

(C.W.B. October 1, 1948)

**UNITED NATIONS DAY:** The Department of External Affairs announced September 24 that plans for the celebration on a nation-wide scale of United Nations Day, October 24, are being prepared by the United Nations Association in Canada. This date, October 24, will mark the third anniversary of the coming into effect of the Charter of the United Nations.

Celebrations of this day in Canada are being arranged in accordance with a resolution passed by the General Assembly of the United Nations on October 31, 1947, which declared that October 24 should henceforth be devoted to the task of gaining support for the United Nations by making its aims and achievements known to the peoples of the world. Member States were invited to co-operate with the United Nations in observing this anniversary.

The United Nations Association, of which Dr. Sidney Smith is the National President, was asked in April of this year by the Secretary of State for External Affairs to take the lead in organizing public observances of United Nations Day. Since that time the Association has secured the co-operation of many other national organizations and plans are in progress for observing the day in towns and cities across Canada.

As it was felt that major emphasis should be placed on the observance of United Nations Day by the general public rather than an official formalities, it was decided that the most satisfactory results could be achieved if voluntary organizations sponsored the celebrations. Further details concerning the celebration in Canada of United Nations Day will be made public shortly by the United Nations Association in Canada.

**BUTTER PURCHASES:** The Canadian Government has completed arrangements for the purchase from Denmark and Australia of an additional six million pounds of butter, bringing the total amount to be imported to approximately fifteen million pounds, Rt. Hon. C.D. Howe, Minister of Trade and Commerce, announced September 24.

The fifteen million pounds are expected to take care of the minimum requirements during the seasonal shortage in this country.

The first shipment will arrive in October and the total quantity is to be delivered to Canada by the end of January. Of the approximately 15 million pounds, some 11,000,000 will come from Denmark and 2,000,000 each from Australia and New Zealand.

The imported butter will sell at Canadian price ceilings already established in various zones across Canada by W.P.T.B. order A-2515 as recently amended.

The Canadian Commercial Corporation, the agency through which the butter is being purchased, will make all sales to the wholesale trade under the direction of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board.

**DEPARTMENTAL JOINT COUNCIL:** Formation of the first Departmental Joint Council in the Public Service of Canada was announced September 25 in Ottawa by the Department of Mines and Resources, the Civil Service Association of Ottawa, the Civil Service Federation of Canada and the Professional Institute of the Civil Service of Canada.

Commenting on the objectives of the Council, Deputy Minister of Mines and Resources, H.L. Keenleyside, said, "The purpose of the Council is to give all members of the staff the opportunity for direct representation in the discussion of matters affecting their welfare and conditions of work. It is expected that the work of the Council will make available to this Department the ideas and experience of all members of the staff. In initiating the first of these Councils in the Canadian Public Service, we have received valuable guidance from the various Civil Service organizations."

It is proposed, due to the structure of the Department, to organize Councils at Branch levels, to deal with matters which relate directly to administration within the Branch. Each of the four Branches, Mines, Forests and Scientific Services, Lands and Development, Immigration and Indian Affairs, will have its own Council. These Branch Councils will elect representatives to the main Department Council. Special arrangements are being made to ensure that field staff throughout Canada is given adequate representation, both at Branch and Departmental levels.

On September 28th, a general meeting of members of the staff of the Department will be held in the National Museum to discuss the programme and to ratify plans.

**HUNGARIAN INTERESTS IN CANADA:** The Department of External Affairs has been informed by the Swedish Legation in Ottawa that on September 1, 1948, the Government of Sweden terminated the task of protecting Hungarian interests in Canada. The Swedish Government had agreed to take over the protection of the interests of several foreign countries, including Hungary, during the war, and these activities have been terminated gradually since the respective treaties of peace were signed.

The Department has been advised by the Legation of Poland that the Government of Poland has agreed to undertake the protection of Hungarian interests in Canada in the absence of direct Hungarian representation in this country.

All enquiries concerning Hungarian interests in Canada should be directed to the Minister of Poland, 183 Carling Avenue, Ottawa.

**DOMINION CADETSHIPS:** The names of 12 Navy, Army and Air Force cadets of the Royal Military College and Royal Roads who have been awarded Dominion Cadetships have been announced by

Hon. Brooke Claxton, Minister of National Defence.

The awards provide for tuition, recreation fee and uniform expenses at the military establishment the cadet is attending. Cadets selected are all sons of veterans with preference to those whose fathers were killed or incapacitated during war.

Cadets named for the awards are: Navy - (R.M.C.) - Melville A. Ferady, 1070 Dufferin St., Toronto, John D. Crickmore, Clarkson, Ont.; (Royal Roads) - Roger D.C. Sweeny, 2595 Bellevue Ave., West Vancouver, William A. Nelles, 620 St. Charles St., Victoria, Army - (R.M.C.) - John R. McLachlan, 247 Chilvers Road, Windsor, Ian A. Bongard, 80 Woodlawn Ave. East, Toronto; (Royal Roads) - Arthur Graham Herman, Sackville, N.B., Edward McLeod Day, 124 Harriett St., Brantford, Ont., Victor H. Sansum, 3019 West 14 Ave., Vancouver, Air Force - (R.M.C.) - Benjamin A. Bowen, 149 Victoria Ave., Trenton, Ont., Norman H.G. Anderson, 498 Cole Ave., Ottawa, (Royal Roads) - Robert J. Cockbourn, 146 Sutherland Drive, Leaside, Ont.

**INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES:** Two strikes which began during July and continued through August accounted for a marked increase during the latter month in total monthly time loss due to work stoppages arising out of industrial disputes in Canada, it was shown by the monthly summary of strikes and lockouts for August issued by Arthur MacNamara, Deputy Minister of Labour.

Preliminary figures for August, 1948, show 31 strikes and lockouts in existence, involving 8,169 workers, with a time loss of 119,935 man-working days, as compared with 25 strikes in July, 1948, with 8,513 workers involved and a time loss of 79,867 days.

The strikes of furniture factory workers, involving 1,150 workers in six towns in Quebec, accounted for 27,000 days, and the strike of the automotive parts factory workers at St. Catharines, Ontario, involving 2,589 workers, accounted for 43,000 days, a total of 70,000 man-working days, or almost 60 per cent of total time loss for the month. These strikes were still unterminated at the end of August.

**RAIL EARNINGS:** Earnings of Canadian railways during 1947 totalled \$785,177,920, an increase of \$66,676,156 or 9.3 per cent over the preceding year, according to the Bureau of Statistics. This total is second only to the peak of \$796,636,786 recorded in 1944. Operating expenses, however, rose more rapidly, advancing from \$623,529,472 in 1946 to a new high of \$690,821,048 or by \$67,291,575, up 10.8 per cent, and compares with \$634,774,021 in 1944. Thus expenses have risen some \$56,000,000 over 1944 while earnings declined \$11,736,645. The difference between operating revenues and expenses shows net revenues of

\$94,356,873 in 1947 against \$94,972,292 in 1946 and \$161,862,765 in 1944.

Taxes rose from \$24,500,296 in 1946 to \$26,342,165 in 1947, up 7.5 per cent, while hire of equipment and joint facilities rent increased from \$10,870,568 to \$15,385,257. Considerable of this item accrued to the United States lines for freight car rentals. Non-operating income improved \$7,449,143 to \$30,397,079 and interest payments were some \$3,000,000 lighter at \$66,106,580. Dividends distributed, principally Canadian Pacific, were about \$22,500,000 compared with \$22,407,922 in 1946.

The Canadian Pacific reported non-operating income of over \$25,000,000. Cash deficits of the Canadian National totalled \$16,683,179, and included interest payments of \$20,002,435 on Federal Government loans. The total interest burden of the system was \$44,120,207, including U.S. lines. Sixteen of the 32 railways operating in Canada reported favourable net results during 1947 with total credits of some \$41,811,000, while the balance of the roads had debits of \$23,662,000. The net corporate income of all lines stood at \$18,149,697, an improvement of \$4,937,383 over 1946. American lines operating in Canada had credits of \$6,401,210 in 1947 against debits of \$457,585 or a net of \$5,943,625.

**MOTOR VEHICLE FINANCING:** The sales of 12,546 new and used motor vehicles were financed to the extent of \$11,365,367 in August as compared with 10,176 units financed for \$9,165,431 in the corresponding month last year, according to the Bureau of Statistics. The number of new vehicles financed at 3,566, was on a level with August 1947, but the 8,980 used vehicles were 36 per cent higher.

Financing of new passenger cars at 2,039 units, declined one per cent from August last year, while commercial vehicles at 1,527, advanced by a similar percentage. There were 7,259 used passenger models financed during the month, an increase of 38 per cent, and 1,721 used commercial vehicles, up 27 per cent.

**NAVAL CONFERENCE:** Commanding officers of the twenty naval divisions across Canada will attend a conference at Naval Headquarters in Ottawa from September 27 to October 2, it was announced September 25.

The conference will be the first of its kind to be held by the Navy and will bring together senior Reserve Officers from every province in Canada.

During the week-long meeting every phase of the naval reserve picture will come under discussion. Items on the agenda have been placed generally under the headings of plans and organization; training equipment and training generally; complement; drafting; advancement; recruiting; pay and allowances; clothing; maintenance and discipline. One of