

BRITISH COLUMBIA ASSISTANCE: The Prime Minister, Mr. Mackenzie King, on June 8 made the following statement regarding the floods in the Fraser Valley:

"Since his arrival in Ottawa Hon. Byron I. Johnson, the Premier of British Columbia has been conferring with the Minister of Finance and other members of the Government as well as myself regarding arrangements for co-operation between the two Governments in meeting the appalling situation in the Fraser Valley which the federal Government had recognized from the outset as a national disaster demanding action beyond the resources of the Provincial Government.

"After consideration by the Cabinet today, the federal Government agreed to accept financial liability for measures of relief and rehabilitation arising from the flooding of the Fraser Valley on the following basis:

1. The costs of temporary emergency relief to be divided equally between the two Governments;
2. The costs of emergency measures already taken or being taken for protecting and strengthening the dikes and for their eventual reconstruction, and for the restoration of the protected lands by the pumping out of flood waters, to be met 75% by the federal Government and the remaining 25% by the provincial Government;
3. The costs of rehabilitating the areas affected by the floods to be settled by subsequent agreement between the two Governments after receiving a report on the extent of damage from The Fraser Valley Relief and Rehabilitation Commission.

"In calculating the federal share of the cost of emergency relief and of protecting and restoring the dikes, it was understood that costs incurred by the federal authorities through the provision of services and supplies, and as a result of the employment of the armed services would be taken into account.

"Both Governments have already directed their representatives, General Hoffmeister and Mr. Hamber, not to permit the working out of detailed arrangements to delay action urgently required to provide adequate emergency relief, or to maintain, to repair or to restore the dikes."

DR. SKEY APPOINTMENT: Dr. A. J. Skey of the Defence Research Board, Ottawa, has been appointed assistant to Colonel G. M. Carrie, Defence Research Board liaison officer to the United Kingdom, it is announced by the Minister of National Defence. Dr. Skey has already left for his new appointment in London, accompanied by his wife.

RCAF SUMMER CAMPS: The RCAF will have approximately 6,000 Air Cadets attend camp at Air Force stations this summer, it is announced by Air Force Headquarters, Ottawa. Camps will be operated at Summerside, P. E. I.; Aylmer, Ont.; Gimli, Man.; and Patricia Bay, B. C., and the programme is scheduled to commence July 3.

Cadets from the Maritimes will attend camp at Summerside, and those from Ontario and Quebec will attend Aylmer. Those from Ft. William and Port Arthur area, and from Manitoba and Saskatchewan will attend Gimli, while Alberta and British Columbia cadets will attend Patricia Bay. Four separate two-week periods will be held by the two eastern camps, while the two western camps will hold three such periods.

Emphasis at the camps will be laid on practical training not normally available at local Air Cadet Squadrons, and full use will be made of RCAF workshops and equipment. An extensive supervised sports programme is planned, and each cadet will be given swimming instruction. This is in line with the recently-adopted post-war sports programme of the RCAF, which stresses competitive sports, and which makes swimming compulsory. Each camp period will close with a ceremonial parade and sports day, to which parents and friends of the cadets will be invited.

\$1,000,000 FOR MILK: The United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund has recently transferred to Canada over one million U.S. dollars for the purchase of Canadian powdered milk, it was announced at Lake Success on June 9.

This milk has been procured through the Canadian Commercial Corporation, and will be shipped to the twelve European countries and China where the Fund is now assisting in the supplementary feeding of nearly 5,000,000 children and nursing mothers.

Milk constitutes about 70 per cent of the UNICEF procurement programme, and, in view of the present heavy drain on United States supplies, the opportunity of obtaining a substantial amount of milk in Canada has been welcomed by the Children's Fund. Without this additional Canadian supply, the Fund would have had much difficulty in maintaining a steady flow of deliveries to the assisted countries. Besides having large requirements for milk, the Fund is a substantial user of meat, cod-liver oil and fish, and these items have also been procured in Canada from the contribution of \$5,200,000 which the Canadian Government made to UNICEF last September.

It is expected that additional funds for procurement in Canada will soon become available both as a result of the recent United Nations Appeal for Children and from further transfers by UNICEF.

DOMINION-PROVINCIAL HEALTH TALKS

\$30 MILLION PER YEAR: The future course of public health in Canada was charted here this week when provincial health authorities from all Provinces met with officials of the Department of National Health and Welfare to discuss application of the programme announced less than a month ago by Prime Minister King.

The meeting was a special session of the Dominion Council of Health, called to consider the working out on a Dominion-Provincial basis of the 30 million dollar a year grants in such fields of public health as hospital construction, mental health, arthritis and rheumatism, venereal disease control, training of professional personnel, crippled children, cancer control, public health research and tuberculosis control.

Hon. Paul Martin, Minister of National Health and Welfare, who attended the conference throughout, emphasized the need for early action. It was anticipated that funds would be voted by Parliament before the end of this month and could be put to work immediately in view of the wide approval given the announcement of the programme.

The new health plan, Mr. Martin declared, was "the most important step in the history of public health in Canada." He urged the provincial representatives to press forward energetically with plans and programmes.

GRANTS PROPOSED

The various grants were discussed under 10 headings as follows:

Health survey, \$625,000. This is proposed to assist the Provinces in surveying present health services and facilities, including hospitals, and in studying ways and means for improvement and extension.

Hospital construction, \$13,000,000, which is aimed to assist the provinces in the provision of adequate accommodation for hospital and health services.

Tuberculosis control, \$3,000,000. An accelerated and intensified effort toward the

eradication of tuberculosis is planned, coupled with the extension progressively and to the maximum of free treatment.

Mental Health, \$4,000,000. This will assist the Provinces in the prevention of mental illness and in extending progressively and to the maximum the provision of free treatment.

Venereal disease control, \$500,000, which will assist the Provinces in extending and intensifying their present efforts towards the control of venereal disease.

General public health, \$4,395,000. This will assist the Provinces in strengthening and accelerating general public health services in other fields than those mentioned above.

Crippled children, \$500,000. This is planned to assist the Provinces in an intensified programme for the prevention and correction of crippling conditions in children, rehabilitation and training.

Cancer control, \$3,500,000, planned to assist the Provinces in programmes for the control of the nation's No. 2 killer.

Professional training, \$500,000, which will assist the Provinces in the training and preparation of personnel for public health and hospital staffs.

Public health research, \$100,000, to assist the Provinces in stimulating and developing public health research.

The provincial representatives on the Dominion Council of Health will now report of their respective ministers on the various administrative points clarified in the two-day discussions. With this information the Provincial Governments will be in a position to determine the extent of their participation in the programme.

ARMY TRAINING: The Canadian Army has reversed the old routine of south in winter and north in summer.

Army "cat-skinners", whose tractor trains last winter bucked Arctic blizzards to supply men of Exercise Moccasin near Churchill, today are on their way back from a warmer clime. They have just completed a two weeks' driving and maintenance course at the Caterpillar Tractor Company plant in Peoria, Illinois.

The training they received at the U.S. plant is similar to that given American troops and will be of benefit to them when next they take the big tractors out on northern supply duties.

A six-weeks' course for snowmobile drivers will open the next cold-weather-training season at the Joint Services Experimental Station at Fort Churchill, it was learned in Ottawa this week. The course will start September 13.