

UK Threatens Reprisals In Common Market Issue

By DAVID MASON
PARIS (AP) — Britain served notice Monday night that she may take economic reprisals against the European common market if the six member countries refuse to agree to a broader free trade area.

The blunt British statement brought angry retorts from the six countries. They expressed determination to proceed with their plan to start the common market area Jan. 1.

WON'T TOLERATE THREATS
The statement by Sir David Eccles, president of the British board of trade, came on the heels of his earlier proposal to match the trade liberalization measures of the common market as a stop-gap. The common market partners had told Britain to put this

offer in writing and it would be studied.

French Foreign Minister Maurice Couve de Murville said: "France will not negotiate in any way under threats."

The angry exchange deepened fear that the common market treaty might lead to a trade war among the non-Communist countries of Western Europe.

The French, Germans, Italians and the six other countries of Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxembourg make up the common market area.

These six plus 11 other European powers make up the larger Organization for European Economic Co-operation, which is considering the rival plans.

The common market six had offered some proposals designed to reduce the possibility of trade discrimination against countries not members of the common market. Britain and the other non-member countries found the proposals unacceptable.

The OEEC conference began

with almost unanimous agreement that some sort of multilateral association is needed to serve as a framework of continuing co-operation between "the six" and "the eleven." But the ministers began disagreeing over how to build up that framework.

DRAMATIC OFFER
Eccles, with the broad support of Sweden, Norway and Portugal, later came up with what, in economic terms, amounted to a dramatic offer.

It was that Britain would be ready to match any trading concession, in cutting tariffs or boosting imports, that "the six" were making, but only on a two-way basis.

"The six" then went into conference, but it was clear that they could not immediately agree on accepting or rejecting the British proposal.

At that Eccles warned: "In this case Britain must retain her right to take defensive action to protect her trade."

Delegates later gave the impression that there is likely to be a new meeting of OEEC ministers in several days to consider the next steps.

The office of Canadian high commissioner in London, England, was created in 1880.

Snow Hampers Icebreakers At Work In St. Lawrence R.

MONTREAL (CP) — The icebreakers d'Iberville and Ernest Lapointe, forced to halt operations when a blinding snow storm hit the St. Lawrence lowlands, late Monday resumed the battle to clear a passage through the ice for ocean freighters trapped near Montreal.

A dozen ships were imprisoned in the ice below Montreal and another 17 waited in Montreal harbor for the two icebreakers to make possible a dash to the navigable waters of the Atlantic, 800 miles away.

Eleven of the vessels were helpless in ice off L'Anse-au-Loup, about 25 miles downriver from Montreal.

FORCED DROP ANCHOR
The snowfall Monday forced the icebreakers to drop anchor when visibility became so poor that the river banks could not be seen from the channel.

Late Monday they were working in the vicinity of the Sorel islands, about 50 miles northeast of Montreal, where ice has been piling up in the narrow passages between the islands.

"A large span of ice has let go on the south side," a harbor official in Montreal said, "and that's what they're working at right now."

Stopped at Trois-Rivieres, 90 miles downstream from Montreal, were the British Selkirk, Norse and the Consuelo. The Elmario, trapped Sunday by ice near the Sorel islands, was r, rted moving again on its way to Trois-Rivieres.

Meanwhile three ships, escorted by the icebreaker Montcalm, left Quebec city downriver for the Gulf of St. Lawrence and comparative smooth sailing on the

North Atlantic.

They were the Liberian freighter Zephyr and two German vessels, the Transerie and the Leabeth.

WEATHER NO WORSE
Weather conditions all along the channel were "no better, no worse," an official said.

"For a while we thought the snow this morning would cause real trouble, but it's cleared now and temperatures are still below freezing."

"What we need is a real thaw."

Five canal freighters and two German vessels—the Transmichigan and Transontario — were making slow and steady progress through the locks of the Lachine canal.

The Wyatt, Prescodoc and the Perseverance Bay were all waiting in Montreal harbor after successfully battling icy lock conditions Sunday with the help of a CNR locomotive and several tow-trucks.

Move New Ship Ahead Of Ice

HALIFAX (CP) — The navy's new destroyer-escort Gatineau is being moved out of Lauzon, Que., to beat the winter freeze-up in the St. Lawrence River, shipyard officials here report.

The Gatineau, built and launched at the Davie Shipyards at Lauzon, is being towed to Halifax by the Foundation Maritime Limited tug Vigilant.

Neither tug company nor shipyard officials would estimate when the ship would arrive here. A shipyard spokesman said river ice has already delayed their passage.

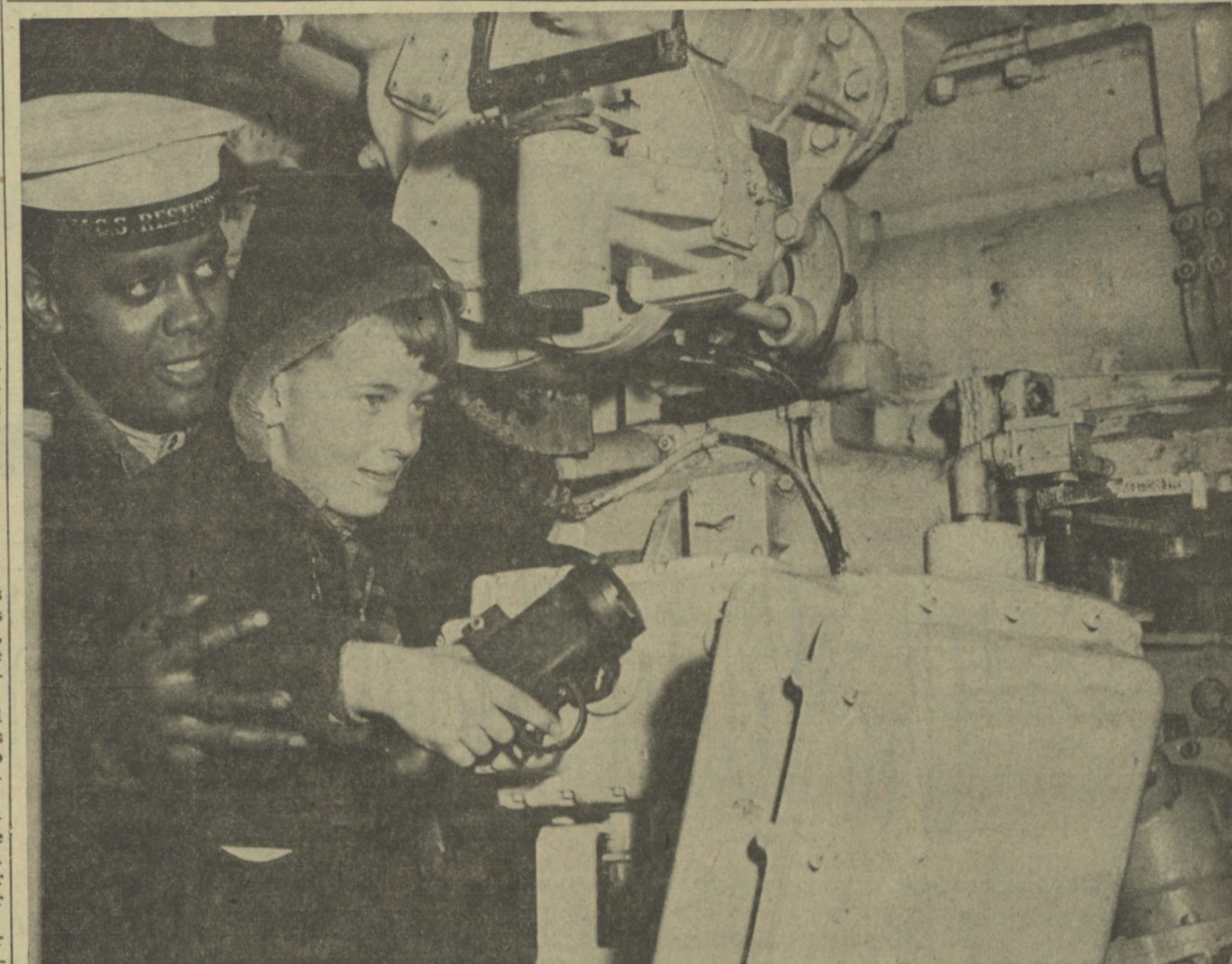
Commissioning of the destroyer by the navy is expected sometime this winter after the ship completes trials started in the St. Lawrence.

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SECOND SECTION

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REAR-ADMIRAL'S SON SHOWS TALENT

William Pullen, eight-year-old son of Rear-Admiral H.F. Pullen, Flag Officer Atlantic Coast and a gunnery specialist, draws a bead with a three-inch, 50 calibre gun at an imaginary target. Leading Seaman Raymond Lawrence, of Fredericton, N.B., a gunnery armourer in HMCS Restigouche, gives him discreet coaching. Forty students of the newly-formed Halifax Grammar School for boys were touring the ultra-modern destroyer escort at Halifax when the photo was taken. (National Defence Photo)

Strike Looms At Westinghouse

HAMILTON (CP)—The United Electrical Workers of America moved Monday to call a strike vote in their contract dispute with Canadian Westinghouse.

The union announced that the co-ordinating committee of six Westinghouse locals recommended holding strike votes in Hamilton, London and Toronto.

Largest of the groups is Local 504, representing nearly 4,000 employees of three Westinghouse plants in Hamilton. The locals' own policy committees will decide when and how the vote will be conducted.

The central committee recommendations also affect 20 members of Local 547 at the company's apparatus service division here, who have already authorized their executive to call a strike vote; 105 members at the Toronto plant and 180 in London.

Cconciliation boards have already sat in these four disputes, but have not yet made reports.

In its pattern-setting Hamilton talks, the union has asked for a 31 cent an hour package. Of this, 20 cents is for wages and 11 for welfare and the establishment of an supplementary unemployment benefit plan.

The present base rate is \$1.61 an hour.

CHURCH PIONEER
Rev. John Cook, Scottish-born clergyman who died in 1892, was the first moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

BEDEQUE
Mrs. Judson Blackmore of Bedeque had the misfortune to fall on the slippery street recently, and although an X-ray did not reveal any serious injury she got a bad shaking-up.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Woodside, Clinton, paid a brief visit here on Thursday afternoon, December 11th.

On Sunday morning, December 7th, Rev. G.A. Cowper-Smith delivered an impressive address based on Hebrews 4:12 "The word of God is living and powerful". Special consideration was given to the work being carried on by the British and Foreign Bible Society. While showing that splendid progress has been made, he urged that much more needs to be done. The Bedeque branch of the society has taken an active interest in the work for many years. There are several "life memberships" in this area of the society.

The annual Sunday School concert of the Bedeque United Church was held in the Church hall on Wednesday evening December 10th. There was a large attendance. Arthur Murray the assistant superintendent, presided. Mrs. Edna Jenkins was in charge of the musical part of the programme. The pupils of the different classes had a part in the splendid programme. Special numbers on programme included a well-rendered solo by Miss Ann Leard, and the session choir, which is under the leadership of Mrs. Edna Jenkins gave a fine selection. The children were then treated to candy and fruit.

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