

British Informed Dangers Facing Economy Serious

LONDON (Reuters)—Treasury Chief Harold Macmillan warned Wednesday the dangers facing her economy are as serious in the long run as the current crisis over the Suez Canal. He told a press conference that the August figures for the sterling area's gold and dollar reserves—a barometer of economic health—will show "quite a substantial fall."

The chancellor of the exchequer said that while Britain's own trade figures are satisfactory, the fall in dollar reserves in the area as a whole "are yet one more reminder that we live and work very near the margin of safety."

He said Egypt's nationalization of the Suez Canal had "dramatized in an instant" the interdependence of East and West.

OFFER NEW HOPE

He stressed the importance of recent events in Egypt to Eastern countries which depend on the effective working of their oil resources and the continued investment of Western money.

The Colombo Plan, operations of the International Bank and Britain's overseas investments all offer a new hope for the future, he maintained.

"This is not colonialism, this is co-operation," Macmillan said.

He stressed that the economy of the Western world and the future of the East depend on the "stability of the regimes" in the Eastern countries and "the orderly management of their affairs."

Card Game Bet Involved In Supreme Court Case

CALGARY (CP) — If a player drops \$500 worth of traveller's cheques to a professional gambler, then stops payment, who gets the money?

This is the crux of legal case which will be argued next month in Supreme Court chambers.

The Royal Bank of Canada has filed a "notice of motion for interpleader relief," because it has the \$500 and is being pestered by both the loser and the gambler.

In his affidavit, John Laurie Hainsworth of the bank's main branch here, said that on Feb. 28, 1956, Carl Zack bought \$500 worth of traveller's cheques from an Edmonton branch. On March 1, 1956, he told the bank his cheques were lost and a stop payment order was put into effect, Hainsworth said.

On the same day John Troll,

who said later he had been making a living as a professional gambler since 1944 or 1945, tried to cash the cheques, the affidavit added.

A. L. Barron, counsel for Troll, warned the bank that if payment is not made he will get a court order forcing payment. Countering this, Zack's lawyer, E. J. McCormick, has warned that if the bank pays he will sue to recover the money from the institution.

Earlier this year Zack was given a one-year suspended sentence for creating a public mischief by reporting to police the cheques were lost.

Evidence at the police court trial was the cheques were lost in a black jack game Feb. 29, 1956, to Troll. Troll told the court he cashed the cheques so Zack could continue the game.

Neapolitans Are Not As Attractive As Naples

NAPLES (AP) — See Naples and cry.

That may be the tourist's experience in "Bella Napoli" if he doesn't hold on to his wallet.

Rounding up reports from all foreign consuls in the city, Dutch consul-general Charles M. Dozy reported that foreign visitors lost some \$800,000 in money and valuables last year.

They were robbed in many and ingenious ways. Take the case of a young lady from France who lost more than \$200 in local currency, her jewelry, cameras and all her luggage.

She left her baggage in the hall of her hotel, waiting for a taxi to take her to the station. A young man, dressed as a hotel porter, picked up the bags and carried them outside. She never

saw him—or her belongings—again.

FRENCH FAVORED

For reasons locally unknown, French tourists are the favorite victims. They report eight to 10 thefts a day. Then come the Germans, Dutch victims number a dozen a week.

Dozy gave some words of advice for tourists:

Don't leave valuable property in parked cars.

Don't stop your car on a dark or narrow street when someone points to your tires as if they are flat. The pointers may be hoodlums laying an ambush.

Don't leave your wallet in your hip pocket in crowds.

The British consulate, whose nations lost about \$25,000 last year urged Britons to insure their belongings before a visit.

Prairie Farm Officials Deny Vacation Story

WINNIPEG (CP)—Prairie farm officials Tuesday denied a London Times report that many farm spots just long enough to sow and harvest their crops.

They were asked to comment on a times report that an increasing number of "suitcase farmers" stay on the land just long enough to sow and harvest, then go to spend the rest of the time in the city or such vacation spots as Miami or Hawaii.

The article said there is a danger of farmers becoming "grain technicians" and losing touch with the land because of increased mechanization.

While some authorities agreed with the term "suitcase farmers," the city to find work.

J. R. Bell, deputy agriculture minister for Manitoba, said "about 50 per cent of our farm income is other than grain growing, so the farmer can't be away all the time he isn't growing grain."

Jake Schulz, chairman of the Interprovincial Farm Union Council, said the article "has a point."

"Suitcase farmers are developing very rapidly—all over Canada—but the great majority of them, rather than going to Miami for the winter to spend their easy money from the farm, are flocking to the city to find work." He said money from his work helps keep their farms going in

Rescue Marooned Sheep Ranchers

SYDNEY, Australia (CP) — Rescue planes came across the word "Morphia" written in oats on a flood-encircled island of land near Bourke, western New South Wales.

Nearby was a wrecked Cessna plane, one of the two occupants jumping up and down with excitement and the other not in sight.

Pilot of the wrecked plane, Jim Hazellon of Cudal, had written out the word "Morphia" to get the drug for his injured passenger, Geoffrey Bowden, manager of Beemery sheep ranch.

They had crashed several days earlier while dropping fodder to flood-marooned sheep in the district. A rescue party reached the men in air force rubber dinghies. Bowden was taken to Bourke hospital with a compound fracture of the right leg and fractured elbow.

China Admits Downing Plane

WASHINGTON (AP) — State Secretary Dulles reported Tuesday Communist China has acknowledged its fighter pilots shot down an aircraft off the Chinese coast last Thursday—the same day a U.S. navy patrol plane crashed in the Pacific.

While the Communist note admitted downing a plane, Dulles said, it repeated the claim that it was a Chinese Nationalist aircraft and not a U.S. Navy plane.

Questioned about survivors, Dulles said the note was "entirely negative with respect to survivors," and he concluded there were none.

The mercator patrol plane had 16 men aboard. Searching ships recovered only one bullet-riddled body and a few pieces of wreckage.

HANGED HIMSELF

TORONTO (CP) — Police reported Alois Driesig, 51, Tuesday hanged himself four hours after he was placed in a Toronto jail on an assault charge. They said Driesig was arrested after an argument with his landlord. An inquest is to be held.

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