

Canada Appears Heading For Huge Trade Deficit

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OTTAWA (CP)—Canada appears destined to shoulder a whopping foreign trade deficit this year. Figures for the first three months indicate a trend which, if continued, would bring a deficit far in excess of the peak \$400,000,000 last year.

White exports sagged, imports in March swelled to a record high, bringing a peak deficit of \$132,700,000 for the month, six times greater than the \$21,300,000 in March 1955, preliminary bureau of statistics figures showed Wednesday.

The adverse balance—excess of imports over exports—was thus boosted ninefold to \$225,200,000 for the first three months of the year, a large rise from the \$24,100,000 of the similar 1955 period.

BUYERS MORE FROM U.S.
The big problem appears to be

that Canada just doesn't seem able to sell more to the U.S. than she buys from that country. There hasn't been a Canadian surplus in American trade since 1945.

In the first three months of 1956, Canada continued to buy more from the U.S. than she sold and the deficit in American trade more than doubled to \$325,300,000 from \$165,900,000 last year.

Exports to the U.S. dipped in March to \$208,400,000 from \$215,100,000, though the \$641,600,000 total for the first three months was still higher than last year's \$579,800,000.

But the sag in American sales, together with a drop in exports to Britain, Canada's second biggest market, reduced over-all exports in March to \$333,200,000 from \$354,900,000 last year. Total exports for the three months stood at \$1,051,500,000, up from \$966,600,000 last year.

Exports in Britain dropped to \$49,200,000 from \$65,500,000 in March, reducing the three-month total to \$180,900,000 from \$183,800,000.

Total imports rose to a record \$465,900,000 in March from \$376,200,000 last year, boosting purchases for the three months to \$1,276,700,000 from \$990,700,000.

The big flow was from the U.S., rising to \$363,700,000 from \$284,900,000 in March and to \$866,900,000 from \$745,700,000 in the three months. Shipments from Britain edged ahead to \$33,700,000 from \$32,300,000 in March and to \$97,200,000 from \$85,400,000 in the quarter.

Canada usually looks to trade with Britain to help finance some of her American deficit. But in the first quarter of 1956, the Canadian surplus in U.K. trade dropped to \$83,200,000 from \$98,400,000 a year ago.

Wheat Price Payment Decision Good News To Prairie Farmers

OTTAWA (CP)—Prairie farmers will continue to receive the existing initial prices for delivery of their grain in the coming crop year which starts Aug. 1.

The government's decision to maintain the Canadian Wheat Board's initial price policy for the seventh consecutive year was announced to the Commons Thursday by Trade Minister Howe.

He also said the western producers will know by mid-May the amount of the final payment to be made on wheat delivered in the 1954-55 crop year ended last July 31.

Mr. Howe's announcement also indicated that the wheat board in its movements of wheat from country elevators, will concentrate on shipping types and grades to meet export market demand even if it means unequal amounts of deliveries among various prairie points.

MAINTAIN PRICES
The wheat in the minister's 1,000-word announcement came at the end, however, when he said the government has approved maintenance of existing initial delivery prices.

They are \$1.40 a bushel for No. 1 northern wheat of No. 2 around and CW oats and 96 cents for No. 3 CW six-row barley. These are prices for the basic grades, delivered at the Lakehead.

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WINNERS FROM CLASS OF 41

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IN MEMORIAM

DANIEL A. KING

The death occurred at his home in Georgetown, P. E. I., of Daniel A. King in his 67th year. He passed away peacefully after a long illness, his passing came as a great shock to his relatives and many friends. The late Mr. King was born in Milltown, P.E.I. the son of George and Margaret King, nee Matheson. As a boy he moved with his father to Boughton Island where he was engaged in fishing and farming, until 1944, when he moved to Georgetown, where he resided until his death. He was a member of St. David's United Church, a good neighbour and a loving father.

During his illness he was tenderly cared for by his family and friends, but despite their loving care God called him to his eternal rest.

The funeral took place February 2nd, conducted by the Rev. W. A. Patterson, following a short service in his home in Georgetown. The remains were transferred to St. David's United Church for burial services, where a large congregation of friends, relatives gathered to pay their last respects.

During the service the following hymns were beautifully rendered by the choir: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," "Hail Your Anchor Hold," and "In the Arms of Jesus."

Interment was in the United Church Cemetery, Georgetown.

Burialbearers were: Messrs. Philip O'Connor, Joseph Gotell, Fred Allen, Fred DeLory, Emerson Llewellyn, Michael Burke, St.

He leaves to mourn his sorrowing wife, the former Edna Allen of Boughton Island, four sons and four daughters: Lloyd, Toronto, Fred, Toronto, Donald, and Lionel at home; Frances, Mrs. Charles Watts, Grand Tracade, Beulah, Mrs. Newton O'Connor, Toronto; Martha, Mrs. Joseph Kinnear, Georgetown, and Avice, Toronto; two brothers, Arthur Montague, John Henry, Oak Point, N.B., and two sisters, Mrs. Christie MacKinnon, Sturgeon, and Mrs. Margaret Pratt, U.S.A., also survive.

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George and Doris Mair, and Anna.
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Joseph Johnson and family.
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Jemuel Allen and Muriel MacKenzie.
Mr. and Mrs. Alva Allen, Elizabeth and Dave.
Margaret King, and Mrs. Curtis.
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Anna Mair, Moore's Mills.
Mrs. Powell, Toronto.
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Mrs. James MacKenzie, U.S.A.
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Mr. and Mrs. John George, St. John.
Mr. and Mrs. Fillmore and family, St. John.
Mr. and Mrs. Herb George, Georgetown.
Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Butler and family, St. John.
Mr. and Mrs. Doug Sheehan, New Glasgow.
Mrs. George Kemp, Sturgeon.
Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hemphill, Charlottetown.
Ladies' Auxiliary, Georgetown.
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Solomon, Georgetown.
Mr. and Mrs. Bud Ings and family, Montague.
Mr. and Mrs. David Lavers, Georgetown.
Mr. and Mrs. John Dalton, Georgetown.
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Landry, Georgetown.
Mr. Michael Burke, Sr., Georgetown.
Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Sheehan and family, New Glasgow.
Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hemphill, Georgetown.

U.S. House Passes New Farm Bill

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House passed a new farm bill Thursday, approving President Eisenhower's soil bank program but denying him authority to advance farmers \$500,000,000 in soil bank benefits this year.

Democrats denounced the advance payments plan as an attempt to buy farm votes in the November election. In the major test of the day, they defeated a prepayment amendment 181 to 157 on almost a straight party line vote.

The roll call vote on passage of the bill was 314 to 78. The bill now goes to the Senate.

The new bill would give the President the soil bank he asked for, even though it may not be in full operation until next year.

It does not call for a return to high, rigid price supports at 90 per cent of parity, one of the reasons why Eisenhower vetoed the first general farm bill April 16.

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WEEKLY RATES FOR PERMANENT GUESTS

Bans Parking Lot In New York Central Park

NEW YORK (AP)—A judge blocked construction of a parking lot in Central Park Wednesday, ruling that "no foot or even inch of parking space is expendable in our teeming metropolis."

State Supreme Court Justice Samuel H. Hofstadter sided with a group of mothers who protested the conversion of their children's playground into a parking lot extension for the Tavern-on-the-Green, a privately operated restaurant in the park.

Hofstadter branded the lush tavern "a bucolic night club."

Park commissioner Robert Moses originally ordered the play area cleared of trees and surfaced for parking. The tavern leases city property and gives the city a share of its profits.

The tavern was to advance \$400,000 to the city for the lot. Then get it back out of its payments to the city.

Angry mothers picketed the project. The dispute became an issue in city hall. But Moses went adamantly ahead until late last week when the mothers sought a court injunction against the project.

Work was halted at the court's direction while a decision was being formulated on the mother's petition.

Wednesday Judge Hofstadter issued a temporary injunction and set a hearing for Friday to decide whether to make it permanent.

MANY THEORIES

The Daily Express lists several theories circulating about the lost frogman. One is that he was killed by the Russians who mistook him for a saboteur.

"The Russians are said to have apologized for their mistake and returned the body to the British naval authorities," the Express adds.

"Burial took place with full military honors at midnight in Portsmouth naval cemetery. That 'inside hard-fact story' always with a show of circumstantial detail is current among civilians in the Portsmouth area."

The Daily Sketch says that security men, who had taken over the investigation into the riddle-belted Crabb, may still be alive.

An anonymous naval officer is quoted as telling the Sketch: "There is no telling what will be the consequences if the Russians got Crabb aboard their ship. He may be in Russia for all anyone knows."

Some break in the cloud of secrecy may be forthcoming next Wednesday when the question will be raised in the British House of Commons by John Dugdale, former Labor parliamentary secretary to the admiralty. He will ask the government to produce evidence on Crabb's presumed death.

Fantastic Rumors And Theories Circulate Over Lost Frogman

PORTSMOUTH, Eng. (Reuters)—Fantastic rumors and theories swirled Thursday around the death riddle of a Royal Navy frogman who lost his life in an underwater dive near Portsmouth harbor two weeks ago.

The British admiralty has officially posted 46-year-old Cmdr. Lionel Crabb as missing, presumed drowned April 20. Naval authorities refused to comment about his death.

But newspapers speculated whether Crabb may be alive, buried secretly to hide the purpose of a hush-hush mission or captured by the Russian navy.

SECRET ASSIGNMENT

Crabb, war hero and underwater weapons expert, is believed to have dived into Portsmouth harbor April 18, the day the Russian warships arrived with Russian leaders Nikolai Bulganin and Nikita Khrushchev.

The Conservative Daily Telegraph says: "No one in Portsmouth knows whether Cmdr. Crabb was working for an intelligence organization—possibly checking on the asdic (submarine detection) apparatus underneath the Russian cruiser Orzhonikidze resulting in his death as he tried to reach the bottom."

The Telegraph says that six months ago when two Russian cruisers and four destroyers were in Portsmouth, Crabb visited the dockyard area.

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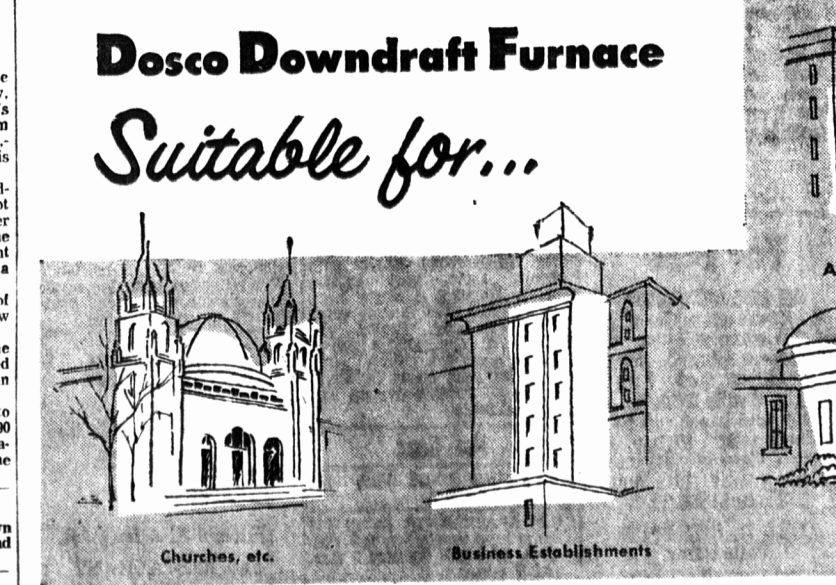
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Satellite May Be Aloft Two Weeks

WASHINGTON (AP)—The first U.S. space satellite probably will stay aloft two weeks, Dr. John P. Hagen, director of project Vanguard, said Thursday.

The man-made moon, a sphere 20 inches in diameter and weighing 21 1/2 pounds, will be so small that powerful field glasses will be needed to gain even a glimpse of it, he said. It will be about as difficult to see the satellite as it would be to pick up a plane at 30,000 feet, he said. Only at dusk or just before dawn would it be visible.

Hagen disclosed new details about the satellite program at a luncheon meeting of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association.

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WEST PRINCE
Tuesday, May 9 — 9:30—St. Louis 10:30—St. Edwards
Wednesday, May 10 — 10:00-11:00—for TIGNISH ONLY 1:30-2:30—for ALBERTON ONLY
Thursday, May 11 — 10:00-11:00—Elmsdale 1:30-2:30—Alberton surrounding districts as notified.
Friday, May 12 — 10:00-12:00—Tignish surrounding districts as notified.

CENTRAL PRINCE
Tuesday, May 9 — 10:00—INVERNESS and surrounding districts as notified 8:00—TYNE VALLEY and surrounding districts as notified
Wednesday, May 10 — 9:10—RICHMOND and surrounding districts as notified
Thursday, May 11 — 1:30—MT. PLEASANT and surrounding districts as notified
Friday, May 12 — 1:30—Abrams' Village.

EAST PRINCE
Monday, May 7 — 9:30-11:00—KENSINGTON SCHOOL for Balfie, Darnley, Hamilton, Indian River, Kelvin Grove, Malpeque, Norboro, Spring Valley.
Thursday, May 10 — 9:30—Margate for New London, Graham's Rd., Clinton and Springbrook. 11:00—Irishtown for Park Corner, Seaview, Long River. 9:30-11:00—BORDEN and surrounding districts as notified. 1:30-3:00—Kinkora and surrounding districts as notified.

WEST QUEENS
Wednesday, May 9 — 10:30—St. Augustine Convent 1:30—Stella Maris ONLY 2:30—STELLA MARIS surrounding districts as notified.
Thursday, May 10 — 10:30—NEW GLASGOW and surrounding districts as notified 1:30—HUNTER RIVER and surrounding districts as notified.

EAST QUEENS
Thursday, May 10 — 10:00—FORT AUGUSTUS and surrounding districts as notified. 2:00—Mt. Stewart ONLY 3:00—MT. STEWART surrounding districts as notified.

CENTRAL QUEENS
Thursday, May 10 — 9:30-10:30—CENTRAL ROYALTY and surrounding districts as notified 1:30-2:00—East Royalty 9:30-10:00—West Royalty 10:30-11:00—Winsloe

SOUTH KINGS
Tuesday, May 9 — 1:30-3:30—MONTAGUE and surrounding districts as notified
Wednesday, May 10 — 10:00-11:00—Georgetown ONLY
Thursday, May 11 — 9:30-10:30—ALLISTON and surrounding districts as notified 10:45-11:45—GASPEREAUX and surrounding districts as notified
Friday, May 12 — 10:00-11:00—NEW PERTH and surrounding districts as notified.

EAST KINGS
Monday, May 7 — 2:30-4:30—Souris Parish Hall
Wednesday, May 9 — 10:00—NEW ZEALAND and surrounding districts as notified 2:00—ROLLO BAY EAST and surrounding districts as notified
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