

Washington Conference: The Canadian Press reported in part as follows from the Washington Economic Conference this morning:

Washington, September 11 -- (CP) -- The Anglo-American-Canadian proposal to encourage loan requests to the World Bank and the United States Export-Import bank is a potentially-powerful weapon in the fight against Britain's dollar shortage.

If Britain or any country which uses the pound sterling obtains United States dollars that way, the dollar shortage will be alleviated to some extent.

But there are other ideas behind the decision to encourage loans which was announced Saturday at the three-power financial conference:

1. The original loan, if it is used to establish an industry or to improve existing facilities, may in time attract private investment of dollars. That is one of the sterling area's big needs.

2. Projects for which the loan is used, if they increase production, cut costs and foster up-to-date methods, may enable sterling-area countries to boost exports and therefore earn more dollars.

It is not suggested that loans from the two banks will solve the dollar-sterling difficulty. But expert observers say Saturday's proposal may be a step in the right direction....

Welcome To Marquette Committee: The Department of External Affairs released on September 11 a message of welcome from the Prime Minister of Canada to the President of the Marquette Committee, Senator Louis Ternynck. The message was delivered Saturday afternoon by the Minister of Public Works, Mr. Fournier.

The Marquette Committee consists of a group of some forty French delegates who are making a pilgrimage to Canada to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the discovery of the Mississippi by Father Marquette and of the founding of the Jesuit Missions of Huronia in the vicinity of Midland, Ontario. This group includes several members of the French Senate and Chambre des Deputés, as well as members of French universities and the press. The French Foreign Minister, Mr. Robert Schuman, proposes to join this group at the celebrations to be held in Midland, Ontario, on the 16 and 17 of September. A Canadian reception committee is composed of Senator Thomas Vien, T. Taggart Smyth, Father Pouliot S.J., Gerald Ryan, and others.

New Labrador Islands: Sydney, N.S. - Member of the Peary Expedition which discovered the northpole in 1909, 74-year-old Commander Donald B. MacMillan arrived at Sydney, N.S. from the sub-Arctic on September 9 and told reporters, according to the Canadian Press report, that he had discovered 25 islands - most off the northern ice-ringed Labrador coast - and made 1,000 soundings in the fjords of the Baffin and Ellesmere Islands. These discoveries, he said, would necessitate changes in maps of the district.

Biological Warfare: St. Cergue, Switzerland - Canada's Dr. Brock Chisholm, Director-General of the World Health Organization, was quoted in press reports here as declaring that the atom bomb had been made obsolete by a biological product, seven ounces of which is sufficient to kill everyone in the world. "The atom bomb is obsolete," he was quoted as saying. "Relatively speaking, it is child's play compared to biological weapons." Referring to the new biological product which he said was now in existence, he said, according to the report, "It can kill all living beings within six hours - and leave the area safe for troops to occupy within the 12 hours it takes to oxidize and disappear."

Across Canada: Delegates from 24 countries to the 10th Empire Conference of the British Empire Service League paid tribute to fallen comrades of two wars in an impressive ceremony in Ottawa Sunday night, preceding the official opening of the Conference by Viscount Alexander...Margaret Lynn Munn, of North Vancouver, has been in to audition for the Metropolitan Opera Company, the Canadian Press reported. Miss Munn is Miss Canada of 1949.