

New Giant Wheat Sale Made To Soviet Union

Market Assured For 1965 Crop

By FRED CHAFFE
WINNIPEG (CP) — Canada announced another giant wheat sale to the Soviet Union Wednesday, the second in three years.
Trade Minister Sharp told Prairie farmers it ensures a market for their bumper crop now ripening in the fields, "almost regardless of its size."
In a buoyant mood, he set an export target of a record 600,000 bushels for the 1965-66 crop year that began Aug. 1. Traditional markets will continue to get their full requirements.
The all-cash deal, second only to the pace-setting sale of 1963, is for 4,600,000 tons of wheat and 400,000 tons of wheat flour — which translates in farm language to the equivalent of 187,000 bushels.
Coming on top of a preliminary sale announced last week, it brings Canada's Russian commitments for the new crop year to 222,000,000 bushels — worth about \$450,000,000.
The 1963 deal, which got Canada into the iron curtain market in a big way, was a \$500,000,000 affair for 239,000,000 bushels of wheat and flour.
BAD RUSSIAN HARVESTS
In both cases the sales were forced by substandard Russian harvests and came at the best time for Canada.
The 1963 Canadian wheat crop was a record 723,000,000 bushels including 703,000,000 on the flatlands.
This year there's enough potential to beat that mark but it's a week to 10 days late because of spring frosts and cold and is susceptible to the uncertain factors of rust and frost.
Some observers are talking in terms of 700,000,000 bushels but the National Grain Company Wednesday issued a forecast, based on conditions at the first week in August, of a monumental 812,000,000 bushel Prairie harvest.
If the export target is achieved, coupled with 150,000 bushels in domestic consumption, there will be total disappearance of 750,000,000 bushels in the current crop year. While final figures on the carryover from last year are not available, it is estimated at around 500,000,000 bushels.
SURPLUS WILL DWINDLE
The unsold surplus will thus dwindle if the new crop does not appreciably exceed 700,000,000 bushels.
Announcement of the new deal came at a crowded press conference attended by Mr. Sharp, Agriculture Minister Hays; W. C. McNamara, chief commissioner of the wheat board; and N. G. Ostrop, deputy minister of foreign trade and head of a Soviet trade mission now in Eastern Canada.
The entire shipment will go through St. Lawrence and Atlantic ports from now until next July.
Getting it to the docks, said Mr. Sharp, will mean an all-out mobilization of transport facilities on the scale of 1963-64 when the country lived up to every deadline.
Railway chiefs had expressed confidence they could do it again and "I appeal to everyone involved for a maximum effort."
The trade minister added: "I can think of nothing more important to the welfare of the farmer and of the Canadian economy as a whole, than the attainment of the export target of 600,000,000 bushels which is equivalent to about \$1,200,000,000 of income to Canada and Canadians, those who produce the wheat and those who move it from the farms to the ocean ports."
DISPUTE IN VANCOUVER
The record 1963-64 year saw 595,000,000 bushels go overseas. Preliminary estimates for the year just ended are 367,000,000 bushels, a figure that would have been higher but for a grain handlers' dispute that has virtually bottled up Vancouver since last month.
Mr. Sharp said, however, the tie-up is not responsible for the fact the entire new purchase will be shipped east.
The West Coast port, he said, has enough commitments already for record shipments in the current year and can be considered "sold out" as far as grain exports are concerned.
Exact per-bushel prices were not announced but Mr. Sharp said every bushel shipped is worth an average of about \$2 because it includes freight and handling costs — all of which goes into the pockets of producers or employees of the trades involved.
As to grades, Mr. McNamara said the Russians prefer the middle and lower varieties — No. 3 and No. 4 northern. There is an option, however, for No. 3 and No. 5. Also involved are 250,000 tons of durum, a macaroni-type wheat, with options of Grades 3 or 4.
Wheat board prices Wednesday, basis Lakehead, ranged from \$1.90 1/4 a bushel for No. 3 northern to \$1.73 1/4 for No. 5. Including Wednesday's deal, Soviet purchases of Canadian wheat and flour since 1955 amount to 539,000,000 bushels.
Deputy O. S. P. speaking through an interpreter, told reporters Canadian purchases from the U.S.S.R. have amounted to less than one per cent of that value — and you will understand that long-term deals can develop only on the basis of bilateral trade."
He hoped his mission, now in Montreal and due shortly in Toronto, would get a little more action from the other side of the street.



TO NEW POST?

Leon Balcer, independent MP for Trois-Rivieres, Que., Wednesday was rumored to be about to join the Quebec cabinet. Mr. Balcer, former Quebec leader of the Progressive Conservative party who became an independent member last spring, said he had no comment to make on the rumor. (CP Wirephoto).

South Vietnamese Relief Troops Battle Way To Duc Co Link-Up

SAIGON (AP) — South Vietnamese relief troops shot their way through Viet Cong guerrilla resistance to a link-up Wednesday night with the besieged special forces garrison at Duc Co, U.S. military sources reported.

Americans expressed hope the relief detachment described as large, could clear away guerrilla snipers ringing the camp's air strip so transport planes could start landing to move in supplies and move out the dead and wounded.

Re-establishment of aerial contact was considered essential because the guerrillas were reported to have closed in behind the relief column and again cut route 19 between Duc Co and Pleiku, the 2nd Corps area headquarters, 30 miles northeast of the camp.

Route 19 is Duc Co's only road. It is a strategic highway that crosses South Viet Nam's central highlands from the South China Sea to the Cambodian frontier at a point five miles west of Duc Co. Duc Co is 220 miles northeast of Saigon.

The pilot parachuted over the sea and was picked up unharmed by a U.S. army helicopter within 10 minutes.

Barracks at Vinh, Xom Bang and Son La were among North Viet Nam targets of the day. Pilots of eight U.S. navy planes who made the raid at Son La, 125 miles west-northwest of Hanoi, said they destroyed 12 buildings and left two large fires burning.

HIT BUILDINGS
U.S. and Vietnamese planes again joined in strikes at Viet Cong establishments in South Viet Cong villages.

Viet Nam. Briefing officers said they destroyed more than 120 buildings and were believed to have killed a large number of the guerrillas.

Vietnamese ground forces were credited with killing 40 Viet Cong in three separate actions. Government casualties were termed light.

Australian infantrymen completed a five-day operation within a Communist-infested jungle near Saigon. Against "very light" casualties of their own, they said, they killed four Viet Cong and destroyed five Viet Cong villages.

Five Are Killed Under Avalanche

PORTILLO, Chile (AP) — Tons of ice and snow thundered down the Andes slopes at dawn Wednesday, crushing a ski lodge at this fashionable resort and killing five persons, including a Canadian and two U.S. citizens. Two persons were injured.

The slide, presumably activated by two avalanches, followed a blizzard that prevented skiers of eight countries from reaching Portillo to compete in a weekend ski competition which was to be a prelude to a world championship.

The dead were identified as Michael Fogel of Mount Royal, Que.; Milton Orliotti of Portland, Ore.; Ronald J. Hock of Binghamton, N.Y.; and Manfred Arnold and Jaime Cubizuruze of Santiago, Chile.

The five died while being given emergency treatment at the clinic of the Hotel Portillo, about a half-mile from the lodge.

Fogel, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Fogel of Mount Royal, a Montreal suburb, was an enthusiastic amateur skier. He left Canada in June to ski in Chile.

The disaster struck at a time when Portillo, a resort town 85 miles northeast of Santiago, was cut off from the rest of the world except by radio, because of a four-day blizzard which had closed the railways, the town's only access to the outside. The highway is closed in winter.

Ski patrol members, aided by U.S. and Australian ski teams, located the victims about an hour after the slide and dug them out of the snow.

Othmar Schneider, head of the ski patrol, said the slide began as two separate avalanches, either of which would have missed the lodge. But the two avalanches came together and changed direction sufficiently to bring the lodge into the path.

The 33-year-old lodge building, its walls six inches thick, collapsed in the slide, carrying several of the victims to points about 200 feet distant. On its path to the lodge, the slide smashed two sections of a ski lift installed for the scheduled tournament.

Island Couple Injured In N.B.

MONCTON (CP) — A Prince Edward Island couple was taken to hospital here Wednesday night after their car left a highway between Scoudouc and Dorchester, crossed a brook and settled in a ditch.

Evan MacDougall of O'Leary, P.E.I., was reported in fair condition after being treated for a fractured skull, head and chest injuries. Mrs. MacDougall was in satisfactory condition with head lacerations.

Dief Hails Wheat Sale

OTTAWA (CP) — Opposition Leader Diefenbaker said Wednesday the latest sale of wheat to the Soviet Union "is welcomed as a further indication of our policy of selling wheat to Communist countries."

"The Liberal party which has bitterly criticized that policy since eagerly embraced a policy they contended was a dangerous one."
Mr. Diefenbaker said recent price reductions of 20 cents a bushel meant that Western wheat farmers lose \$140,000,000 on the basis of the expected wheat crop this year.

USED BY REDS

"We have been waiting for weeks for permission to clear the Viet Cong out of this natural highway from Cambodia into Viet Nam," a U.S. source said.

About 150 South Vietnamese and a dozen Americans held out in sandbagged bunkers of Duc Co during bitter fighting earlier this week as Viet Cong battalions sought to block government infantry and armored units moving from Pleiku. The siege began June 3.

North Vietnamese gunners shot down one of four U.S. Air Force F-105 Thunderchiefs on a reconnaissance run north of Vinh. A U.S. spokesman said

Atlas-Centaur Rocket Gets Out Of Doghouse

CAPE KENNEDY, Fla. (AP) — The Atlas-Centaur rocket, which had been in the space agency doghouse, vindicated itself Wednesday with a perfect flight that hurled a metal model of the Surveyor spacecraft toward an imaginary moon.

The success of the "paper moon" shot cleared up months of trouble for the big rocket and opened the way for it to launch a "live" Surveyor toward what may be the world's first soft landing of an instrument package on the moon in November or December. Russia failed twice in lunar soft-landing attempts earlier this year.

R. G. Ginter, Centaur project manager, said after Wednesday's success "we're much better prepared to support the Surveyor mission than we have been."

Ginter referred to three failures in five previous tests and a three-year lag in the Atlas-Centaur development schedule. The most recent firing attempt, March 2, last, ended in a blazing launch-pad explosion.

PERFECT LAUNCH
The 113-foot-tall Atlas-Centaur lifted off at 10:31 a.m. after a perfect countdown. The hydrogen-powered second stage ignited and pushed the 2,100-pound dummy Surveyor into space at 23,700 miles an hour. The spot was along the path

of the moon follows in its orbit about the earth, but about 30,000 miles from the moon's present position.



MINES MINISTER IS GUEST

Federal Mines Minister J. Watson MacNaught was guest of honor Wednesday at Clan MacNaughton Day which was

celebrated at the Nova Scotia Gaelic Mod at St. Ann's, Cape Breton. The minister, seen here in kit, chats with Pipe

Major Betty Leo Legge of Sydney and Alex MacLeod of Glace Bay. (CP Wirephoto)



THE CUTE Shetland pony foal seen here was born Tuesday night in the horse barns at the Prince County Exhibition in Alberton. Owned by Robert Campbell of Elmsdale, the foal is shown above by his daughter Gwenda, 13.

2,200 Attend Opening Of Alberton Exhibition

By ALICE GREEN
ALBERTON — Upwards of 2,200 people attended the 39th annual Prince County Exhibition here yesterday and it is expected another record gathering will assemble today.

Winston Currie, president, welcomed regular attendees and newcomers to the event, which is in its fourth year as a class B fair.

Lieutenant-Governor W. J. MacDonald officially opened the fair. Mayor Roy Leard extended a welcome to all visitors on behalf of the town of Alberton.

Hon. Andrew MacRae, minister of agriculture, commended the fine livestock being shown and the good showmanship.

Robert Grindlay, M.L.A. made reference to the humble beginnings of a show that has now reached the point of being a feature attraction and commended the part being taken in it by young people.

Robert Campbell, M.L.A., commended the fine livestock and the excellent display of handicraft.

Beef cattle were the main centre of interest in the judging ring. Some of the horses classes were judged and the remainder of the awarding of ribbons and roses by the presence of "Lassie Queen", Stella Boswell of Marshfield. The 17-year-old Prince of Wales College student, was chosen "Lassie Queen" at the annual Shorthorn field day held at the farm of Keith Barrett, Lot 16, in July. She was

Byelection Called By N.B. Gov't

FREDERICTON (CP) — A by-election to fill a vacancy in the New Brunswick Legislature left by the death of former provincial secretary Donald C. Harper of Middle Sackville will be held in Westmorland County Sept. 27, it was announced here Wednesday by Premier Louis J. Robichaud.

Nominations will be received by returning officer Amance LeBlanc not later than noon, Sept. 13.

The by-election in the four-seat constituency became necessary with Mr. Harper's death May 4. First elected to the Legislature in 1952, he was returned to office in general elections in 1956, 1960 and 1963.

reserve grand champion female.

Mr. Smallman also showed the champion junior bull. He was awarded the Fred White and Son special prize for the group.

Hilton E. Barbour showed the champion senior male and the reserve champion junior female. The reserve champion senior male and the reserve champion senior female were shown, by Fred C. Ramsay. Mr. Ramsay also showed the best three animals, get of one sire.

ANGUS WINNERS
In the Angus class C.W. Hayes and son showed the grand champion female, and were winners of both senior and junior female championships.

Harry Lewis showed the reserve champion senior female and the best three animals, get of one sire, and the best junior herd.

SHORTHORN CLASS
In the Shorthorn class, Alden G. Gamble showed the grand champion and reserve grand champion females, the champion and reserve champion senior bull, the best senior herd, the best group of three animals and the best two animals, progeny of dam.

Nilford Ellis and Son showed the grand champion male, the champion junior female, reserve champion junior female, best junior herd and best three animals. The champion junior bull was shown by Arthur Wallace. In the poultry division all first

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Showers Miss Forest Fire Along N.S. Medway River

MILL VILLAGE, N.S. (CP) — Unlucky forest fire fighters near this southwestern Nova Scotia community continued hard at work Wednesday as widely scattered showers drenched some areas of the province but missed a 2,300-acre inferno in prime timber stands along the nearby Medway River.

Six big bulldozers battled their way from the salmon stream to Burnaby Lake in search of water for the men fighting the blaze, destroying a valuable tree farm on Bowaters Mersey Paper Co. property 10 miles north of Liverpool.

Heavy rain showers — some areas received up to half an inch in brief downpours during the night and Wednesday — gave considerable assistance to men battling a 400-acre blaze near the Annapolis Valley community of Dalhousie West. While still out of control, that fire was static after consuming two unoccupied homes and a barn since it broke out Sunday.

Lack of rain to slow down the fires and replenish supplies for tanker trucks and pumping units was a major problem facing fire crews. The Medway, 100 yards wide in spots from bank to bank, was down to a comparative stream. "You can walk right across it anywhere," one lands and forests department spokesman said.

The scenic river is lined in spots with large overhanging trees which lean towards each other from opposite banks, presenting a serious danger the fire will jump the river if it starts to "crown".
Three-quarters of a mile from the flames and in their path, although it lies across the river,

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MORE HOT WEATHER
What aid the weather gave firefighters Wednesday appeared to be all they would get for the next 24 hours, as a generally sunny, dry day with temperatures in the 70s was forecast for today.