

# Report Butter Surplus Is Biggest In History

(By Harold Morrison, Canadian Press Staff Writer)

OTTAWA, (CP)—The government likely will enter the new butter production year next May with the biggest unsold butter stockpile in price-support history.

The surplus at the end of the current butter year, April 30, may range between 30,000,000 and 35,000,000 pounds, biggest since the government's price-support program started in 1948, federal authorities estimated Monday.

The previous high was 20,000,000 pounds in 1949. Last year it was 19,000,000. During 1953 Canada's creamery butter production soared to 393,000,000 pounds, second only to the all-time of 312,000,000 in 1943.

### Predict New Peak

And while federal experts are pondering the problems of the anticipated peak surplus, indications are that production in 1954 may rise even above the 1953 level, adding to the government's disposal problems.

Dairy industry spokesmen estimated butter stocks on May 1, including that held by the government and the trade—will be about 46,900,000 pounds. Production in 1954 is expected to soar to a new high of 323,000,000.

This, they anticipate, will make 370,000,000 pounds available for Canadian consumers. But actually the market will take only 278,600,000, pushing the unsold surplus on May 1, 1955, to a new high of 91,400,000 pounds.

The feeling among dairy farmers and the trade is that the government either must take some action to dispose of the surplus on foreign markets—and these markets already are crowded and prices down—or move to curtail the Canadian market for margarine. The dairy trade favors the latter move.

### Consumption Down

The trade estimates butter consumption in Canada, though gradually picking up, is still down over the long-term period. Creamery butter consumption totalled 286,000,000 pounds in 1953, down 20,000,000 from 306,000,000 in 1948, though up from 277,000,000 in 1950.

Meanwhile, margarine production is running about 106,000,000 pounds a year. Since margarine sells for about 20 cents a pound less than butter, farmers are concerned that the market for margarine may increase as unemployment grows and housewives search for lower-priced foods.

The dairy industry has called for an excise tax or some other government method to boost the margarine price and bring it closer in line with butter.

But rather than impose a tax on margarine, the government may continue to offer price-protection on butter through its support program. If necessary, it either will carry the surplus into the next butter year or seek to dispose of it on the world market, where the price currently is about 42 cents a pound, 16 cents below the federal support price of 58.

That 58 cents will continue to be paid to farmers in the new butter year. The government will continue to offer to buy all surplus production at the support price, storing the stockpile and offering it to the trade during the winter months at 61 cents a pound wholesale—its current resale price.

### HUGE WOOL TRADE

CANBERRA — (CP) — Official figures show Australia exported wool valued at \$486,000,000 during the last six months of 1953. The shipments were \$70,800,000 higher than in the same period of 1952.

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# U. S. Aid Plans For Japan Differ From Germany

By J. M. ROBERTS, Jr., Associated Press News Analyst

There's a good bit of difference between the new United States military aid arrangements with Japan and the proposals to bring Germany into the Western defence setup.

The various treaties now before European parliaments would incorporate German strength directly into Western arrangements for meeting any war that develops. Where the European Army goes, Germany would go.

For Japan, on the other hand, the present arrangement is merely for an increase of some 40,000 men in her internal security force which now numbers 120,000. It does not require her to send troops abroad in any contingency, or even to have them already for incorporation in any Allied force which might be formed in an emergency.

It is important as a first step to permit withdrawal of allied forces from Japan—meaning primarily United States forces—and that is a long time off.

For true incorporation of Japan into the free world defence lineup it would be necessary to revise her constitution which, since the war, forbids organization of a real all-purpose army. Foreign observers are convinced this would be an extremely difficult process.

### Women Opposed

Japan's women, especially with their newly-won free participation in political affairs, are reported determined that their husbands and sons shall not be again subject to draft. If the United States attempts to influence a constitutional revision, she will be met by the argument that she herself, only a few years ago, was largely responsible for the ban on reorganizing the army.

The Japanese are not as anxious as are the Germans to clear their country of occupation troops.

The new agreement still to be approved by the Japanese Diet, follows the pattern of mutual assistance arrangements the U.S. has made with other nations. Japan agrees to defend herself as far as possible with the presumption that she will progress toward assumption of the whole job. That would leave the United States with Okinawa as its chief wholly controlled military base in the Far East, and it is primarily a strategic air centre. The big island was captured from Japan during the war and the United States has made it clear she intends to keep it as long as a disturbed world situation requires it.

# Communist Press Developing New Line On Canada

By BILL BOSS, Canadian Press Staff Writer

MOSCOW, (CP)—The Communist press, if an article in Izvestia is any criterion, is developing a new line on Canada.

Until now, the old theme recurring in articles every two or three months has had a shyder Canadian government linked with Canadian big business and selling Canada down the river to American monopolists.

The new approach has Canada defending her national interests against "the embezzlement of the country's wealth by the American monopolies and the strategic designs of the Pentagon."

Izvestia's writer, A. Milekovsky, says the United States, under the guise of "continental strategy" has gripped Canada's economy.

The Soviet paper refers to the Alaska highway and U.S. defence bases in Canada, American influence in Canada's north and mentions the joint defence government of 1947 between Canada and the U.S.

Izvestia does not mention that

the Alaska highway was a joint project and that most of Canada's "American bases" were inherited when Newfoundland joined the Dominion. It also does not mention the role of federal and provincial governments as watchdogs over Canada's resources.

jected St. Lawrence seaway is another step in U.S. "continental strategy" threatening Canada's resources with increased exploitation. It does not mention Canada's extended efforts to get U.S. co-operation in the seaway project. Izvestia makes much of alleged U.S. attempts to export an econo-

mic "crisis" to Canada and says Canada's trade position is "very vulnerable" to U.S. economic conditions. It speaks of Canada's economic dependence on the U.S. reducing her "to the position of a raw-material appendage."

"Wide public circles of Canada are becoming more and more convinced that the so-called continental strategy of the U.S. A. . . serves as a smoke-screen concealing the embezzlement of the country's wealth by the American monopolists," Izvestia concludes.

Lake Erie, most southerly of the five Great Lakes, has a maximum depth of only 215 feet.

PRINCESS ANN W. I. The monthly meeting of Princess Ann Institute was held at the home of Mrs. James Montgomery, St. Margarets, on February 16. Seven members and two visitors, were in attendance. Some cotton was to be purchased and a quilt to be made by members. Next meeting will be March 10, at the home of Mrs. Thomas Peenan. Cape d'or in Nova Scotia got its name from French explorers who mistook its native copper for gold.



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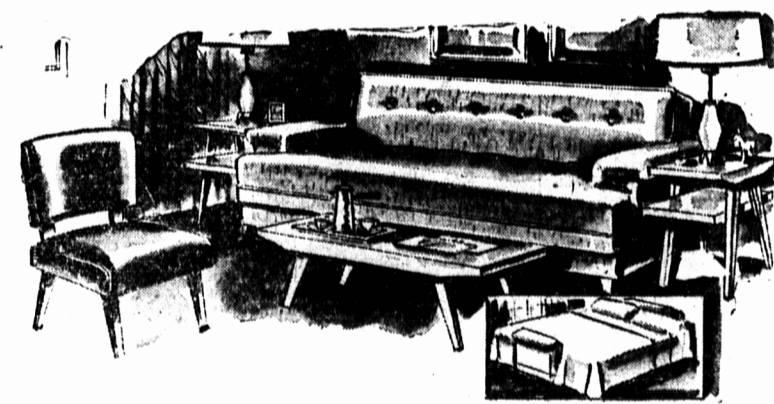


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