



PLENTY OF PROTECTION

Automatic Weapons provide protection for President Manuel Urrutia de Cuba as he arrives to address a student rally at the University of Havana. The President was accompanied by several members of his cabinet. (AP Wirephoto)

AMONG THE FARMERS

Federation of Agriculture Newsletter

The 1959 annual meeting of the P.E.I. Federation of Agriculture takes place next Monday in Charlottetown. This meeting is of course one attended only by the some 55 county and provincial directors. Membership meetings are held in each county during the fall and in these meetings originate many of the matters which will be considered next Monday.

In order that both the membership and the public may be informed of what transpires representatives of the press are welcomed to the meeting. While there are some very real disadvantages involved in confining the meeting to one day practical considerations make it quite difficult for most directors to remain overnight. Certainly if the meeting could be extended over two or three days with sessions open to the public greater interest would be developed and a much broader cross section of opinion be made available.

Included in the agenda of the meeting are of course the usual reports by officers, the financial statement, resolutions, a report from the chairman of the A.P.E.C. agricultural committee, remarks by the minister of agriculture and a report on progress in potato organization.

WIDER MARKETS

With an increase of 47 millions last year in the world's population and an expected gain of 50 million for this year producers of food the world over at least have the prospect of more customers. In 1958 China gained 15 million, India 6 million, Russia 3.6 million, The United States 2.6 million. By 1960 it is estimated that the world will have a population of 4 billion people, a number which should mean greatly increased consumption of food provided the problem of distribution can be solved.

FARM SURPLUSES

The agricultural surplus problem remains far from solution.

This problem has been discussed by the FAO and many other international groups. Proposals to remedy the situation have been put forward and are under review. North American stocks are still immense. Surpluses of dairy products have become increasingly serious in Europe. Stocks of butter accumulated in Sweden Finland and Ireland were sold at subsidized prices in the United Kingdom, the only market without quota restrictions on butter imports.

This problem of surpluses has spread to coffee in Latin America. Although the total volume of trade moving under special terms probably has been smaller in 1957-58, reflecting the decline in over-all United States activity, a larger number of countries have had to resort to export subsidies or other concessions to reduce surplus stocks.

MONSTER EGG STATION

What is claimed to be the biggest and best equipped egg packing station in Europe has recently been opened in England. This station has a capacity of 9,000 cases or over three million eggs a week. One automatic packing machine keeping pace with a 60-egg-an-hour trader has been installed. One feature of this machine is its ability to pack every egg right side up.

CROSS ROADS

As the Canadian farmer peers down the various paths that he may follow in 1959 he sees none that are smooth, brightly lighted and without obstructions. One road which is carrying an ever increasing number of travellers is the "Contract Farming and Vertical Integration Highway". On this road gas is supplied on credit and along with it some free advice, however, there is the danger of the traveller becoming an employee of the gas station.

Another road is marked with support prices, subsidies, deficiency payments and the possibility of traffic cops in government clothes telling the farmer what he may produce and how much he may market. Far over to the right is "The Go It Yourself Trail" not one which is very popular with other sections of the Canadian economy with their love for guaranteed annual wage, unemployment insurance, tariffs and welfare projects.

The farmer who travels this trail will need more than the usual fortitude, capital and management ability. As the farmer glances behind him he sees ex-

Increase Cape Breton Coal Mine Production After Cut

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HALIFAX (CP) — Dominion Steel and Coal Corporation has stepped up production in its Cape Breton coal mines to meet an increased domestic demand in eastern New Brunswick, parts of Prince Edward Island and northern Nova Scotia.

Vice-president H. C. M. Gordon, general manager of Dosco's coal operations, said in a telephone interview from Sydney, Tuesday that increased demand among home owners has developed in marketing areas formerly supplied by a mine at Springhill, N.S. It was closed after an Oct. 23 underground cave-in claimed 75 lives.

Mr. Gordon said the Springhill closure, coupled with high demands in Newfoundland and in St. Lawrence ports, had contributed to the shortage. Unusually cold weather has aggravated the situation.

BUYS U.S. COAL

Coal dealers in Moncton, N.B., and Prince Edward Island have reported increased purchase of United States coal to meet the shortage.

Mr. Gordon said Dosco is planning to produce more "round coal," the popular domestic variety. He said some dealers "wanted only preferred coal" and some would rather wait than accept anything other than this.

We are now making preparations to produce an additional tonnage.

"We asked all coal dealers to take in coal early in the autumn. They just didn't do it. Coal is not like water in a tap that can be turned on and off when you please."

Charlottetown coal dealer H. B. Weeks said he plans to buy no more Nova Scotia coal. He said Prince Edward Island dealers received slow service and were often "left flat" by mainland producers.

SIX WEEKS IN TRANSIT

"Those people... are not interested in selling coal," Mr. Weeks said. Some orders were as long as six weeks in transit.

Virginia coal dealers, on the other hand, acknowledged orders within 24 hours. Mr. Weeks said the coal is clean and screened "with less than a wheelbarrow load of slate in most cars."

However another Charlottetown dealer, H. R. Large, said he was "a bit leary" of American coal. The quality was inconsistent.

A spokesman for G. G. Crowson Coal Company in Moncton said coal from Cumberland Railway and Coal Company's Springhill mines "was always very popular. We will miss Springhill coal as long as we are in business."

tending back over a period of ten years many wrecked farms which have come into collision with increased costs and decreased returns. In that period of time almost half a million travellers on this rural highway have departed for the concrete and asphalt streets of industrial centers in central Canada.

FARMER CITIZEN

Recently come to our desk is a new book "Farmer Citizen" by W. C. Good, an Ontario farmer, who after graduating in 1900 from the University of Toronto, majoring in physics, chemistry and honour English spent 50 years making a success of his farm and developing farm organizations and co-operatives.

"Farmer Citizen" tells not only Mr. Good's story but it tells the story of farmer's attempts to set up organizations which would improve their lot in life, of their experiments with political parties and of their failures in that connection. This book is an intensely interesting portrayal of the growth of farm organizations and should be prescribed reading for present day leaders of farm organizations.

THE POST ADVISES

The financial Post, no great admirer of either labour unions or farm organizations, recently suggests that labour unions have seriously impaired their influence with government and the general public by officially identifying themselves with a political party. Says the Post, "Much wiser are the organized farmers of Canada, who, having had a fling at organizing their own political parties in the past, are understandably wary of this new adventure."

Farmers unions in both Manitoba and Saskatchewan have shown no enthusiasm and considerable distaste for the idea of committing themselves to the support of a farmer-labor party.

The farmers are already a powerful block ready to be wooed by everyone who seeks office and definitely not to be spurned by the party in power. If they went within a political party—committed in advance to its support—they would be dissipating their influence.

ness." But he said Dosco "isn't too prompt" with shipments from Cape Breton.

The spokesman said Dosco's mechanized mining equipment "produces too much slack coal and not enough lump coal." In Moncton, Virginia coal retails for \$24 a ton and Sydney coal sells for \$21.50.

Film Comic Ordered To Cut Down A Bit

HOLLYWOOD, (AP) — Jerry Lewis, a \$7,000,000 corporation with a perforated ulcer and heart trouble, has been ordered to cut his activities by half.

"I'll try," says Jerry, "but you know me. I do three songs every-time the light goes on when I open the refrigerator."

Family and friends long have urged him to cut down. He's in his Paramount office at 7 a.m., often stays late at night.

"I don't call it work when I'm doing something I love. Hard work, if you like what you're doing, never hurt anyone."

Jerry's last attack was serious enough for Dr. Paul Dudley White, President Eisenhower's heart specialist, to be consulted.

WORTH IT

"It cost a lot of money for Dr. White to make a report on my electro-cardiogram," says Jerry, "but it was worth it. I learned that the most dangerous thing in life is aggravation, especially ag-

grivation over trivial things.

"Five minutes aggravation a day can do more damage than a fifth of bourbon twice a day."

Jerry estimated that his illness personally cost him \$200,000, including a \$100,000 Miami cafe engagement. The comic's personal weekly payroll for his staff is \$8,000. It went on although he boss was home sick for six weeks.

It also cost producer Hal Wallis, who was making Don't Give Up the Ship when Jerry collapsed.

NO LETUP

Jerry says he's trying to take it easier. But the other night when her premiered Geisha Boy, it was the same old Jerry Lewis.

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