

Canada Using Imports And Capital In Record Volume

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OTTAWA (CP)—A voracious economy consuming imports and foreign capital at record volumes produced a deficit of \$771,000,000 in Canada's international trade for the first six months of this year. It was an all-time high for any six-month period in Canadian history. It was more than double the \$343,000,000 deficit in the corresponding period last year and already well over the total deficit of \$692,000,000 for all of 1955. Driven by unprecedented movements of imports that resulted in a record commodity trade deficit during the six months of \$454,000,000 compared to the \$208,000,000 unfavorable balance for all of last year, the figure seems destined to reach new heights before the year sharp decline.

TIMELY NOTES ON FUR TOPICS

Barry's Inc., new Denver, Colorado, fur specialty store had a very auspicious opening. It was featured by a large number of the choicest live mink in 15 different colors that were displayed in a specially constructed and lighted part of the store. It is expected that the display of mink will make the Denver and surrounding parts more fur conscious and lead to a great many sales of mink items.

George Hazen of the Department of Trade and Commerce, has an article in the current issue of "Foreign Trade", a department magazine, in which he states that many Canadian exporters in recent years have turned to Latin American countries in search of new markets for their goods. Despite a chronic shortage of dollars, and foreign exchange and import restrictions in some of these countries that make trade difficult, there are sales possibilities for many Canadian products. One of these products is raw furs. Effective promotion could pave the way for sales of Canadian raw furs in these areas. He points out specifically Colombia, Peru and Uruguay.

LUXURY FURS
Mr. Hazen states that many people with money to spend who live in warm and even tropical climates look upon a fur jacket or stole as essential to gracious living. There is a definite demand there for high-quality fur pieces. Most of the purchases of this nature today are made by those who can afford to travel abroad, buying their furs in Europe or the United States. He stated that while Colombia is not an important market, there is a local garment-making industry that might respond favorably to offers from Canadian exporters of raw furs.

Import restrictions are severe but not entirely prohibitive. The duty on raw fur skins is \$1.82 per pound plus 25 per cent ad valorem on the c.i.f. value. In addition, imports of raw furs must be paid for with exchange at the free rate of 475 per cent one dollar, and are subject to a stamp tax of 100 per cent ad valorem in addition to duty. The bright spot, however, is that Colombia's production of raw furs is negligible and the country must depend on imports to satisfy demand. Peru, like Colombia, has little or no local production, but it does have a fairly well-organized manufacturing industry which makes it the country one of the most attractive potential raw fur markets in South America.

A major drawback is the question of high duties. The customs tariff on furs such as beaver, red fox and lynx is \$10.62 per pound; marten, otter, mink and blue silver fox, \$18.91 per pound. In addition there is an internal tax of 13.66 per cent and the next cent Navy Fund Tax. Local production is quite important in Uruguay's domestic fur industry, but no furs are exported. The rate of duty on raw fur skins is 78 per cent ad valorem. Reliable information is difficult to obtain about the fur industry in Argentina. There is a fur-manufacturing industry in the country and, apparently, all furs used are obtained locally.

MINK SALES
Fur auction companies in Canada plan to hold their first mink sales of the new season December 4th through December 8th. Dates were agreed by auction companies representatives in discussions with the executive of the Canada Mink Breeders' Association at the annual conference recently held in Regina, Sask. In Montreal the Canadian Fur Auction Sales Company (Quebec) Ltd. will open the mink season in Canada at its special mink sale December 4th with its second mink sale December 22nd. The Hudson's Bay Company, Montreal, will open its mink selling December 17th and its second mink sale December 17th. In Vancouver Western Canadian Fur Sales, Ltd. will open mink selling December 5th and 6th, second sale December 20th. In Winnipeg the Soudack Fur Auction Co. will open December 8th to be followed December 18th by the Dominion Fur Sales, Ltd.

E. Berlin Tears Down Barriers
BERLIN (Reuters)—East Berlin workmen today began tearing down road barriers, West Berlin down road barriers at the East-pollice said Wednesday. East German authorities had set up 37 such road barriers—fences, steel poles, walls, ditches or steel barriers—after the city's split in 1949 and especially after the riots of June 18, 1953. This was to prevent East Berliners trying to crash border police posts in attempts to reach West Berlin. No barriers were set up on another 49 street crossings but these were under permanent guard by East Berlin police.

West Berlin officials said Wednesday's action appeared to be one of a series of moves by the Communists to do away with certain "pinprick measures" which have made life difficult for Berliners in the last few years.

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NEW PEARL TYPE
A new type of pearl mink is going on the market soon and an EMBA trade mark is being considered for it. This news was given in the Canadian Mink Breeders' annual conference at Regina, last week by Albert Woodley of New York, who handles both the EMBA mutation and CMB Majestic dark mink advertising programs. It was stated that enough pelts of this new pearl type are now available to make a first presentation to the market by auction sales. Mr. Woodley said he was just back from Europe and could report that North American mink now was being shown "importantly" in all countries for collections. Overseas EMBA advertising has now been extended to Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. An important step was taken at the conference by voting the executive committee powers to set up a fund to promote mutation small pieces in Canada.

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Blasts Clergy For Time Spent Outside Parish
HALIFAX (CP)—Ven. Archdeacon R. Fowlow of Lunenburg, N.S., Wednesday criticized the time clergymen spent at conferences and meetings outside their parishes, when they "should be at home carrying out their functions."

Speaking at the annual synod of the Anglican Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, the clergyman said he referred specifically to rural clergy.

He was convinced, he said, that clergy do not know enough about rural work and things, but we can be interested in the problems of rural life without going to conferences."

Importance of a strong rural church was stressed by Rev. G. S. Tanton of Tangier, N.S. "Without a strong rural church," he said, "there would be no church at all."

The meeting also recorded its approval of changing the name of the church to the Anglican Church of Canada from the Church of England in Canada.

R. V. Frear of Saint John, N.B., was elected treasurer and Canon A. R. Kelley of Montreal was re-elected registrar.

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Indian Claims 167 Years Old
NEW YORK (AP)—A tiny Indian from Colombia, who may be the oldest man in the world, came here Wednesday to let scientists try to find out if he actually is 167 years old as some persons have estimated.

An airline stewardess who got a marriage proposal on the plane that brought him from Miami found it hard to believe that Javier Pereira could be 167.

So did reporters who saw him gesturing at them as he came off the plane, and then mimicking them as they took notes about him.

A scientist in Colombia who is an expert on human age has said physical tests prove Pereira is more than 120 years old. Other estimates have placed his age as high as 167.

Pereira himself has no idea how old he is. He can't read or write and speaks a mixture of ancient Spanish and his native Indian language.

A shrivelled four-foot-four and 75 pounds, Pereira has skin like well-tanned leather and his jet-black hair has only a touch of white.

Pereira is reported to have been married five times and is looking for a sixth—a fat wife, and one who can support him."

Moffat's Ltd. Fined \$500
TORONTO (CP)—Moffat's Ltd., convicted of trying to fix the resale price of refrigerators it manufactures, Friday was found guilty of a breach of the Combines Act and fined \$500.

The company was charged with trying to induce two appliance dealers to sell refrigerators and stoves at a price not less than a minimum it suggested.

At the hearing last week the company argued that it suggested the price of an appliance to the dealer only if it paid part of the dealer's advertising costs.

If the dealer had no such advertising agreement with the company he could charge any price he liked.

Burma's Plans For Future Call For Many Teachers

OTTAWA (CP)—Part of Burma's blueprint for the future is providing her own technical personnel, says an Ottawa teacher who recently returned from the colorful Far East country.

Victor N. Bruce, vice-principal of one of the capitals' large high schools, spent nearly a year on a UNESCO mission in Burma. Burma's planned expansion in agriculture, industry and mining will require a considerable number of technical personnel which the Burmese government has never had, Mr. Bruce told a reporter.

But the country of pagodas is no longer satisfied with just borrowing technical experts from other countries. Burma wants to train her own technicians.

Mr. Bruce said this will be a long term project for Burma, where science teaching now is "bookish" and experimental apparatus is scarce.

The Canadian's specific task was to advise Burmese educational officials on the training of science teachers and the actual teaching of science at all school levels.

"But the real need is for trained teachers and the same is true for Canada and every other country," he said.

FUNK BACK IN PRISON
BERLIN (AP)—Walter Funk, 65, economics minister during the Hitler regime, was returned to Spandau war crimes prison Saturday after recovery from an operation. The operation, for removal of gallstones, was performed Aug. 23 in West Berlin's British military hospital. Funk was sentenced to life imprisonment for war crimes.

U.S. FLOW DROPS
Combined with the record of \$454,000,000 deficit in commodity trade was a \$317,000,000 adverse balance in capital investment, interest and dividends, freight and shipping costs, tourist spending and similar "invisibles." This compared with the \$294,000,000 deficit for the first half of last year.

The flow of U.S. money into Canada declined slightly in the six-month period to \$227,000,000 from \$237,000,000 a year earlier.

However, it was more than doubled from the U.K. to \$40,000,000 from \$18,000,000 and from other countries rose to \$50,000,000 from \$39,000,000.



MASTER SALESMAN'S AWARD
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Chinese Minister Of Defence Says Air Force Not Weak Now

PEIPING (Reuters)—Defence Minister Peng Teh-huai said Tuesday Communist China is "no longer a country with a weak air force."

Speaking to the eighth Communist party congress, Peng also said the country's armed forces now have 2,700,000 fewer men than its largest force at the time of the "liberation" in 1949.

Peng, who is a member of the Chinese politburo, said China agreed with the Soviet Union's proposals on disarmament. When an accord is reached, he added, China is willing to make further reductions.

Peng said that although China is not up to the standard of countries with big air forces, "we are no longer a country with a weak air force."

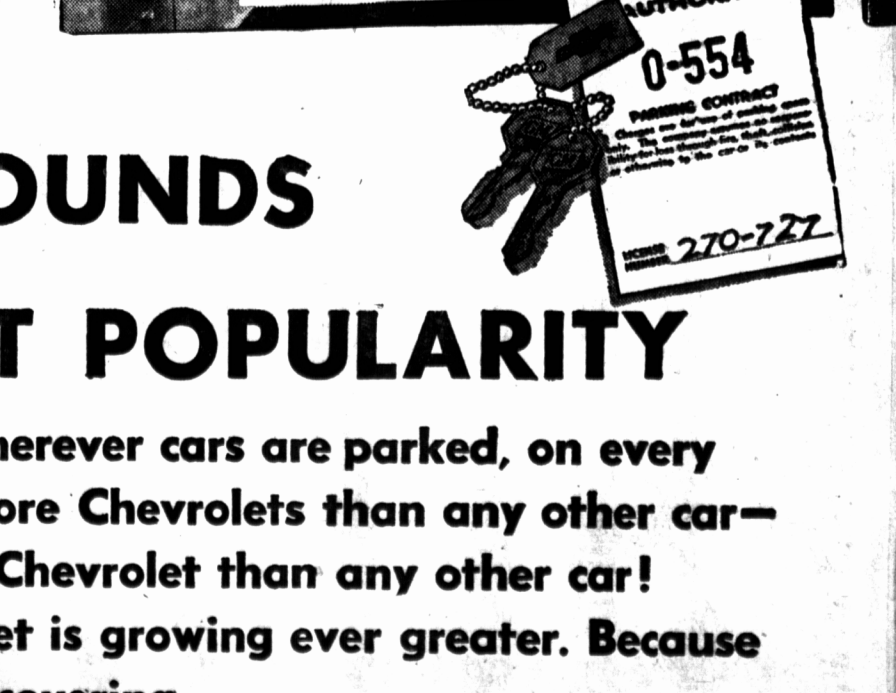
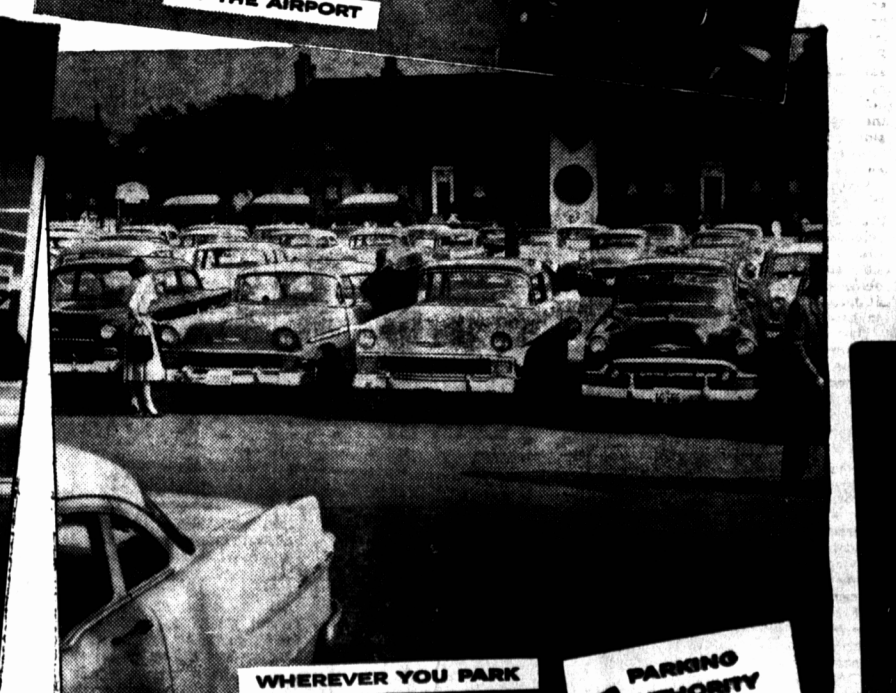
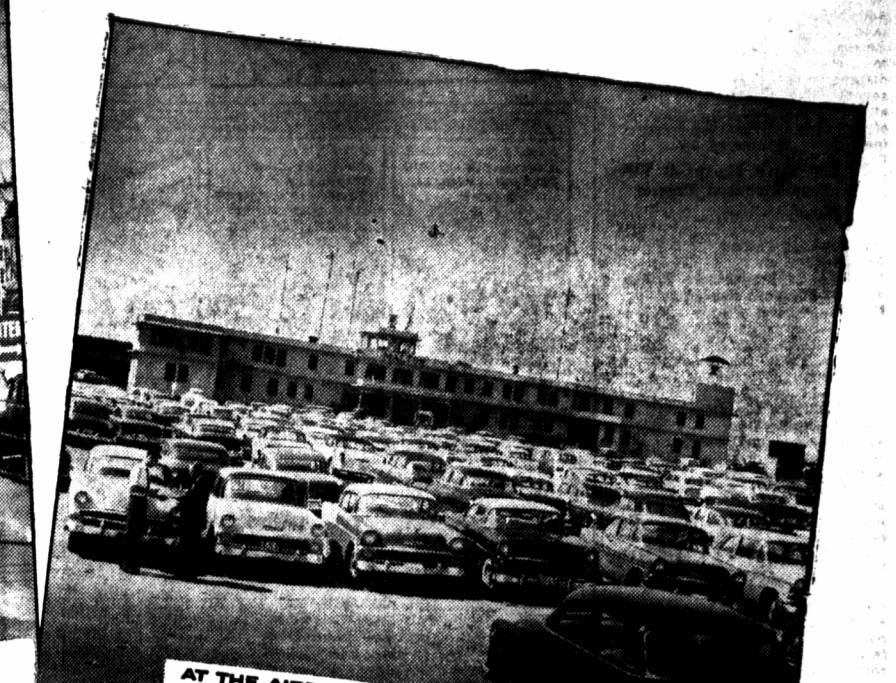
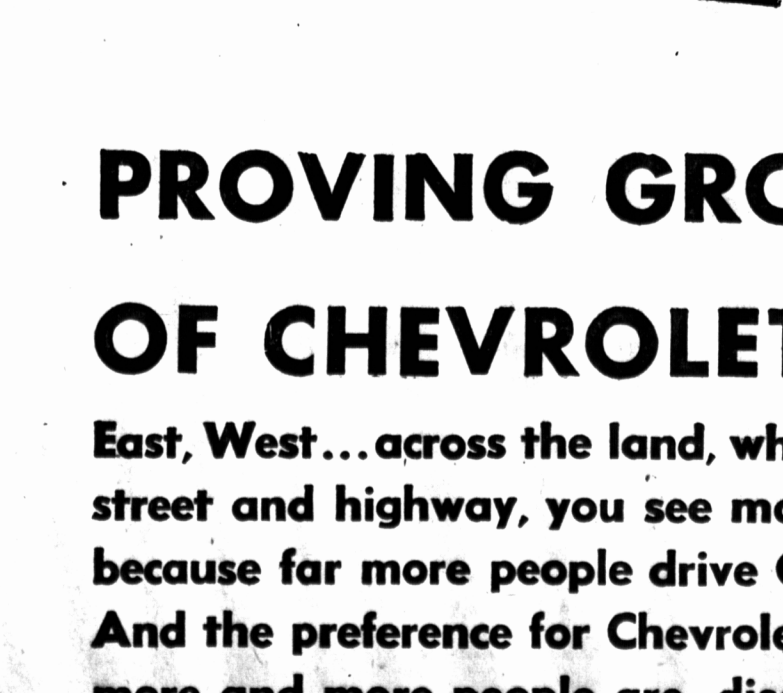
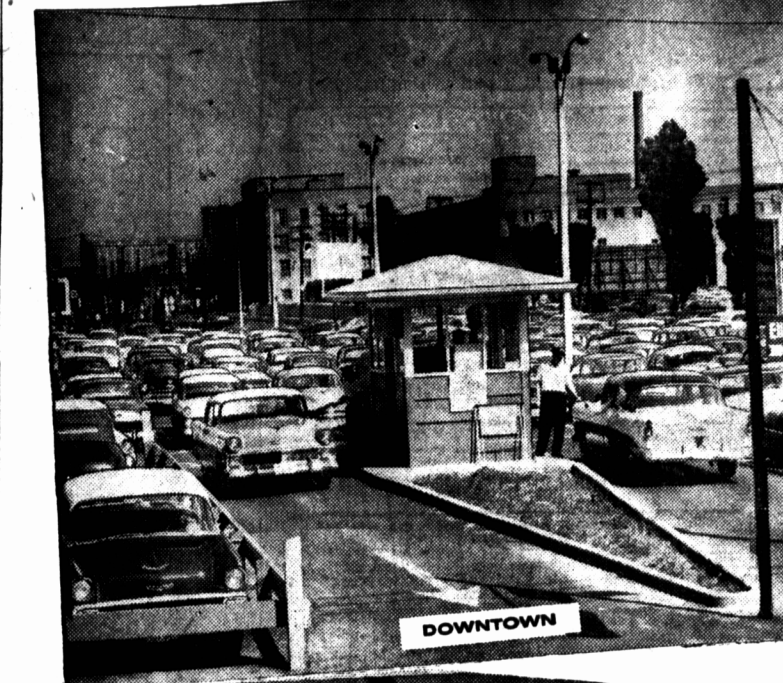
He added: "We have never considered and will never consider aggression against other countries."

But, he added, although there is a tendency toward "international relaxation of tension," "the imperialists are not willing to give up their policy of hostility toward the Chinese people."

Peng stated that the purpose of the army is to defend China and its "socialist construction" and to be prepared to liberate Taiwan (Formosa) at any time.

China needs an environment of prolonged peace and a modern revolutionary army, he said.

Peng urged China's armed forces to study the work of the Soviet Union and other Communist countries. "But we should also study the military problems of capitalist countries so that not only will we have an understanding of ourselves but also of the other party."



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