

## Soviets Building Up Big Embassy In New Zealand

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WELLINGTON, N.Z. (CP) — Growing attention is being paid in New Zealand to the build-up in strength of the Soviet embassy in Wellington.

Although New Zealand has for years had no diplomatic post in Russia, not even a consul, the Russians continue to add to their staff in Wellington.

Yet there are only 171 Russian nationals in New Zealand and there is little trade between the two countries except in wool, which is all bought by private woolbuyers as agents for Russian interests.

**SPANNING SOUTH PACIFIC**  
Suggestions are being made that the Soviet embassy is being built up to act as headquarters for Russian operations throughout the South Pacific.

Until 1954 Australia was the main centre of Soviet diplomatic activity in the South Pacific. A major explosion occurred in 1954, however, when the diplomat Vladimir Petrov defected from

the embassy in Canberra. Later his wife also sought asylum while being taken back to Russia by Soviet couriers.

The Petrov case caused the rupture of diplomatic relations with Australia and the closing of the Canberra embassy.

**GRADUAL SWITCH**  
Since then the Russians have had to rely on the much smaller mission in Wellington. It has, however, been progressively increased in strength until now the number of Russians associated with it rivals the size of the former Canberra establishment.

When the Canberra embassy was closed there were about 40 Russians there, including wives and children. About 23 were diplomats or employees.

Continued increases in staff have brought the number of Russians at the embassy in Wellington to at least 34. Of these about 16 are diplomats or employees, but it is well known that wives of Russian diplomats frequently also hold staff posts. The staff

includes a chauffeur and a schoolteacher who instructs children of the employees.

(The New Zealand establishment is small in comparison with the Soviet mission in Ottawa, to which are attached 151 diplomats, other personnel and dependents.)

**HOUSING PROBLEM**  
Repeated additions to the staff have caused the embassy in New Zealand to spill over from the large embassy building on Messines Road. The Russians have leased three other houses in the city.

Since the Petrov affair the Russians have adopted a policy of rapid turnover of staff in Wellington. No member of the staff has been there longer than four years and three-quarters of those classed as diplomats or employees have been a year or less in New Zealand.

By comparison with the size of the Russian embassy, France has a diplomatic staff of only five to deal with contacts and trade many times as great as between New Zealand and the Soviet. Other diplomatic missions in New Zealand are on a proportionate scale.

**TARGET: AUSTRALIA**  
A few months ago allegations were made in Australia that a

## NEW YORK

NEW YORK (AP)—The stock market dropped sharply Monday in a slow session.

Losses among the blue-chip stocks ranged from fractions to more than two points a share. Aircraft and a few specialties were higher.

The Associated Press average of 60 stocks fell \$1.90 to \$179.40, erasing an estimated \$2,375,000 from the quoted value of all stocks listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

Metals, oils, steels and chemicals were among the bigger losers. Rails and motors were down, along with the rest of the market.

flood of propaganda material was pouring across the Tasman Sea from the Soviet embassy in Wellington.

The Soviet charge d'affaires in Wellington, G. M. Bodionov, in reply denied that there was anything improper in the information bulletins distributed from Wellington to newspapers and other organizations in Australia and New Zealand. He said the material was less offensive than much propaganda distributed from other diplomatic posts.

## Two Pedestrians Killed By Car

NEWCASTLE, N.B. (CP) — Two Northumberland County men were killed Saturday night when struck by a car while walking along the highway at nearby Eel Grounds, N.B.

They were Charles Cloud, 44, of Eel Grounds, and John Ginnish, 65, Burnt Church, N.B. The car was driven by William Leo Young, Whiteville, N.B.

What stocks did:

	Mon	Fri
Advances	217	350
Declines	696	435
Unchanged	241	277
Total Issues	1148	1122

**NEW YORK CLOSING STOCKS**

Beth Steel	45 1/2	Kennecott	102 1/4
Borg Warner	39 1/2	Monty W	36 1/4
Case	63 1/2	On 21,000	31 1/2
Cons Edison	42 1/2	Radio Corp	31 1/4
El Auto El	37 1/2	Std Oil N	42
Gen Elec	66 1/2	Yld Aerial	41 1/2
Goodyear	49	Vanadium	31 1/2
Gl Nor Ry	44 1/2	Westinghse	42 1/2

There were no major Canadian gainers on the New York exchange. Losers included McIntyre Procupine, off 1 1/2 on 300 shares; Hudson Bay Mining, 1 1/4; International Nickel, 3/4; Granby Mining, 3/4; Dome Mines, 3/4 and Aluminium Ltd., 3/4.

Shawinigan was one of the few Canadian gainers on the American exchange with a rise of 1/4 on 100 shares. Losers included Fargo Oil, off 3/4 on 21,000 shares; Brazilian Traction, 3/4; Jupiter Oils, 3/4; Richwell 3/4; Preston East Dome, 1-16.

extra-large 46; large 45-56; medium 36; small 30-31; B 31; C 20. Receipts 134.

Butter: Current receipts, new boxes, 58 1/2; used boxes 58 1/2. Fresh-grade creamery prints job price 60-62; fresh wholesale 59 1/2-60.

Cheese: F.O.B. factory, Ontario white 34; colored 35; delivered Montreal, Quebec white 32; colored 32; wholesale Ontario white 35 1/2; colored 35 1/2; wholesale Quebec white 33; colored 33.

Potatoes: Quebec 75s .85-1.25.

## PRODUCE

MONTREAL (CP) — Agriculture department quotations: Eggs: Wholesale dealers prices to country stations, wooden case to

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## Halifax Man Fatally Injured

HALIFAX (CP)—Ernest Mumford, 75, of Halifax died in hospital Saturday of injuries received in a two-car collision last Wednesday at Upper Tastallon, 14 miles west of here. He is the fourth to have died as a result of the collision.

**BARBARA WESTON WEDS**  
CANNES, France (Reuters)—Barbara Weston, daughter of G field Weston, Canadian biscuit millionaire, was married at St. Trinity Anglican Church here Saturday to an Australian doctor, Robert Ian Mitchell of Sydney.

**PLANT STRIKEBOUND**  
DETROIT (AP)—Great Lakes Steel Corp. remained closed Monday for the 11th straight day with its 11,000 workers idle. A wild-cat strike led to closing of the plant Aug. 2. The management later said it would not reopen until assured there would be no more walkouts in what it described as "violation of the contract."

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