

# GATT Plans Scrutiny Of Import Surcharges

By ALAN DONNELLY  
**OTTAWA (CP)** — Canada's controversial import surcharges will come under tough, searching review by its world trading partners at an important conference opening in Geneva in 10 days.

The conference is the annual meeting of the nearly 50 member countries of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade the first such meeting since the Canadian government applied the surcharges June 24 as part of its emergency program to meet the foreign exchange crisis.

The question for the GATT meeting: Does Canada's foreign exchange problem justify granting a waiver for what is, in effect, a departure from GATT trading rules? Similar waivers have been

given in the past to other countries for import barriers thrown up to meet an international payments problem.

One well-informed official here said Canada probably will not get a waiver good for a certain period.

**MORE IMPORTANT ISSUE**

An even more important issue will loom in the background of the Geneva conference, which opens Oct. 22 and is expected to last for three weeks or more.

This is the so-called "Kennedy round" of international tariff-cutting that will result from enactment this week of the U.S. president's trade expansion law which has given the U.S. government unprecedented powers to negotiate broad tariff reductions with the European Common Market and other trading partners.

## Research Council Replies To Businessmen's Criticism

By JOHN F. BIRD  
**OTTAWA (CP)** — The National Research Council says that in the 1961-62 fiscal year it performed 1,500 research jobs for Canadian industry.

The council's statement follows sharp criticism of its role in industrial research by Canadian businessmen at a one-day trade department industrial expansion conference here last month.

At the conference, H. H. Lank president of du Pont of Canada Limited, asked the 400 businessmen if they ever had benefited from industrial research funded by NRC. No one raised his hand.

The annual report of NRC made public Friday does not refer to this incident or to other criticism of the council's contribution to industrial research voiced at the trade conference.

However, a section of the report on the role of NRC in industrial research describes how the council is assisting industry in solving a wide range of problems.

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The first function of NRC, the report says, is to undertake wide programs of objective basic research. It was important, for instance, in developing new aircraft that there be a background of aerodynamic knowledge.

**DID 1,500 JOBS**

NRC's second function was to do applied research under contract or, at the request of industry, to undertake studies and

tests not possible in private laboratories.

"During the last year over 1,500 jobs of this sort were carried out in the council's laboratories," the report says. "NRC scientists" made 3,400 visits to industry.

Thirdly, the council's technical information services answered more than 24,000 technical inquiries in the year. The NRC library provided more than 8,500 scientific reports to 500 industrial firms.

The fourth function was to advise industry on problems such as recruitment of staff and research expenditures. In the year industry approached the council with more than 9,500 inquiries in these areas.

Finally, through its subsidiary Canadian patents and development limited, NRC makes available to industry the inventions arising in its laboratories and elsewhere.

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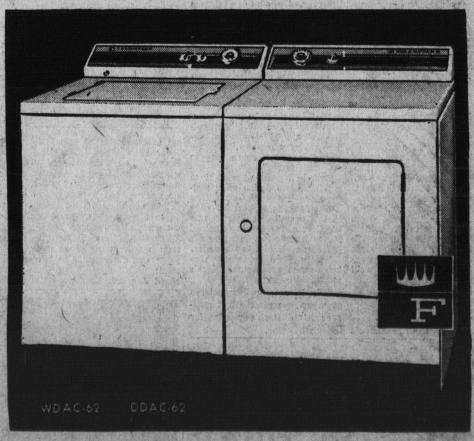
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