

Bond Issue Beats Defeat For Russians

By WILLIAM N. OATIS
UNITED NATIONS (AP)—The Soviet Union and its Communist allies find themselves beaten on the question of United Nations bonds even if the UN fails to sell the whole issue of \$300,000,000.

More than a score of countries, including Canada, have agreed to put their money on the line in opposition to the Soviet stand.

Cuba, Belgium and France voted with the Soviet bloc against the bonds project. The vote in the general assembly was 46 to 13 for the issue, with 83 countries abstaining or absent.

Two months ago Acting Secretary-General U Thant sent out his first bond-selling letters. Twenty-two countries have since stated their intention of buying more than \$150,000,000 in bonds, in some cases subject to legislative approval. Three have already bought \$5,750,000 worth—Denmark, Finland and Norway.

INCLUDE NEUTRALS

The intended buyers include the United States, Britain and West Germany. They also include Asian neutrals (Burma, Ceylon and India), African neutrals (Ethiopia and Sudan) and European neutrals (Austria and Sweden).

Other announced purchasers are Canada, Liberia, Nigeria, Malaysia, Pakistan, Australia, Ireland, Iceland and Ireland.

Facing a deficit, Thant suggested the bond issue because less than a third of the mem-

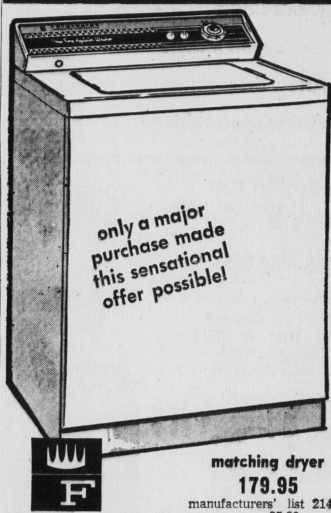
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Rare Baby Case Found In Canada

By AL COLLETTI
ENGLAND (CP)—A country-wide test of babies begun by thirty doctors 18 months ago has discovered for the first time in Canada a case of phenylketonuria, a rare genetic condition that leads to severe mental retardation.

As the result of the early discovery of this condition in a baby at Picton, Ont., there is a chance to treat it with a rigid, special diet.

Commonly referred to in medicine as PKU, Phenylketonuria occurs only once in 20,000 live births.

The College of General Practice of Canada sent to more than 2,000 doctors a test kit for PKU, urging the family doctors to test all newly born babies before the age of two months. The test is simple, involving applying a few drops of ferric chloride to a wet diaper. If the child is suffering from PKU, its urine turns the chemical green.

The Picton case was discovered two weeks ago and made known to colleagues at the sixth annual scientific assembly of the Canadian Pacific liner that is bearing the end of an eight-day Caribbean cruise.

More than 500 general practitioners, more than half from small communities across Canada, are attending five days of scientific sessions.

The PKU case was discovered by Dr. F. W. Murphy of Picton, in the sixth of a family whose other five children are normal.

LACKS AN ENZYME

PKU is a condition in which a child is born lacking an enzyme needed to enable the body to handle phenylalanine, a substance found in a normal diet. The child has normal intelligence at birth because of the protection of the mother, but if the condition is not discovered before the child is six months old it causes severe damage to the developing brain.

Ninety per cent of untreated PKU patients have an intelligence quotient of less than 20 and face institutional care that sometimes lasts many years and costs the government an estimated \$3,000 a year.

A special diet developed in 1950 now reduces mental retardation so that the child will acquire an IQ of 70 or more. Such a child can be trained to have a useful place in society.

In some instances early treatment...

ment seems able to prevent mental retardation entirely.

Dr. W. A. Cochrane, associate professor of pediatrics at Dalhousie University, Halifax, who presented a paper on mental retardation, said PKU is the turning point in the attitude of family doctors toward mental retardation. Often doctors looked on mentally retarded cases as hopeless and spent little time on them. Now that treatment was available for one case, the emphasis had swung from hopelessness to prevention.

The booklet was first published by the RCAF's recreational branch in 1958 for service use. In the past, several foreign air forces including the U.S., had been permitted to reprint a limited number for their own personnel without charge by Canada.

SUCCESS CONDITIONAL

Success of the negotiations is believed to hinge on final parliamentary approval of Canadian membership in the copyright agreement. The required changes in Canada's Copyright Act have been given Senate endorsement and now await similar approval from the Commons.

The international agreement would protect the copyright of Canadian books sold in quantity in the United States. At present the U.S. gives copyright protection to Canadian printed books up to a maximum of 1,500 copies.

If the negotiations are successful, it is understood a private Canadian firm would get the printing contract.

Uranium Sales Are Expected

OTTAWA (CP) — The Commons received a further indication that Britain will fulfill a 1957 commitment to buy 12,000 tons of Canadian uranium.

The indication was given in the annual report of Eldorado Mining and Refining Limited, Crown-owned uranium agency, tabled in the House by Trade Minister Hees.

The report states that uranium has contributed \$1,400,000,000 to the Canadian economy in less than 20 years. It adds that by the time current and foreseeable contracts have been completed the value of Canadian uranium sales will have risen to about \$1,700,000,000.

The 1957 British commitment was to buy 12,000 tons of uranium at \$3 a pound—a total of \$182,000,000. The uranium was to be delivered between mid-1963 and the end of 1968.

However, current speculation is that Canada will reduce the price to about \$5 a pound and that deliveries will not start until after 1966. Deliveries may not be completed until 1970.

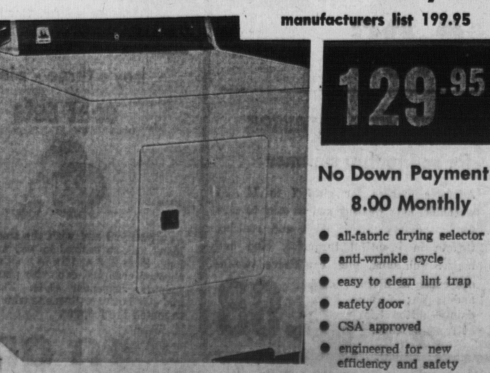
Interest Rate Eases Slightly

OTTAWA (CP)—Average interest rate of this week's issue of 91-day government treasury bills eased to 8.00 per cent from 8.12 last week, the Bank of Canada reported Thursday.

The treasury bill rate, generally considered an indicator of conditions in the short-term money market, has been fluctuating around the present level since the start of the year.

The Bank of Canada interest rate, which is set at one-quarter of one per cent above the treasury bill rate, declined to 2.34 per cent from 2.37. The bank rate is the minimum charge by the central bank on its inter-bank loans to chartered banks.

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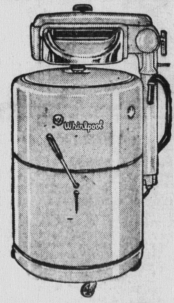
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