Says Canada-U.S. Problems Are Not All One-sided

HAMILTON (CP) — United States Ambassador Livingston T. Merchant Wednesday took a searching look at Canadian-American relations and found problems that he said are not all of his country's making.

In his two years in Canada, he said he has detected a change in mood or climate that both countries must examine. It was evidenced "in a steadily growing criticism of certain policies of the U.S. government or actions which are assumed" to reflect its policies.

He said he did not believe when he came to Canada that as the problems between this country and his own multiplied and became more complex "the atmosphere itself might change and with the change solutions become more difficult."

But "this I now believe may be happening."

REALIZES CANADA'S VIEW

He realized better than ever that Canada doesn't want to be taken for granted. "No one does. Neither do we."

Turning to specific problems in his address to the Women's Canadian Club of Hamilton, he said any difficulty over U.S. investment in Canada — "if it is a problem" — is of "Canada's own creation."

That money had come into Canada presumably because Canadian individuals or corporations wanted it and because the general climate of political stability, economic expansion and hospitality attracted it.

Mr. Merchant said the process could be reversed should the climate "turn genuinely chilly." Then apital from the U.S. or any free trading country would cease flowing into Canada.

FEARED IN FRIENDLY WAY

There was basic friendliness on both sides, but Canadians feared "that the great elephant to the south, in the most friendly and unconscious way, may roll over in his sleep and inadvertently break Canadian bones."

The chief areas of apprehension were trade, the U.S. agriculture surplus disposal program and U.S. foreign policy.

If Canada imported more goods from the U.S. than she exported that also "is a Canadian problem and not one created or forced on Canada by a predatory neighbor."

"Imports into Canada from the U.S. represent in the aggregate the individual choices of millions of Canadian private citizens buying what they want, on terms they consider more advantageous than are available elsewhere."

OPPOSE TRADE ISOLATION

Canada's trading relationship with the U.S. ought not to be isolated from all her other trading relationships.

"I would challenge anyone to find anywhere in the world as large and as stable a market for their goods as the 170,000,000 citizens of the U.S., notwithstanding the actions which we admittedly take from time to time to protect some sector of our own producing economy."

In disposing of its wheat surpluses the U.S. had used "unorthodox" methods and "at times and in certain markets we may have hurt Canada."

"We have not done it intentionally, and I think that with frequent consultation with Canada before making new disposal agreements we have eliminated or certainly minimized future misunderstandings. That certainly is our desire."

Mr. Merchant said the U.S. now is "consulting on almost a daily basis with Canada" to avoid harmful effects in future.

DEFENDS FOREIGN POLICY

In foreign affairs the U.S. had been accused of unwillingness "to seek accommodation by negotiations with the Communists."

The record disproved that, he said. "We want peace, but not just the peace of the cemetery, or of the slave - labor camp, but peace with justice.

"There were limits to what the U.S. can agree to in negotiations with the Soviets."

in a text of the speech issued to

The statements were included the press before delivery.

Is Critical Of CBC's Use Of Jobless Figures

OTTAWA (C) — Labor Minister Michael Starr Wednesday criticized the publicly - owned CBC for the way it has presented government figures on unemployment in Canada.

It was his second criticism of jobless publicity in two days in the Commons. Tuesday, he complained about one newspaper's presentation of the figures.

Mr. Starr's complaint about the CBC was on the claim that this agency was using as the jobless figure the total of persons registered for work with the government's National Employment Service.

Mr. Starr announced to the House Monday that 796,371 persons were registered for work with the employment service at Jan. 9. On the same day, the bureau of statistics estimated persons without work and seeking jobs totalled 386,000 at mid-December.

Registrations with National Employment Service are not regarded as a gauge of absolute unemployment, since they contain a proportion — never estimated officially — of those shifting from one job to another,

"Once again it has been brought to my attention," Mr. Starr said Wednesday, "where the figures for registration at the National Employment Service are being used as the official government figure for jobless in Canada.

"The latest case was the csae of the CBC, which recently has been using the figure of 796,000 as the official jobless figure. . . .

"This figure has never been accepted as such, not by the previous government, not by the National Employment Service and not by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics."

Eight Naval Ships Sail

HALIFAX (CP)—Eight ships and 2,000 personnel left Monday for anti-submarine naval exercises in southern waters.

The carrier Bonaventure and the destroyer escort Sioux headed the move. They were followed by the destroyer escorts Ottawa, Algonquin, Micmac, Nootka, St. Laurent and Assiniboine.

Units of the Royal Navy's Sixth Submarine Squadron will follow later.

The ships will take part in exercises off Bermuda, and later some will visit United States ports.Following further manoeuvres, the ships will return here with units of the British Home Fleet.

Promises Better Bathurst Harbor

OTTAWA (CP) — Works Minister Green said Saturday the federal government will make extensive improvements to the Bathurst, N.B., harbor as soon as there is "a reasonable chance" fo a smelter being built there by the New Brunswick Mining and Smelting Corporation.

"As yet the company has not been able to make arrangements for the construction of a smelter," he said in the Commons in reply to H. J. Robichaud (L—Gloucester).

The government announced several months ago it would improve the harbor provided the mining company built a smelter.

Russia Has 50 Million Students

OTTAWA (CP) — Russian Ambassador Dmitri Chuvahin, in what was believed only his second public speech since coming to Canada almost four years ago, said Friday his country has more than 50,000,000 people studying in various educational establishments.

"This is more than a quarter of the entire population of the U.S.S.R.," he said in a speech to the Business Paper Editors' Association. "It goes without saying that good intentions alone did not make that possible."

In concluding a detailed account of Russia's education system, the ambassador expressed the hope that Canada and Russia can further develop their scientific and cultural ties.

SHORT HOP

The first airplane flight by Wilbur and Orville Wright in 1903 covered just 284 yards.

Sees Five Years Of Difficulties

VANCOUVER (CP)—The North American economy is best by over-capacity and it will take four or five years to bring demand into line with potential production, Elliott M. Little said Sunday.

Mr. Little president of Anglo-Canadian Pulp and Paper Mills Limited of Quebec and the Anglo - Newfoundland Development Company Limited, said in an interview:

"I believe that for the next four or five years we are in for a period of more seriously competitive condition in world business than we have had at any time since the 1930s. We are going to have great difficulty merchandising our products at a reasonable profit over the next few years."

876 Immigrants Land At Halifax

HALIFAX (CP) — Almost 500 Hungarian refugees arrived Monday on the Italian liner Vulcania from Yugoslavia by way of Naples. They were among 876 European immigrants landed here.

Most of the Hungarians, who have been living in Yugoslav camps for a year, will settle in the Maritimes. About 175 will find homes in New Brunswick, the remainder in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Fifty-three whose trip to Canada was sponsored by relatives will go to Central and Western provinces.

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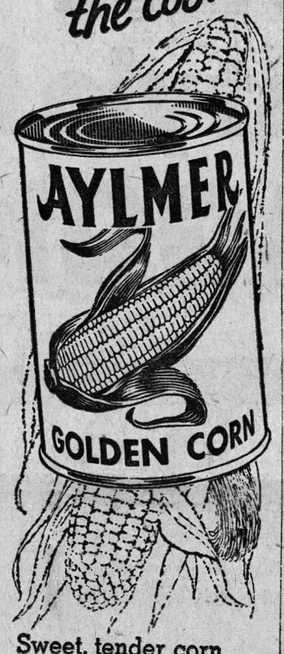

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