

Dubliners Are Up In Arms On Canal Closure Proposal

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DUBLIN (CP) — Dubliners are up in arms against a city council proposal to close five miles of the Grand Canal, the 19th century waterway that links the Irish capital with the Atlantic estuary at Limerick to the Shannon 75 miles to the west.
Commercial traffic on the canal was abandoned some 20 years ago by Ireland's state-run Transport Corporation and the council plans to replace the now-unprofitable waterway by a new one-way highway.
The proposal enrages Dubliners who feel the old canal brings a touch of rural peace into the heart of concrete suburbia. But there is a stronger reason for its survival, strong enough to prompt the government to thwart the council's plans.

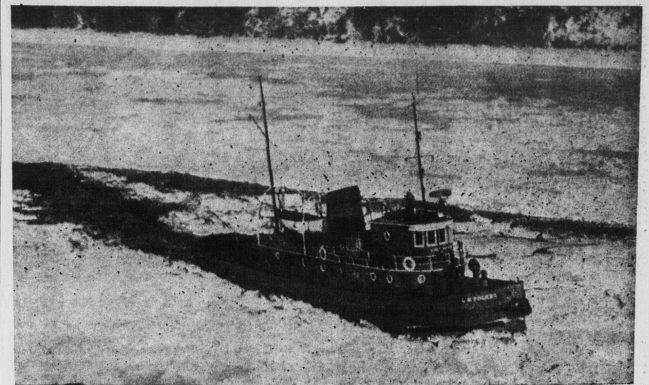
Ireland now is actively trying to develop her tourist attractions and the Shannon, long neglected, promises to become one of the Emerald Isle's principal playgrounds. Sixty years ago pleasure steamships regularly plied from the Shannon's Atlantic estuary at Limerick to the Shannon 75 miles to the west, carrying vacationers through enchanting country and three scenic lakes.
REVIVE INTEREST
The pleasure ships vanished with the outbreak of the First World War, but some years ago the Irish Inland Waterways Association was formed to revive interest in the Shannon as a resort area potentially as attractive as England's famed Norfolk Broads.
At the opening shot in its publicity campaign, the association held a pleasure-boat rally in 1959 which attracted only a

handful of craft. But with the active support of the Irish Tourist Board, public interest in the Shannon scheme has boomed and the 1963 rally drew more than 100 pleasure craft to the river.
Excursion boats are sailing up the river again and firms have begun a profitable business hiring out cable cruisers and speedboats.
CANAL IS NEEDED
All this revived activity on the Shannon depends on the Grand Canal link with Dublin. If that link is broken, as the city council proposes, tourists from Dublin and Britain will be able to reach the Shannon only by a long and rigorous voyage around the south coast of Ireland. It is generally felt this would doom the projected holiday centre.

New Details Are Announced On Satellite Research Plans

OTTAWA (CP)—Further details of Canada's new research satellite program were given here in a joint statement by the defence research board and the U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration.
They indicated that the launchings of four more satellites—Canada's first, the Alouette I, went into orbit Sept. 28, 1962—will not take place as soon as originally planned.
The program was announced originally Jan. 11, 1963, by former Conservative defence minister Douglas Harkness who said at that time the launching of Alouette II would take place late in 1964 or early in 1965 and the final launchings in 1968 or 1969.
The board and the U.S. space agency said Monday night the launching of Alouette II will "tentatively" take place "during the first half of 1963."
The other three satellites—Isis A, B and C—will be put

into orbit by U.S. rockets in 1967, 1969 and 1970.
The statement gave no reason for the delay or stretch-out.
RCA Victor Company of Canada Limited, Montreal, will be prime contractor and Hamilton Aircraft of Canada Limited, Toronto, associate contractor, but the defence research board will direct the design and construction of the spacecraft throughout the project.
The project is called Isis for international satellites for ionospheric studies. The Alouette I and Isis spacecraft will carry experiments designed to continue and expand those of Alouette I in and above the ionosphere.
Alouette II, for instance, will travel in an elliptical orbit varying in altitude from 460 to 1,600 miles. Alouette I is in a circular orbit at an altitude of 630 miles.
The satellites will be launched from the U.S. Pacific missile range.
The statement said plans for the Isis satellites are still in the preliminary stage and that firm specifications have not yet been determined.
No estimate of the cost of the program was given. However, Harkness estimated a year ago that Canada's share would be \$8,000,000.



HEADING FOR THE FALLS
The Toronto tug G.W. Rogers cuts a path through a large ice jam in the Niagara River as it heads towards Niagara Falls. The tug was pressed into service by Ontario Hydro and the Power Authority of New York State, who have united in a "cold war" against ice jams in the river which are curtailing the output at power plants below the falls. The tug is clearing a channel through the ice to improve the flow of the river. (CP Wirephoto)

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New Grain Sales To Russia Okayed

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. commerce department Wednesday authorized the sale to Russia of about \$7,500,000 worth of U.S. rice and \$15,500,000 worth of wheat.

The proposed sale of rice is the first substantial amount of this grain involved in export licenses to Russia or other Iron-Curtain countries.
The new wheat licenses bring the total proposed wheat sales to Russia to about \$28,000,000. Based on an average price of about \$2 a bushel, this figures to around 140,000,000 bushels of wheat.
However, about 100,000 of the wheat transactions are on a tentative basis. Certain conditions must be met before final approval will be given by the commerce department on the tentative export licenses. These conditions were not announced.
Similarly, the proposed rice sale is on a tentative basis.

END OFFICIAL COUNT

DALLAS (AP)—The bank account of the J. D. Tippit family contains a balance of at least \$800,000, Dallas police concluded their official count of more than 40,000 donations Monday. Farrisman Tippit was shot to death Nov. 22 as he sought to question Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused assassin of President John F. Kennedy, about an hour after the president was shot.

Calgary Company Ponders Housing Needs For Moon

By ED TRIFIAK
CALGARY (CP)—The company symbol is a world globe from which a rocket is cutting into space.
ATCO Industries, a young Calgary company with markets around the world, already has begun to ponder housing needs of moon pioneers.
The enterprise — Alberta Trailer Company — is the mobile housing business. It builds and supplies living quarters, offices, hospitals, classrooms and other need of companies or government agencies working in temporary or isolated locations.

"Our range of clients is practically as broad as your imagination," says R. D. Southern, 33-year-old president of the company.
For 1963 gross income of the privately-owned firm, which makes 72 per cent of its sales outside Canada, was expected to reach \$20,000,000 compared with \$10,000,000 five years previously.
GLOBAL RANGE
From its manufacturing plants near here and in Australia, ATCO has supplied portable domestic and industrial housing for projects in the Antarctic, Africa, Pakistan, Sumatra, South America and other areas, as well as its primary markets in Canada and the U.S.
Largest single contract so far involved building, transporting and installing 494 modern homes for the RCAF at stations in the Prairie provinces. The contract was valued at \$3,300,000.
ATCO has built office complexes as large as 30,000 square feet for U.S. government scientific projects, diners and kitchens to serve as many as 1,000 men, huge bankhouse institutions, and schools, mobile banks and other facilities.
The company continually sends sales people to countries around the world. Prospects

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One of the associate companies, ATCO Services Limited, looks after feeding and management at ATCO-supplied camps. The company supplies everything from police protection and cooks to butchers, firemen and doctors.

SPACE CONTRACTS

Another associate is Mechanics Research Inc., of Los Angeles.
"It's primarily involved in aerospace contracts," said R. D. Southern. "We have contracts at the present time for re-designing on the Minuteman missile launch control centres, capsules that sit in altos 75 feet below the surface."
ATCO has a similar contract in the Titan international ballistic missile program.

"It's also a contract with Carnation Milk Company for design of a tomato stonizer building."

"As they grind up the tomatoes, they have a lot of vibration problems that require some special designs on the building. The stonizer is going into the 'we're doing this type of thing.'"

HOUSE DESIGNS

ATCO also has completely redesigned a house for the RCMP, to appear in wider markets. These are prefabricated in two sections, transported to the site and installed by joining the halves.

"It has to be continually developed," said Mr. Southern, "but if what we think we can do with it is right, then there could be a great market for it because again the problem of housing a few families in isolated locations gets to be very expensive and very awkward for anyone attempting it, and our product should solve that."

He added that in export markets for this house, together with some government support through exports credits insurance, "we should be able to supply the house, and our offices and schools, to underdeveloped countries that have a great requirement for this sort of thing."

Dief Claims Had Part In Red Bloc Rift

VANCOUVER (CP) — Opposition Leader John Diefenbaker claims he helped create the rift between Communist China and the Soviet Union.

He told an audience here Tuesday that a major cause of the trouble in the Communist camp was the sale of Canadian wheat to China while he was prime minister.

Mr. Diefenbaker said he didn't think he was overstating the case.
"Two years ago when they (the Chinese) faced starvation and when Russia was unable to supply them with the necessary food they required, Canada stepped in and entered into an agreement with that country."

"From then on new relations were built between East and West and the cleavage as between the Soviet Union and China was lessened."

He called for increased trade between West and East in non-strategic goods.

"The U.S. had been highly critical of this a few years ago but now was adopting the principle. There is nothing to equal trading as a solvent to hostility," he opposed leader said.

TAIPEI, Formosa (AP) — About 15 demonstrators broke into the Japanese embassy Tuesday, smashed 17 windows, ripped out telephone and damaged the switchboard. The attack was the first violence in an anti-Japanese campaign resulting from increased trade between Japan and Red China and from Japanese complaints that Red China of a defector from the Peking delegation, Chen Hsiung-ching.