

N. Viet Nam Trade Blow Planned By U.S. Unions

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP)—American maritime unions said Friday they will boycott all foreign ships dealing with North Viet Nam unless President Johnson persuades U.S. allies and other non-Communist countries to stop the dealing.

"Our boys are fighting and dying along with the loyal South Vietnamese forces and those of our other allies," the 29-union AFL-CIO Maritime Trades Department said in a telegram to Johnson.

"Trade with North Viet Nam puts blood money in the pocket of ship-owners and other profiteers of so-called allied nations," the telegram added.

The threatened boycott would prevent the loading in U.S. ports of hundreds of foreign vessels from Britain, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, France, Italy, Egypt and other countries, union spokesmen said.

Paul Hall, president of the Maritime Trades Department, said the boycott will begin in 30 days unless Johnson is successful through diplomatic means in stopping the countries from trading with Communist North Viet Nam.

NO REPLY MADE
The telegram to Johnson was sent Monday, union spokesmen said, but there has been no White House reply. In Washington, White House Press Secretary Bill D. Moyers said he had not seen the telegram and declined comment.

The unions said the Johnson administration had ignored union demands to blacklist all ships for fear of offending U.S. allies.

The telegram said a recently-announced U.S. blacklist of five such foreign vessels was only for carrying U.S. government cargoes but not barring them from "a slap on the wrist," preventing U.S. ports to pick up private shipments.

"We believe the time for pussyfooting is long past," the unions told Johnson.

"American seamen and longshoremen are determined to take action to discourage the flow of supplies which strengthens North Viet Nam and their puppets in the Viet Cong (guerrillas of South Viet Nam) in their aggression and thus en-

larges the threat to world peace," the telegram said.

MEETING PLANNED
Hall said the unions will hold a public conference in Washington in the next few weeks, inviting members of Congress and the Johnson administration, to discuss the issue.

The boycott "on all the waterfronts in this country" will begin after the conference unless Johnson by then persuades U.S. allies to stop their North Viet Nam trade.

Indian Prince To See Game
TORONTO (CP)—The 21-year-old Prince of Baroda arrived in Toronto this week to invest up to \$50,000,000 in Canada and to watch a hockey game.

The Indian prince is interested in a Toronto development, Cape Breton base metals and Saskatchewan potash.

But he hopes to reserve tonight for a National Hockey League game here before flying to Nassau, The Bahamas. He said he has seen hockey only on television.

B.C. Group To Seek Fisheries Assistance

VANCOUVER (CP)—A 22-man fisheries union delegation will go to Ottawa today to seek federal action to improve the sagging British Columbia fishing industry, including a \$10,000,000 annual budget for fisheries in the province instead of the \$2,000,000 a year now spent.

The delegation will be led by Homer Stevens, secretary of the United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union (Ind.) and will include representatives from major B.C. fishing points as far north of Prince Rupert.

Mr. Stevens said the delegation will present its proposals to Fisheries Minister Robichaud and other cabinet ministers and members of Parliament.

The brief points out what the union terms a serious situation in the multi-million-dollar B.C. salmon industry which has suffered a steady decline. Last year's catch of 95,500,000 pounds was less than half the average for the years 1951-54.

The union wants a five-year moratorium placed on new fishing licenses; a North Pacific treaty to include Russia, Canada, the U.S. and Japan, providing for an end to all high-seas fishing; and pressure on the U.S. to bring agreement from Alaskan fishermen to stop taking B.C. salmon.

The delegation will spend a week in Ottawa.

49 Below Zero Chills Winnipeg
By THE CANADIAN PRESS
Ontario and Quebec braced Friday for the onslaught of a bitter cold wave that Thursday night established the coldest readings of the century in some areas of Manitoba.

The Ontario weather bureau issued warnings of frigid temperatures and hazardous driving conditions in some areas. Quebec residents were warned to prepare for a continued cold wave that Thursday night sent temperatures to 20 below at Quebec City and 30 below at Noranda.

The cold snap was widespread across the Prairies Thursday night. Winnipeg reported one of the coldest nights in recorded history. Nearly every Manitoba centre reported temperatures lower than 40 below zero. At

Brochet, in northwestern Manitoba, it was 69 below.

ONTARIO FREEZES
Northwestern Ontario suffered the same cold Thursday night, and was warned there was more to come. It was 59 below at Graham, 100 miles northwest of the Lakehead, and 57 below at White River.

And they were warned temperatures may fall below 60 below Friday night.

Temperatures in the rest of Ontario were well below normal Thursday night, and predictions were for even lower marks.

Weather disturbances moving rapidly off the Great Lakes brought forecasts of snow flurries and warnings of hazardous travel conditions in the Niagara Peninsula and Lake Erie areas.

Montreal Has Demonstration
MONTREAL (CP)—Nearly 1,200 chilled, noisy but disciplined demonstrators braved 10 degree temperatures Friday to chant bilingually on the United States consulate doorstep "Yankee go home," and "Viet Nam aux Vietnamiens."

When their 30-minute demonstration ended, they left about 150 assorted placards on the consulate lawn. One of them read: Bomb Johnson for a 'greater' society.

The late afternoon protest-march was a prelude to the appearance, scheduled for later that evening, of Yale University Professor Staughton Lynd, of New Haven, Conn. He was to speak at a public rally sponsored by the Emergency Committee for Peace and Self-determination in Viet Nam.

Manpower Policy Shift Announced At Ottawa



OTTAWA (CP)—Associate Defence Minister Cadieux announced Friday an about-turn in defence department manpower policy.

He said in the commons a bonus will be paid non-commissioned officers and men who sign on for further periods of service. It will amount to \$300 a year for each future year a man agrees to serve.

In the last 18 months, 500 RCAF aircrew and 912 other military personnel have been compulsorily retired—with special bonuses or grants—in a move to cut the strength of the armed forces to 110,000. The strength now is below that figure and still falling.

Mr. Cadieux also said interim pay-increases will be granted the armed forces Oct. 1, 1966, pending a decision on final increases for the ensuing two-year period.

The announcements came during a debate in which opposition MPs charged the armed forces are losing 7,300 men a year because of low morale.

Defence Minister Hellyer informed the Commons Feb. 7 13,142 members of the armed forces quit the services at their own request before normal retirement age between July 1, 1964, and Dec. 31, 1965.

Mr. Hellyer said Feb. 9 the armed forces recruited 10,411 personnel last year but lost 17,698.

Mr. Cadieux said Feb. 14, 33 pilots under the age of 28 quit the RCAF voluntarily in the last two years, compared with 37 in the previous seven years.

EFFECTIVE FEB. 1
Mr. Cadieux said Friday the re-engagement bonus plan to be effective Feb. 1, 1966. It also applies to men now serving re-engagements. Thus an NCO or man who re-enlisted Feb. 1 last year for five years will receive an \$800 bonus for his remaining four years.

Mr. Cadieux said the bonus will cost the defence department about \$27,000,000 in the year ending March 31, 1966. In the 1966-67 fiscal year, the cost would be about \$19,400,000.

Officials said the amount for this fiscal year will come out of the \$65,000,000 which was earmarked for weapons purchases but was not spent.

Like all other income of servicemen, the bonus is taxable. Douglas Harkness, former Conservative defence minister, said Mr. Hellyer has put out a "great deal of propaganda" about cost-cutting.

Re-Enlistment Bonus Offered

Army infantry units had to be filled out by artillerymen, remnants of the 194-45 manpower shortages in the Canadian Army in Northwest Europe.

UNITS 'UNDERMANNED'
Mr. Harkness said every army unit now going overseas is undermanned and has to be filled out by men from other units.

RCAF pilots with engineering degrees were being "drained away" from the technical services and sent back flying.

Mr. Hellyer had found it necessary to send an air vice-marshal to the RCAF station at Trenton, Ont., to try "to stop the flood of withdrawals." But the airman wouldn't buy his talk.

Mr. Harkness said Mr. Hellyer is trying to force his "amateurish theories and prejudices" on the armed forces in trying to act the role of "commander-in-chief." He was determined to introduce new systems and programs against the advice of the military.

The minister had cancelled the naval program for eight frigates he (Mr. Harkness) had initiated, then revived the program under the name of destroyers.

"The minister is learning but it is the most expensive education we have ever had in Canada," Mr. Harkness said.

Harold Winch (NDP—Vancouver East) said recent purchases of weapons are making Canada "the junkyard of obsolete American equipment."

The United States had declared Sidewinder missiles and Voodoo interceptors obsolete "as we buy them," President Johnson announced to Congress that the Northrop F-5 Freedom Fighter would not be bought but Canada went ahead and purchased it and rejected the two planes the U.S. had decided to acquire.

MUST GET BEST
Raymond Langlois (Creditiste—Megantic) said Canada must obtain the best in conventional weapons to defend itself and to help in peacekeeping operations. But there was another role to play—providing food, medical services and clothing for underdeveloped countries.

Social Credit Leader Thompson said the defence department should make more information available to the public. Why hadn't it made known that nine other "allied" countries intended to use the F-5 fighter-bomber.

He identified these countries as Nationalist China, South Korea, Iran, Spain, The Philippines, South Viet Nam, Norway, Greece and Turkey.

Robert McCleave (PC—Halifax) said Mr. Hellyer exuded self-satisfaction in saying effectiveness of the navy had increased.

But warships were tied up for lack of skilled manpower. If this was effectiveness, Mr. Hellyer should put more ships in mothballs.

Fredericton Wins Trophy
OTTAWA (CP)—The Royal Canadian Air Force Association Trophy, awarded annually to the top air cadet squadron in Canada, was won this year by No. 333-Lord Beaverbrook Squadron of Fredericton, N.B.

Sponsored by the RCAF Association wing in Fredericton, the winning squadron last won the coveted award in 1960.

It was won last year by No. 374 St. Lawrence Squadron, St. John's, N.S.

Final Objections Presented To Redistribution Proposals

OTTAWA (CP)—Five more objections against recommendations for new federal electoral boundaries were handed to Commons Speaker Lucien Lamoureux Friday, the final day for handing in protests.

All proposed ridings in Quebec and British Columbia are criticized in two objections, while the proposed Quebec ridings of Dorchester and Temiscouata and the Ontario riding of York East are criticized in the other three.

After a debate in the Commons, the objections—which now total 23 and cover ridings in all provinces except Newfoundland—are referred for consideration back to the independent commissions in the provinces. The commissions may alter their reports but are under no obligation to do so.

With all-party agreement, the Commons slipped through all three stages of a bill amending the Electoral Boundaries Redistribution Act. It provides for the objections to be debated within the next 45 Commons' sitting days.

Previously the debates were to have been started within 15 days of Friday.

Works Minister McIlraith said the change was necessary to allow the Commons to get through other business.

In the general objection to Quebec ridings, the commission there is accused of ignoring geographical considerations, the rate of population growth and communications and transportation problems when setting new boundaries.

Probe Ordered In Fire Deaths
HAMILTON (CP)—An inquest was ordered Friday into the deaths of five Hamilton children in the city's worst fire in 22 years.

Coroner Harold E. Bulford said he expects to set a date for the inquest sometime next week.

The victims were Stanley, 14, and Steven, 9; children of Mrs. and Mrs. William Thatcher, and Kevin, 11, Tracy, 6, and Matthew, 3, children of Mrs. Jean Paul.

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Signs Of Early Vote Stir MPs In Britain
LONDON (CP)—Alarmed members of the Commons began rushing off to their constituencies Friday to prepare for an election battle as the Labor government unveiled new vote-catching legislation that gave emphasis to widespread speculation on a possible March 31 ballot.

So far Prime Minister Wilson has kept the public guessing on his election thoughts but the roar of electioneering echoed as he and his ministers suddenly disclosed plans to ease the burdens of millions of British householders.

One pledged bill will force landlords to sell leasehold property to anxious home-owners. Another plan is to reduce property rates—paid by home-owners as well as those who rent.

A third is to provide more cash for cities faced with acute slum-clearance problems.

50th Anniversary of Cub Movement Marked

Prime Minister Pearson and Ottawa admire plaque presented by the prime minister of the 50th anniversary of the cub movement in Canada.

WOLF CUB RICHARD DAVIS, 9, of

at Ottawa Friday in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the cub movement in Canada. (CP Wirephoto)

Humphrey Lauds Australian Aid
By FRED S. HOFFMAN
CANNBERRA (AP)—U.S. Vice-President Hubert Humphrey told Australians Friday "you are the kind of people we want on our side and whose side we like to be on."

Humphrey will remain here until Sunday getting to know Australia's new prime minister, Harold Holt, cabinet members and parliamentary leaders.

Humphrey will brief the Australians on his impressions in South Viet Nam, Thailand, Laos, Pakistan and India.

They will talk over the Vietnamese war, to which Australia has sent 1,500 fighting men along with civilian medical teams, farm experts and civil engineers.

Informants said Humphrey did not expect to get any new troop commitments.

PRaised SOLDIERS
He told Australians who came out to welcome him that he had seen their soldiers in the field in Viet Nam and had found them in good fettle.

He praised the fighting spirit of the Australians. He lauded

the Australian doctors and nurses he had met in a provincial hospital near Saigon.

"Speaking as one ally to another, we have the resources and the knowhow to win any conflict whether on the battlefield or against the poverty, ignorance and disease that breeds communism," Humphrey said.

Humphrey told Holt, who came to the airport to meet him:

"I come here in the spirit of optimism as to our future. Meaning of course the future of free peoples. I see the United States, Australia and New Zealand working together with other nations of this area to build a better society for millions and millions of people of Asia."

Sunday, Humphrey will fly to New Zealand, which has sent an artillery battery, an army engineering detachment and a medical team to Viet Nam. Then he will head for Manila, Seoul and finally Washington to report to President Johnson who request him to make the Asian tour.



APPOINTED

David Sim, retired deputy minister of revenue, has been named permanent member of the board of broadcast governors, it was announced in the House of Commons in Ottawa Friday. Mr. Sim was a senior government official for about 30 years.

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