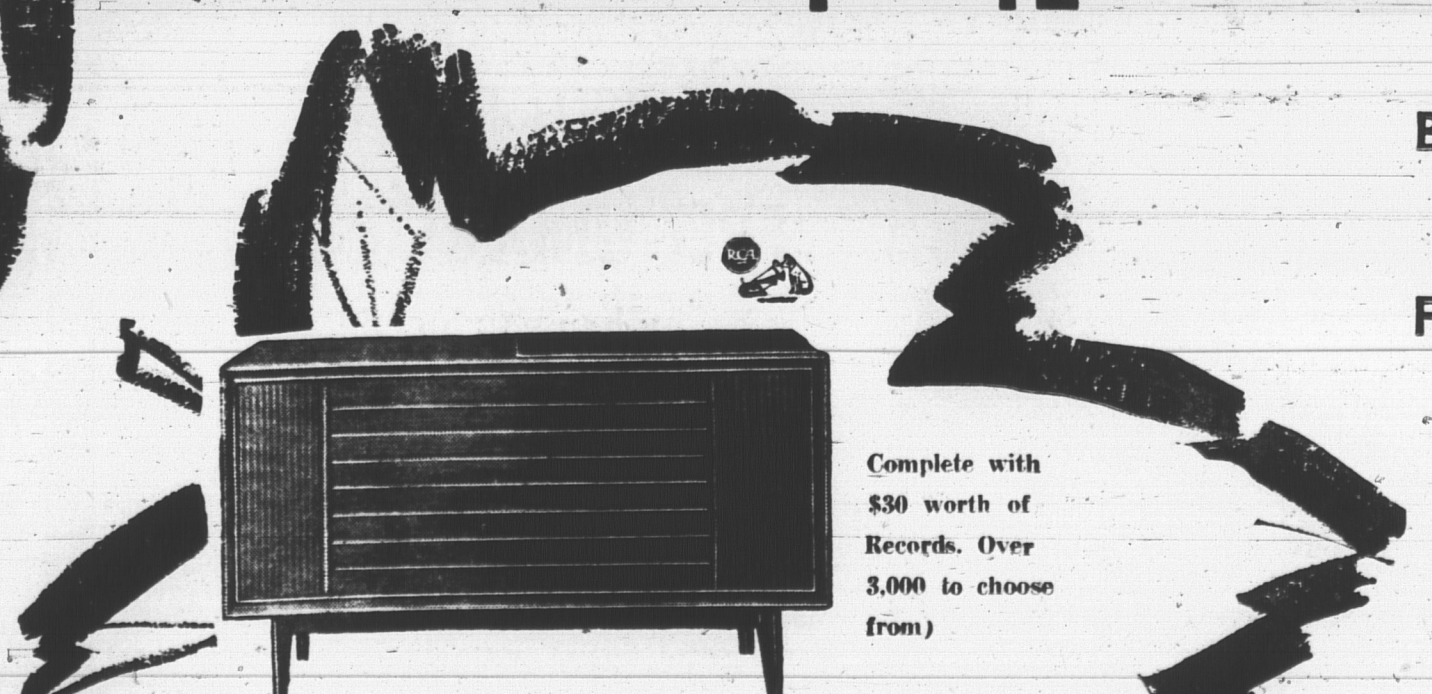
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