

# Stockpiling Uranium Now Discontinued July 1

By JOHN E. BIRD  
OTTAWA (CP)—W. M. Gilchrist, president of Crown-owned Eldorado Mining and Refining Limited, said here today that stockpiling may not be the answer to Canada's short-term uranium problem.

His statement indicated that the federal government may not continue after July 1 to buy and stockpile uranium from three Ontario mines.

The government last June 26 announced it would buy and stockpile uranium for one year from Faraday Uranium Mines Limited at Bancroft and Milliken and Consolidated Denis at Elliot Lake.

Prime Minister Pearson said at that time it was a short-term measure to give the government a period to develop alternate employment for the two communities. He also said that to stockpile any longer could force down uranium prices for many years.

**OUTLAY**  
Mr. Gilchrist said any decision to continue stockpiling uranium again is in heavy demand in the 1970s as a fuel for nuclear power plants would provide a federal outlay of from \$20,000,000 to \$300,000,000. The need of the government's uranium purchasing and selling

# Jail Inmates Gear Emergency Airstrip

CALGARY (CP)—The work was hard, the pay only 30 cents a day, but 22 men clearing brush for an emergency airstrip in a heavily wooded valley 55 miles northwest of here were not complaining.

The men are inmates of Spy Hill Provincial Jail in Calgary, one of eight groups employed at department of lands and forests projects under a minimum security work camp program established by the Alberta attorney-general's department six years ago.

"The idea of using prisoners as a cheap form of labor is as old as recorded history," says Warden J. F. Jackson. "The idea of using labor to rebuild usefulness into prisoners belongs to the 20th century."  
"Rebuilding of usefulness" is what the attorney-general's department had in mind when it instituted the program. Plans now are under way to make the emergency air strip a permanent part of rehabilitation in provincial jails.

**GAIN FITNESS**  
Warden Jackson says the success of the camp has been seen in the faces and bodies of the men.

"The faces are relaxed, bodies healthy."  
"Years ago a prisoner was considered a useless member of society, an individual to be poorly clothed and roughly sheltered. He reflected this treatment on return to society."  
"Today the prisoner is given the chance to rehabilitate himself through good food and a healthy environment. More than

# Annapolis Valley Cannery Schedule Expansion Plans

By FRANK SULLIVAN  
HANSPORT, N.S. (CP)—Annapolis Valley Cannery Ltd. here plans to expand its production and foreign markets on the biggest expansion program since the company began operations in 1947.

However, one of its chief problems at present is obtaining enough of the fruits and vegetables it harvests to process and sell to wholesalers and grocery chains in the Atlantic region.

R. J. McGrath, manager of the company which has its head office here and branches in Port Williams, N.S., and Waterville, N.S., as well as an associated plant in Prince Edward Island, says:

"We have very little surplus but we have other market potential as the volume is developed."

**SALES WELL UP**  
Mr. McGrath said company sales have gone up a million dollars in the last two and a half years and "we easily expect a million to two and a half million dollars more in the next couple of years."

Plant expansion started in 1962 with construction of large steel and the building to house additional lines for processing and for increased storage room. Last year, two new wings added 15,000 square feet to the processing and storage area and plans are being completed for addition of another building to house processing equipment for canned apples and apple sauce.

The aim is to produce "more volume more economically," Mr. McGrath says.  
The big push in 1964 will be on apple pie filling and apple sauce, he says, but the company will continue year-round operation with harvesting and canning of its present 15 items. But "we are adding all the time."  
The company, which markets its products under the Avon label, is the biggest processor

agency said nothing concrete has developed yet in attempts to find alternate work for men who would be laid off if the three mines close after July 1.  
Mr. Gilchrist said the difficulty in creating new jobs in the 2200 Lake and Bancroft areas arises from the fact that they are not attractive for the location of new industries. The economies of the two areas were tied to uranium mining "and if the metal can't be sold they're bound to be in trouble."  
"Many people are racking their brains to find some kind of a solution for this problem which will disappear in the early 1970s when uranium again will be easy to market," he said. "Nothing concrete has developed as yet but there still is some time to go before the stockpiling program comes to an end."  
Mr. Gilchrist said one possible action that could be taken would be the provision of some form of long-term credits to enable countries that will require uranium in the 1970s to buy and stockpile supplies during the remainder of the 1960s.  
Canada's uranium production in 1959 rose to a record of more than 15,000 tons. It has declined steadily since and totalled some 6,000 tons last year.

a dozen men have left our camps in the past two years and found permanent employment in the forest industries. The men in the camps are "home" prisoners and must show exemplary behavior in jail before given the chance to "work out."  
Since camps were established for Spy Hill inmates two years ago, only one has walked away. He was caught the next day and "ostracized" by other men when returned to jail, Warden Jackson says.  
Each camp contains approximately 22 men and two correctional officers. The men are housed in self-contained trailer units.

**WORK IN WINTER**  
The work most of which consists of slashing forestry trails, clearing brush, reforestation, thinning timber and building emergency air fields for forestry planes.  
The men are up at 6:30, have breakfast and then drive to the work site for four hours. Three- and four-course lunches are served at the main camp at 11:30 and the men then have 1½ hours to themselves.

After four hours of work in the afternoon, ending at 3 p.m., the men get supper and have the evening free to read, listen to the radio or stroll in the surrounding countryside.  
The men have a half-day off Thursdays during which they clean the trailers and main campsite. Sunday is visitors day, when prisoners are allowed to entertain family and friends.

of pears east of the Niagara fruit district.  
Located in the heart of Nova Scotia's fruit belt, Annapolis Valley Cannery employs about 350 persons during the peak harvest season, most of whom the latter part of July to mid-March, Mr. McGrath says.

**PROCESSES 20 PER CENT**  
About 20 per cent of Nova Scotia's Annapolis Valley's annual apple crop is processed by the Avon brand each season along with more than 3,000 tons of other fruit and vegetables grown regionally.


"We are cannery, we don't own orchards," Mr. McGrath explains. "We have contracts with growers for their apples for canning."  
"With peas and beans it's got so now that to control the quality we supply the seed, plant it, spray it and harvest it with mechanical harvesters. And, of course, you pay the growers for the product and charge for your services." He said this production method is general practice now throughout the fruit and vegetable processing business.

Avon brand canned food products already are marketed in Ontario and Western Canada, the West Indies, Bermuda and Great Britain as well as in the Atlantic provinces.  
However, expansion in all of these markets is the company's goal, says Mr. McGrath of the future: "We're reasonably optimistic."

**REFUSE BECK PAROLE**  
SEATTLE (AP)—Former Teamsters' Union boss Dave Beck's bid for parole has been turned down. Beck, 68, who is serving a five-year sentence on charges of filing fraudulent tax returns for the union's joint Council 28 holding association in Seattle, is in McNeil Island penitentiary in Puget Sound. He would have been eligible for release Feb. 20 if his parole request Friday had gone through.

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