

TIMELY NOTES ON TOPICS CONNECTED WITH Silver Fox And Mink Farming

According to one of the leading furriers of New York natural white fox is registering as prominent fall type and being headlined in little shoulder pieces with elegant styling. Its stature was built up through the past spring and current summer months and now comes up to take its place among the fox leaders. Today it is noted, it equals the demand for Norwegian blue fox which has been a favorite right along. Both are cited as responsible for the growth of fox popularity with buyers throughout the country. Both are reported to be re-ordering with success in double and treble-tiered caplets and in straight and shaped stoles and trebled boas.

Color is being featured in dyed foxes. The significance of pastel stands out in growing accent as pink, pale blue, canary yellow, coral and orange. Even more notable in the trend toward color are the requests that keep coming in for foxes dyed to match specific cloth garments. These include many unusual shades. Orders, it is pointed out, have been placed for green-dyed foxes. So far there is only a limited interest reported in pearl fox and even less in silver fox. In pearl fox, bleached golden, which the Promm's have brought out, is still in the sampling stage.

Another prominent New York dealer states: As far as other foxes go Norwegian blue is moving fairly well. There is also some demand for pearl and pearl bleached to golden tone but very little for silver fox and black-dyed fox. New interest in the big remodeling is responsible for the big remodeling in which firms are tackling at present. Fox jackets and scarfs keep coming in from departmental stores across the country to be turned into stoles and capes. A whole page of a recent issue of Women's Wear Daily, N. Y. is taken up with news of fox of different types and emphasis seems to be on white fox, Norwegian blue fox and pastel.

Muskkrat and squirrel declined sharply at Leningrad auction early this week. According to the report muskrat was 90 per cent sold, declining in average 15 per cent under the levels of the May sale in London. A total of 22,000 muskrat was offered. Muskkrat has been on the decline for some months since the Russian sale is just a continuation of the decline. One of the reasons given for the lower prices in Canada was the cancellation, or rather the substitution of nylon or similar material for muskrat in the fur headgear for troops training or being posted in northern latitudes.

Frank G. Askbrook, who was so well known to fur farmers here in the heyday of the silver fox industry, is in charge of the wild life Service branch research in the United States. He reports the smallest annual fur catch in recent years and this has put the fur trapping industry in a precarious condition. Trappers are shifting to other lines of employment to make livelihood. Prices for skins, except possibly raccoons in the North, are so poor as to make trapping largely unprofitable. Trimming furs—wolves, red foxes and the like—are not moving because they are out of the current fashion trend. Large receiving houses report their worst buying record in years.

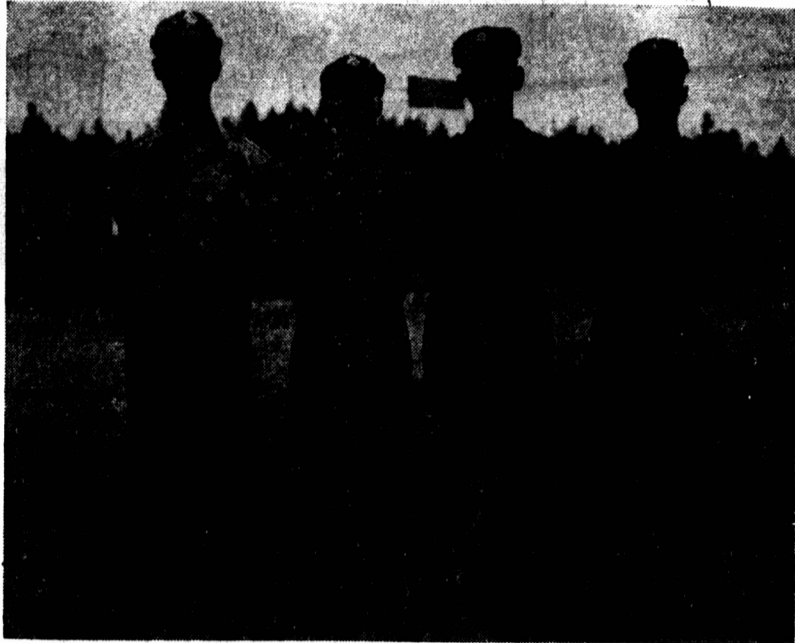
If demand continues slack, the slump might write an end to most of the trapping business. Indians and Eskimos in Alaska are undergoing real privation because their existence is based on furs and they will need direct Government assistance. As usual the annual fur catch was led by muskrats but even these animals continued in a downward trend that has been due to prices and the so-called muskrat cycle. Storms which drive salt spray up the Louisiana marshes have been killing the plant food muskrats eat to survive.

Mr. Askbrook said flatly that prices paid for raw furs are not sufficient to encourage trapping, because there is little opportunity for profit. The condition of the domestic raw fur market is deplorable, the Interior Department official declared in his summary on the fur catch. With few exceptions, the annual fur takes reported by the chief fur-producing States are still on the decline. The fur trade is attempting to spur the revival of neglected furs by developing and marketing popular-priced items. It is a cooperative venture that should benefit the entire industry.

Great interest is being taken in Palomino mink and here is an article written for the National Fur News by Maynard Johnson: "How I Discovered the Palomino" . . . One July day, back in 1949, I was counting my Pastels and came across two light colored kits in a litter of seven, a male and a female. Their mother was a Pastel.

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Training as Junior NCO's at Utopia Army Camp, N. B., these four militiamen represent each of Canada's Atlantic Provinces, all in the same platoon on the basic training course. They say "That the course is sort of strict but we are learning a lot from it." They are from left to right, Pte. R. J. Reid of Cornerbrook, Nfld., and a member of the Royal Newfoundland Regt., Tpr. H. G. Sears from Sackville, N. B. of the 8th Princess Louise (NB) Hussars, Pte. T. J. Lynch of Halifax and a member of the 5th Divisional Column R.C.A.S.C. and Sgmn. P. L. Cannon from Charlottetown of the 5th Signal Regiment R. C. Signals. Approximately 200 young men are attending the seven-week course.—(Canadian Army Photo)

Iran Comes Back To Place In Free World

By J. M. ROBERTS JR. (Associated Press News Analyst)
Iran very nearly fell into the hands of Soviet Russia three years ago and now comes back to a place in the free world because both Britain and Russia were afraid to press their interests too far lest they start a general war.

When the extreme nationalists of Iran revolted against British control of the oil fields, Britain moved up her warships and for a time considered protection of her contract rights by force. The British governments own control of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Co. which had the contract.

But Britain feared Russia might invoke an old treaty giving her the right to intervene against foreign forces in Iran. The British got out.

REDS PLAY KEY ROLE

From that time on, Communists played an important role in the ability of former premier Mossadegh, now in jail, to defy Britain in the face of a crumbling economy. Russia was in a position to take over at almost any time. But the united expression of world opinion expressed through the United Nations had driven her out.

of Iran when she showed signs of staying after the war, and the grapevine had told her that she could not have the ancient state with its oil wealth without a fight. She made some cooling sounds at Tehran, and launched negotiations on some disputes with the smaller nations, but in general her standoffishness was remarkable.

This attitude made an important contribution to the estimate in the free world that this was not the game in which Russia was ready to risk a general war.

The final settlement of the Iranian dispute is a victory for everybody, even the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company which has appeared to be so wounded. It will continue to do 40 per cent of the Iranian business and get \$70,000,000 of reimbursements for its losses without putting Britain in the position of an explorer.

STILL WANTS "ROCK"

MADRID (AP)—The authoritative newspaper Arriba said Wednesday Spain will not join any coalition that includes Britain as long as Gibraltar remains a British colony. Spain claims the fortress rock at the western entrance to the Mediterranean sea. Arriba, the organ of the Falange party, published an editorial calling for return of the Rock to the "true owner." Gibraltar was captured by Britain Aug. 8, 1704.

18TH GOVERNOR-GENERAL
The Rt. Hon. Vincent Massey is Canada's 18th governor-general.

Russia Proposes Big Four Talks On European Security

LONDON (Reuters)—Russia has sent a note to Britain, France and the United States proposing a meeting of the Big Four powers in August or September to discuss and prepare the way for the conference on European security suggested by Russia last month, reliable sources said Wednesday.

The note was handed to Selwyn Lloyd, minister of state at the Foreign Office, by Jacob Malin, Soviet ambassador to Britain.

Similar notes were delivered in Washington and Paris to the United States and French governments.

A foreign office spokesman declined to comment on the note or even admit one had been received.

The note it is understood, did not name any site for the proposed meeting of the Big Four—Russia, United States, Britain and France.

CAREFUL IN SELECTION

Canada had been careful in selecting its 1,000,000 post-war immigrants and their skill often helped eliminate production bottlenecks.

"As a nation with the greatest potential development of any country in the world today, Canada must be prepared to face up to this problem of immigration," it continued.

The report said community leaders and various organizations and groups "must provide leadership in developing a public opinion that will demand the required increases in population by immigration."

COMMUNISTS END MEETING

NEW YORK (AP)—Communist party delegates from 24 states Sunday concluded a three-day political conference here. It was held at a secret location behind closed doors.

Court Martial Board Rules Against Verdict Handed Down By Naval Court

OTTAWA, (CP)—The court martial appeal board Thursday quashed conviction of two Navy officers on charges of negligence in the grounding of a Canadian destroyer in Korea a year ago.

By a 3-2 decision, the board struck down the Navy court martial verdict against Cmdr. Richard Chenoweth of Montreal, former captain of the destroyer Huron, and ordered a new trial. The two dissenting members contended that the conviction should be quashed and no new trial held.

By unanimous decision, the five-member board wiped out the conviction against Lt.-Cmdr. T. J. C. Thomas of Dartmouth, N. S., officer of the watch at the time of the grounding July 13, 1953, on Yang Do Island off the east coast of North Korea. The Navy has no appeal from the board's decision.

Chenoweth, Thomas and Lieut. George Emerson of Bathurst, N.B., navigator of the Huron, were convicted of negligence by a Navy court martial at Halifax last August and sentenced to be severely reprimanded. Emerson did not appeal his conviction. No one was hurt in the grounding, shortly after midnight while the Huron was on patrol.

The board found that Chenoweth had been accused of negligence but had not been informed in exactly what respects he had been negligent.

Mr. Andette referred to the "meagreness and paucity of the prosecution evidence on many scores and its positively exculpatory nature in relation to at least one point."

There was not even any evidence, he added, to identify Chenoweth as Captain of the Huron at the time of the grounding.

The shortcomings of the prosecution in such circumstances weigh heavily against the Crown upon whom the onus lies. From the mere evidence in the record it does not seem that the court below the court martial could reasonably have found the appellant Chenoweth guilty.

"It is with great regret that I feel compelled to order a new trial for appellant, with all the disturbance, expense and worry which it will involve for him when

he is not the author of his own misfortune in this respect." Mr. Andette wrote.

"The record . . . is so incomplete . . . that I fail to see how a court, acting reasonably on the evidence adduced before it at trial, might have convicted, unless the members of the court used their personal naval knowledge to establish the additional facts necessary to find the appellant guilty."

"It is absolutely fundamental that an accused, in order to be convicted, must be convicted on legal evidence adduced before him in court, and that all the essential particulars and elements of the offence must be proven in evidence, and that the accused must be given an opportunity to meet and explain or contradict this evidence."

"Any regulation in any way limiting these most basic principles of British justice must, in my opinion, be very strictly interpreted."

"There is no evidence on the record that the captain was not on duty when he should have been on the bridge, nor that he failed in some material way to instruct his subordinates, nor that he was obliged at that particular time to be on the bridge himself to ensure that the position of the ship was fixed, nor is there any evidence as to what constitutes proper fixing, or was there any evidence that the captain knew or should have known at that time that the ship was not being properly fixed."

"Except as to the evidence that the ship did, in fact, go aground on the tip of Yang Do Island the evidence in so far as the accused is concerned is completely exculpatory and I am therefore led to the inevitable conclusion that the court martial must, in some mysterious way, have supplied the missing facts through its naval knowledge of navigation and the technical matters of fixing a ship."

Evidence at the court martial was that Thomas received a suggestion from the navigator that he alter course 20 degrees port (to the left). Thomas asked the navigator to check. The navigator checked and again suggested the 20-degree alteration, which was carried out. The ship hit the island two minutes later.

Chamber Urges High Population Aim For Canada

MONTREAL (CP)—The Canadian Chamber of Commerce yesterday urged Canada to aim at a population of at least 30,000,000 by 1975 and said this country needs more, not less, immigration.

"It is the people of Canada who will lose out if short-sighted opposition to immigration impairs the country's future development," the chamber's immigration com-

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