

ST. CROIX RIVER AGREEMENT

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Howard Green, has announced that the Government of Canada has considered the recommendations contained in the International Joint Commission's final report, dated October 7, 1959, on the St. Croix River Reference (1955), which concerns the development of the water resources of the St. Croix River basin, and has approved all the recommendations with the exception of Number 2, which is still under study. Similar approval was also announced on October 2 by the United States Government.

The International Joint Commission, of Canada and the United States, was established under the terms of the Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909 to facilitate the settlement of boundary waters questions of mutual interest to Canada and the United States.

On June 10, 1955, the Governments of Canada and the United States, pursuant to Article IX of the Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909, requested the International Joint Commission to investigate and report on the possibilities of further development of the water resources of the St. Croix River basin in Maine and New Brunswick.

COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

To conduct the necessary investigations in the area, the Commission established the International St. Croix River Engineering Board, with members from both countries. Interested parties were invited to present their views to the Commission at a public hearing held in Calais, Maine, on June 27, 1958. As a result of its investigations, and representations made at the public hearing, the Commission made a number of recommendations that were made public on November 10, 1959, and have been carefully studied by the governments concerned.

The governments have accepted the Commission's recommendations regarding steps to be taken to abate the pollution of the St. Croix River and the recommendations that anadromous fish-runs be restored, that re-development of the Milltown, New Brunswick, site for power and other purposes should be carried out by Canadian interests, that an international stream-gauging station be installed by the appropriate agencies of the two countries downstream from the dam at Woodland, Maine, and that the Commission be authorized to continue studies of the possibilities of development of the water resources of the St. Croix basin. The Commission's recommendation Number 2, which concerns water levels on East Grand and Spednik Lakes, is still under review by governments.

TCA PREPARES FOR MILITARY ALERT

Trans-Canada Air Lines will cancel 126 flights and shift another 31 on October 14 and 15, when the North American Air Defence Command puts this continent's air-defence system to the test in Operation "Sky Shield 11". Altogether, more than 2,000 aircraft of the commercial airlines throughout North America will be grounded from 1 p.m. October 14 to 1 a.m. October 15, Eastern Daylight Time, while the military take over the air space above the continent.

All international flights that would normally arrive or depart from North America during the 12-hour period will also have to be re-scheduled. It is expected that more than 40 foreign air lines will be affected.

Last year, a similar exercise conducted for NORAD grounded civil aircraft for six hours.

Of the 194 flights TCA would ordinarily operate during this 12-hour period, only 37 will fly as scheduled. Twenty-one flights will operate between 10 minutes and 12 hours earlier than scheduled and 10 will operate later. The remainder will be cancelled. Six extra sections will be operated before or after "Sky Shield 11" to place or to balance equipment.

PAKISTAN HIGH COMMISSIONER

The newly-appointed High Commissioner for Pakistan, Mr. Sultan Mohammad Khan, made his first call on Prime Minister Diefenbaker on October 4. He was introduced by the Chief of Protocol of the Department of External Affairs, Mr. Henry F. Davis.

Since he joined the diplomatic service, Mr. Khan has served in Delhi, Cairo, Rome, Peking, Ankara and London. His last appointment was that of Deputy High Commissioner in London. Prior to his present appointment, he was Director-General of the Pakistan Foreign Office.

INVITATION TO JAGAN

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Howard Green, announced on October 4 that the Government of Canada had extended to Dr. Cheddi Jagan, Premier of British Guiana, a cordial invitation to pay an official visit to Ottawa on October 18 and 19. It is expected that, while in Ottawa, Dr. Jagan will meet the Prime Minister, other Cabinet Ministers and senior government officials.

AUGUST SEAWAY TRAFFIC

Preliminary toll traffic statistics released recently by the St. Lawrence Seaway entities reveal that total cargo traffic for the April-through-August period of this year has increased 9.5 per cent for the Montreal to Lake Ontario section and 1.3 per cent for the Welland Canal over that recorded during the same period in 1960.

August cargoes for the Montreal-Lake Ontario area amounted to 2,922,289 tons, compared to 2,731,405 for 1960. On the Welland Canal, a total of 4,094,020 tons was recorded for the period, a 238,076-ton increase over the August 1960 tonnage of 3,855,944.

Downbound tonnages for both sections reflect substantial increases, but are partially offset by decreases in the traffic moving upbound. On the Montreal-Lake Ontario section, 1,727,072 tons of downbound cargo during August of 1961 represents a 17.3 per cent increase over the 1,472,090 tons recorded for the same month a year ago. During the 1961 period of April to August, a 35.9 per cent increase in

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