

Paris Magazine Story Calls U.S. Only Super Power Now

PARIS (Reuters)—The magazine L'Express says the United States used a recent Soviet missile test shot in the Pacific to demonstrate its ability to destroy Soviet inter-continental missiles before they reach their target.

U.S. anti-missile missiles were launched against the Soviet missiles but aimed so that they missed them at the last moment, the magazine says.

L'Express gives no source for its story, but says the U.S. state

department had communicated details of the incident to several military attaches.

It says two giant Soviet missiles were fired a few weeks ago, after warning had been given, from a test site in Siberia.

Twenty-nine seconds later an American computer had calculated the missiles' speed and their probable point of impact, 125 miles west of Hawaii.

Fifteen minutes after the launching U.S. Nike rockets

were fired from Kwajalein base in the Marshall Islands and "the Soviet missiles were theoretically destroyed 12 minutes and 25 seconds before arriving on their target," L'Express says.

It also says that 65 seconds after the computer calculation, Strategic Air Command bombers were airborne, leaving principal U.S. military airfields deserted and demonstrating they could have been evacuated 20 minutes before being hit in a real attack.

"The famous 'equilibrium of terror' in which the world has lived for 20 years is broken," it says. "There is now only one super-power — the United States."

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FEDERATION NEWSLETTER

APEC Devotes Some Time To Agricultural Problems

By J. LINCOLN DEWAR
APEC AND AGRICULTURE

While APEC has generally been considered an identified more strongly with the business community it has always attempted to focus attention on all the primary industries including agriculture.

This year's annual conference just concluded in Halifax devoted a great deal of attention to agricultural matters. Two panels brought to bear the view of a number of recognized authorities on agricultural matters.

On Monday afternoon the discussion, "Agriculture Where is it Going?" took a searching look at what the Maritimes and the farmers can expect in the future. Speaking on this panel were Dave Kirk of the CFA, Dr. Anderson of the Agricultural Economics Research Council and Dr. Dawson of the Economic Council of Canada, last but not least R. K. Fletcher a staff member of APEC who has won considerable acclaim for his Study, "Agriculture and the Atlantic Economy".

On Tuesday morning an equally distinguished panel discussed the marketing of agricultural products and agreed that the major marketing problem was the deficit in supplying our own markets, the scattered nature of our agriculture and processing plants which in many cases are too small for volume efficiency.

The Conference, in addition, to the above discussions brought together a large cross section of people with agricultural interest and connection, Departments of Agriculture, Experimental Farms, the farm press, farm organizations and farmers themselves exchanged ideas and what was equally important ex-

changed ideas with persons from other walks of life.

AGRICULTURE AND THE ATLANTIC ECONOMY

Earlier in this newsletter we referred to a Study done by Mr. R. K. Fletcher of the APEC staff, this Study "Agriculture and the Atlantic Economy" is available on request (in limited numbers) to the Federation of Agriculture office, Box 546, Charlottetown, P. E. I.

AGREED FREIGHT CHARGES

One of the important concessions originally negotiated by the Potato Marketing Board was an agreed charge contract for the movement of potatoes. This has been in effect for quite a number of years and has undoubtedly been a value to the industry. Recently it has been announced by the railways that an increase of 10 per cent is to take place on all agreed charges. What happens is that the railway gives ninety days notice of intention in this connection which would likely mean that the effective date would be January 1, 1967. While this is a very complicated field our understanding is that the standard rate may now in some cases be lower than the agreed charge rate but that certain other charges and concessions will still make it in the interest of the industry to continue the agreed charge contract. We would expect that the whole problem is one which the Potato Marketing Board will have under consideration for action.

BUTTER MATTERS

It is only a few short years ago that officials in Ottawa were more greatly worried over the surplus of butter than over any other problem. Today there is still in the worry but for an altogether different reason. Canada is running out of butter and the Government just does not have enough of it on hand to cope with the possibility of prices starting to move upwards. Recently the National Dairy Council in its annual meeting recommended that twenty million pounds should be imported

directly and no doubt very careful consideration is being given to this suggestion. In our own province butter production is down substantially from last year. Largely due to the greater use of whole milk for other products.

IF THIS FAILS?

The experts agree and many farmers are realizing the difficulty of keeping a farm operating under modern conditions without greatly increased volume of production, capital and mechanization. Many farmers who are attempting to measure up to the new challenge are investing very heavily and as always the case there is never an hundred percent guarantee of success. It is almost logical to pose the question, "Where do farmers turn if this expansion does not pay off?" While this may initially be a problem for the individual farmers it is also certainly a problem for the entire industry, for the economy and for the consumer. This question is certainly worth thinking about if bigger family farms with much heavier investment will not do the job, then what will?

FOOD PRICES

Much interest is being focused at the moment on food prices with consumers starting their own particular form of strike. The following comment is copied from Doane's Agricultural Report and while it refers chiefly to the American situation it is equally valid here. We quote:

"Your customers are grumbling as food prices move up in the super markets week by week. Wholesale food prices recently hit their highest point since 1954 of course, this makes headlines in metropolitan newspapers. Practically any increase in the cost of basic food ingredients seems to move through the marketing system like a snowball, getting fatter as it goes along. For instance, the price of a loaf of bread has gone up 3 cents or 4 cents in many areas. Since a bushel of wheat equals about 60 loaves of bread, only 1

cent of the increase per loaf could be based on wheat price rises.

Of course, this food cost increase has caused government officials to investigate and see if they can find the culprits who are making all the money. Like always, they are finding that no one is really making a "killing". Consumers still have such a good buy in food that perhaps Congressman Purcell was right when he suggested they just pay the added bread cost and "quit bellyaching".

Addressing a group of urban teachers recently, we found they agreed that most people are paying more for convenience foods with "built-in maid service". Many of them were among the 25 percent of the nation's married women who hold down jobs outside the home and need these conveniences. They chuckled when we pointed out that the typical grocery cart is likely to contain a stereo record album, a package of baseball cards and a bag of charcoal along with the family food purchases, all part of the food bill because they are bought in the grocery store."

Logging Work To Shut Down

VANCOUVER (CP) — Crown Zellerbach of Canada Ltd. said here it will shut down two of its logging operations this month because of a slackening demand for lumber.

The company said its Bella Coola and Beaver Cove divisions will be closed until early 1967.

A total of 160 men are employed at the two divisions, smallest of the company's eight logging operations.

A. W. Rafter, coastal logging manager, said some of the men will be employed during the shutdown period on road construction and maintenance work. The others will be laid off.

Logging and lumber operators complained recently that a drop in the world market would affect their British Columbia operations.

Bella Coola and Beaver Cove are remote coastal areas north of Vancouver.

NORTH RULES SELF

Northern Ireland has its own Parliament, consisting of the Queen, 26 senators and 52 members of the House of Commons.

ACROSS THE ISLAND

Salem Visit Recalls Witch-Hunt Episode

By NEIL A. MATHESON
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A VISIT last week with Frances MacRae (Mrs. Jack) to Salem, Massachusetts brought me in touch with what must have been one of the most shameful witch-hunting stories of all time.

Back in 1692 no less than 19 women were hanged after being accused and found guilty of witchcraft. Bridget Bishop was hanged on June 10 of that year and May Parker of Salem was the last of eight women that were hanged for the same cause on the fateful Thursday, September 22.

A visit to the chamber of commerce brought me a booklet published by the Pilgrim Motel.

The wholesale slaughter of so many victims—presumably they were innocent—is an example of what can happen in a centre where people become over enthusiastic in their pursuit of any belief.

On the day of the last hangings, a clergyman, Rev. Mr. Noyes, looked at the eight bodies swinging in the air and exclaimed in self-righteous scorn "What a sad thing it is to see eight freemen of the land hanging there."

That was the last time this clergyman, or anyone else for that matter, ever saw a woman hanged for the alleged crime of witchcraft in Salem.

Opinion Reversal Is Sharp, Final

THE ACCUSERS overreached themselves as they became drunk with success. Suddenly the populace got wise. The reign of terror, as it was aptly called, had lasted for more than six months, the jails were full; hundreds had been committed and were awaiting trial.

After the sudden change it was said "There is no instance in history so sudden; so rapid, and so complete a reversal of feeling". The special court that had been set up to try the cases was abolished. "The storm had spent itself."

Jack and Frances MacRae are former Cherry Valley residents. They live now in Manchester by the Sea, Massachusetts.

Eating Places Are Interesting

I HAVE often enjoyed a meal of Lobster but there was something different in the one I was served in "The Fellsmoor restaurant-at-Yarmouth, Maine. The lobster was sitting up on the plate when it was served, and a small slice of lemon was placed on the head to look like a hat.

The attractive waitress, Mrs. Alice Pulla, tied a plastic "Lobster eating apron" on me that added to the unique part of the service. The service was excellent, and the Lobster was served tastefully.

Perhaps the most unusual and the most attractive feature of the eating place is the fact that it is completely surrounded by pine trees, that grow in close to the building. At the back, for example, is an open veranda but it is filled in with the reaching branches of the beautiful pines. Talk about a place for romancing with your lady love, it seems made to order.

Unfortunately my lady love was back in the hospital in Charlottetown. So we'll have to leave that to a future occasion.

Grandma's Rolls Are Tasty

SOME OF the tastiest rolls I've ever eaten were baked by Grandma Vera Clark, the 94-year-old lady who keeps these and several other delicacies supplied for her son-in-law and daughter Neale and Ginny Ward at Pine Grove Inn in Damariscotta, Maine.

I sent several telegrams (night letters) to Mrs. Matheson from there and addressed them to the Second Floor Medical Desk at the hospital here. Imagine my horror when I found on my return home that one of them had arrived addressed to the "Second class medical desk", instead of the way I wrote it.

One of the most homey spots we found for a meal is the Rainbow Diner, just on the other side of Lancaster. I've mislaid my note on this one but it is run by Mr. and Mrs. Gorm, and the lady is a Watts girl who came from the Tracadie area, if my memory is correct.

Drop in on this friendly pair, tell them you're from the Island, and you are sure of a real welcome.

I went to the United States for a badly-needed rest. I wasn't even going to think of stories; but I came home with a note book two-thirds full of stories to develop.

I even got a few ghost stories, which I'll be telling you later—they're Island ghost yarns at that.

This Ghost Story Is Unusual

I LIKE the one Florence MacPhail Peck told me about her grandfather George Jenkins seeing a funeral procession in front of his home in Millview.

Perhaps 80 to 90 years ago Mr. Jenkins was coming from town on a dark night when he suddenly saw a funeral procession in front of him. The procession stayed in front of him all the way home, and when Mr. Jenkins turned in his gate, the funeral procession turned in too.

The man must have been doing some tall wondering as to what this would be an omen for his family. When he reached the barnyard, his son came to meet him with a lantern. Holding the lantern high to see his father's face clearly, the son reached up and took a wisp of hay from the father's cap.

It was the head of the piece of hay that the man had seen in front of his eyes, that looked like "the funeral procession". Mr. Jenkins had been seeing in his imagination. Which reminds us that many of the colorful tales of the past might have had similar explanations, had the real truth been known.

The George Jenkins about whom Florence told me is the grandfather of the present George Jenkins, and that reminds me that I promised her I'd call him and convey her warmest regards.

Modest Ladies In Bygone Days

FLORENCE AND her brother, Jack MacPhail, told me about a pair of young ladies in the olden days when ladies wore skirts that swept the ground, and waists with collars that came almost to their ears.

This pair of sisters were so modest, Florence and Jack assured me, that they wouldn't even walk across a potato field when the spuds were being dug. The reason? Potatoes have eyes and the girls feared the eyes might be looking up under their skirts.

This pair of story tellers assure me this story is really true. The ladies were connected in some way with their family in those days of yesteryear. I'm not going to identify them further.

I forgot to finish the story about the funeral procession and the wisps of hay. A man had been hauling a big load of hay along the Millview road that day, and some of it had brushed off on the trees that lined the road. It was one of those wisps of hay that got caught in Mr. Jenkins' cap.

AND HERE'S a closing note. Betty Carol and I went as far as Nobleboro, Maine the first day. Next morning Jack MacPhail asked me "where is your rear license plate?"

"On the back of the car, of course," I replied. But it wasn't there. Somebody had removed the plate, and the screws that held it to the car. I wonder what anyone would want with a P.E.I. license plate of this year.

Jack fixed me up with a cardboard license plate which I carried in my rear window through the rest of Maine, a part of New Hampshire and Massachusetts. But nobody stopped me to ask any questions about it.

PM Wilson Urges Plans For Expansion

LONDON (CP)—Prime Minister urged top British industrialists and union leaders to use a period of austerity-imposed slump to prepare for expansion.

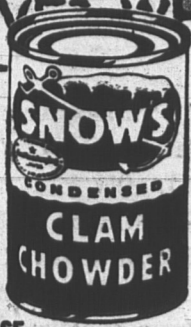
He told a special, one-day national productivity conference that industrial investment will get priority in government plans following the current economic squeeze.

Austerity measures imposed during the summer include six-month freeze on pay, price and dividends, to be followed by six months of restraint.

"We regard these measures as preparing the way for expansion," Wilson said. "We propose to use them not as a prescription for stagnation, but as a springboard."

Prime minister warned however, the Labor government plans to maintain strict control over consumer spending as public investment in social services even after the current austerity program. Britain may be seen to be living within a means before any restoration of full-scale expansion.

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