

Canadian Airmen Sail For France

MONTREAL, Sept. 18 (CP)—The largest group of Canadian airmen to be posted overseas since the Second World War sailed today for France aboard the liner Columbia.

The contingent, 126 ground crew, will be attached to the R. C. A. F.'s No. 2 Fighter Wing at Gros Tequelin as part of Canada's contribution to Atlantic Pact defence forces.

Three squadrons of Sabre jet fighters are scheduled to join the wing shortly.

U.K. Selling Cotton Goods To China

LONDON, Sept. 19 (AP)—Britain has signed contracts to deliver cotton piecegoods to Communist China and negotiations for further sales—bringing the total up to \$2,100,000—are going on.

These are the first purchases of cotton goods from Britain by Red China since the Communist economic conference early in the summer. The deals were announced by Jack Perry, a director of the firm, London Export Corporation, which negotiated them.

The Reds have forced British firms to withdraw from China and helping authorities also show great reluctance to deal with Hong Kong, where British warehouses are packed with English cotton goods.

Pearson, Martin To Head Group To U. N. Sessions

OTTAWA, Sept. 19 (CP)—External Affairs Minister Pearson and Health Minister Martin today were named to head a 10-person Canadian delegation to the seventh session of the United Nations General Assembly, opening in New York Oct. 14.

Mr. Martin, named vice-chairman, is expected to become chairman if Mr. Pearson is named president of the assembly.

A statement by the External Affairs Department said parliamentary observers will be added to the delegation later.

It includes eight parliamentarians and government officials and two representatives of private organizations.

They are:

Senator Gordon Innor of Halifax; Andrew Y. McLean, Liberal member of the Commons for Ontario's Huron-Perth riding; D. M. Johnson, permanent representative at U. N. headquarters; C. P. Herbert, Ambassador to Mexico; K. W. Taylor, assistant deputy minister of finance; Jules Leger, assistant undersecretary for external affairs; Edgar McInnis, Toronto, president of the Canadian Institute of International Affairs; and Mrs. Louis Berger, Quebec City, executive secretary of the Canadian Cancer Society's Quebec section.

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Harvesting Delayed In Prairie Provinces

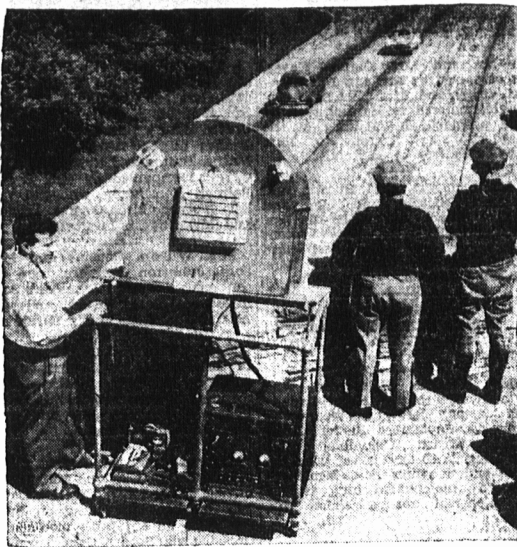
WINNIPEG, Man., Sept. 21—Harvesting operations in all three Prairie provinces have been delayed and in many districts still due to cool cloudy wet weather. Southern Manitoba is the farthest advanced and harvesting is practically completed, with the exception of flax. When operations begin again it will take up to three weeks of warm sunny weather to complete harvest in all other districts of the Prairie provinces, according to the weekly crop report of the Department of Agriculture of the Canadian National Railways.

Warm weather during the past week in the Peace River district has again brought harvesting operations into full swing. Wheat cutting is 40 percent completed, oats 60 percent and barley 90 percent. Threshing should be general in from four to five days with 5 percent of the wheat already threshed, 20 percent of oats and 40 percent of barley. Early outturns are grading tough with wheat averaging 25 bushels per acre and barley 30 bushels.

Pears, peaches and prunes are moving in heavy volume from the Okanagan Valley and McIntosh apples are just starting to move. No damage is reported from any sources. There is a shortage of pickers and it is feared a portion of the apple crop may be lost due to insufficient labor.

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RADAR EYE ON SPEEDERS—Parkway police in Westchester County, N. Y., try out a new radar camera in clocking speeding autos. When a car exceeding the speed

limit enters the radar beam, an electric switch is tipped and the camera takes a picture of the speeding car on 16-mm. movie film. A case is being prepared to test the device's legality in court cases.

Doctors Baffled By Polio Epidemic Causes

By Lorne Bruce

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EDMONTON, Sept. 21 (CP)—Theories were advanced Thursday

that sanitation and immigration may be two of the reasons why a high proportion of adults have been struck by polio in the record outbreak in Western Canada.

Polio has hit three of the four Western Provinces this year with all-time highs for both cases and deaths and doctors admit they are baffled by the epidemic.

Dr. Norman Baster, Alberta's director of communicable diseases, who said there are a lot of "funny things" about the disease that are not understood, mentioned the sanitation and immigration theories.

Dr. Baster said that because sanitation is improving, it is possible the persons are not exposed to polio virus so early in life.

Immigration enters the picture on the theory that older people coming from countries where incidence is low become exposed to the virus for the first time later in life.

Another reason why it is more obvious in adults, the Alberta health department official added, is that the disease produces a sharper reaction in adults. A child is more likely to survive the acute period but would have greater residual paralysis than a surviving adult.

Effect of Climate

Dr. Baster noted that evidence indicates climate may have a great deal to do with virulence of the disease which usually becomes epidemic in late summer and tails off as the cooler weather begins.

A hot, dry climate apparently is conducive to spread of the disease judging from figures which show incidence is greater in the prairies of the United States and Canada and in Australia than it is Western and Northern Europe or on Canada's west coast.

However, the disease has no pattern and hits indiscriminately. It is a highly-infectious disease and Dr. Baster suggested that a person in an epidemic area escapes it more because he is immune than because he has not been in contact with it.

Dr. George Kinnear, director of the communicable disease division of the Saskatchewan health department suggested the record number of cases may be just a "paper epidemic".

Dr. Kinnear said doctors now are more familiar with the disease and designating even mild cases as polio. Although the outbreak appears more serious on paper, he added, actually it may be about the same.

The disease totals to date this year for the four Western Provinces, with record figures in brackets are: Saskatchewan, 716 cases and 41 deaths (512 and 22 in 1937); Alberta, 465 cases and 39 deaths (330 and 28 in 1948); British Columbia, 328 cases and 21 deaths (312 and 12 in 1947); Manitoba, 295 confirmed cases, 198 suspected cases and 15 deaths (1,011 and 20 in 1941).

Busy Jet Industry Prepares For Rush Of Overseas Orders

LONDON, Sept. 18 (CP)—Britain's booming aircraft industry, setting a torrid pace in the jet-propelled field, is preparing for a rush of dollar-earning orders from overseas for its latest super-sonic airliners.

The most urgent demand has come from the United States, although inquiries have also been received from South America, West Germany, Japan and other countries.

All are interested in a larger and longer-range version of the De Havilland Comet jet-liner at present in operation on some of the Empire routes of British Overseas Airways Corporation. But there is a problem of early deliveries.

The De Havilland Aircraft Company has announced that its production plans provide for the building of only six more advanced-type Comets, known as the Mark III, by 1956, followed by up to 50 in 1957 and another 70 in 1958.

However, it is reported that negotiations have been opened with representatives of prospective United States customers, including Pan American Airways, about purchase of several Mark II Comets for preliminary introduction—possibly by 1955—on the North Atlantic route. Such a deal, it is argued, would provide valuable experience in jet airline operation before the Mark III Comet becomes available.

Military Conflict

What the industry will be able to do to meet the wider demand will largely depend on what revisions are made in Britain's rearmament program. Details are being worked out by the military chiefs of staff and are expected to be announced by Prime Minister Churchill shortly after Parliament reconvenes in October.

With the problems of labor, shortages of materials and machine tools gradually being overcome, spokesmen for the manufacturers have expressed confidence that new export orders can be met from present resources, provided they are backed by firm contracts.

What is needed, they say, is assurance of military and civilian contracts at a sufficient level to give the industry the stability of a clear production run.

An indication that steps would be taken toward that end was given by the Prime Minister in the economic debate before the Commons rose for its summer recess.

Any reshaping of the arms program, Churchill said, would leave room for the industry to take commercial advantage of the military as well as civil aircraft it develops.

This hint of future government policy was later underscored by Defence Minister Earl Alexander in a speech to the Society of British Aircraft Constructors.

Advance Dates

The new program, he said, would centre on the quickest possible build-up of new aircraft and weapons of the latest type which constitute the most formidable deterrent to aggression. The industry would be asked to exert its utmost efforts in advancing the dates when the latest types can be brought into service.

"We are anxious that civil exports should be increased and we hope that there will in future be more military aircraft to spare to meet the demands of our overseas customers," Lord Alexander said.

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Britain Speculates On Royal Broadcasts

LONDON (CP)—Announcement of a Coronation day broadcast that will cover most of the world, started newspaper debates on whether it was likely to be the first broadcast of the Queen's reign.

Although court circles say the Queen would prefer to make her first broadcast after Coronation, a Christmas Day message would be in keeping with the tradition started by her grandfather, George V, and kept alive by her late father.

An alternative suggestion is that Queen Mother Elizabeth make the Christmas broadcast this year. In court circles, however, it is thought unlikely that she would consent.

The Queen Mother has always considered Christmas broadcasts as something essential to the sovereign. She would never take any part in the late King's talks, although pressed to do so.

The present Queen has none of her father's shyness of the microphone. She likes to listen to a recording of any broadcast she makes.

In regard to television of coronation ceremonies, the Queen is reported to be in favor of as wide a coverage as possible—with the exception of the actual religious service, including the crowning and anointing.

Shaw's Corner Flops As Museum

LONDON, Sept. 19 (AP)—Shaw's Corner, for four decades the home of George Bernard Shaw, has flopped as a museum and may be offered for rent.

A spokesman for Britain's National Trust, disclosing this today, told newspaper men the 251-year-old estate at Ayot St. Lawrence is drawing barely 20 visitors a day at two shillings a head.

This modest income falls far short of the £25 a week it costs to run the place.

Higher Farm Accident Rate On The Prairies

REGINA (CP)—Sixty per cent of Canada's farm accidents occur in the prairie provinces, although they have only one-third of Canada's farm population.

The reason, according to a survey here, is that prairie farming is more highly mechanized than other parts of the country. Tractors are one of the major accident causes, while combines and threshing machines add to the count.

While an official survey of farm accidents for this year has not yet been produced, there has been an unusually high number of tractor fatalities reported.

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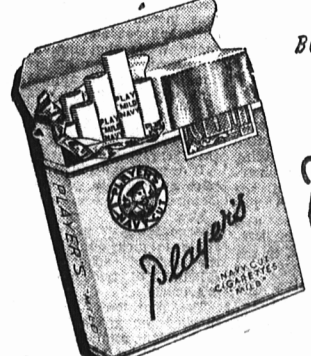
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