

CAN'T AFFORD HATRED: "In this age of air travel and steadily diminishing distances, the nations of the world can no longer afford the luxury of hatred or even indifference towards other nations," the Prime Minister, Mr. L. S. St. Laurent, said in addressing the International Air Transport Association at Montreal on October 5.

"Your Association has demonstrated that fact by working for and bringing about ever-increasing international harmony and co-operation among the air transport companies of the world," he added. "You are encouraging those of us who have responsibility for the government of our nations to realize that complex international problems can be solved and that given good will and a community of interest, mutually helpful agreements are possible. And in the unhappy and unhealthy atmosphere that exists in so much of the world today such examples help us to resist the temptation to throw up our hands in despair before the apparent intransigence of some nations..."

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SEA HARVESTS DOWN IN VALUE: Canada's coastal fishermen hauled in 157,193,000 pounds of sea fish in August, 18.6 per cent more than the 132,497,000 pounds taken in August last year, but the value of the catch was 3.7 per cent lower this year at \$9,691,000 against \$10,068,000. In the eight-month period landings were down by almost one quarter to 688,335,000 from 915,129,000 pounds, while landed value was nearly 10 per cent lower at \$44,886,000 against \$49,743,000.

On the Atlantic Coast the August catch was smaller both in size and value this year. Pacific coast fishermen nearly doubled the size of their catch this August to 64,968,000 from 32,949,000 pounds last year, but the value dipped 2.4 per cent to \$6,225,000 from \$6,376,000, reflecting the situation in the pink salmon fishery.

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"ATHABASKAN" TOP NAVY VETERAN: With less than two months remaining of her third tour of operations in the Far East, HMCS Athabaskan has established records of service which distinguish her as the Royal Canadian Navy's top veteran of the Korean war.

The only Canadian warship to do a third stint with the United Nations Naval forces, the Athabaskan steamed a total of 151,533 miles in the Japan and Yellow Seas from the beginning of the Korean war until the ceasefire last July 27. On her current tour, she logged 40,747 miles prior to the truce.

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There were 6,003,365,000 cigarettes manufactured in Canada in the second quarter of 1953 as compared with 5,150,557,000 in the April-June period last year, an increase of 852,808,000.

SKILLED WORKERS NEEDED: As a joint conference of the National Apprenticeship Training Advisory Committee and the provincial Directors of Apprenticeship concluded a three-day meeting here last week, all delegates were ready to agree that there was no quick and easy method of increasing the training of skilled workers to meet the growing demand occasioned by Canada's rapid industrial expansion.

One of the chief obstacles in the way of more skilled workers was an apathy on the part of too many employers towards training plans, and the Minister of Labour, Mr. Milton F. Gregg, in addressing the committee, urged that all those persons in Canada concerned with apprenticeship combine their efforts towards making more training opportunities available and encouraging young people to attain the skills which are so important to the development of Canada during the coming years.

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NEW CAR SALES RISE: Canadians again bought more new cars but fewer new commercial vehicles in August than in the corresponding month last year, paying out a total of \$73,145,540 for 29,040 new motor vehicles during the month, an increase of 10 per cent in retail value and eight per cent in number over the 26,829 vehicles purchased for \$66,349,718 in August last year.

New passenger car sales were 20 per cent higher in number this year at 22,016 against 18,275, and 25 per cent higher in retail value at \$54,904,078 against \$44,074,715, while new commercial vehicle sales were down 18 per cent in both number and value to 7,024 retailed for \$18,241,462 from 8,554 retailed for \$22,275,003.

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PETROLEUM RECORD: Total Canadian production of crude petroleum in July reached a new monthly peak at 8,032,383 barrels, up sharply from the previous high of 6,807,199 barrels in June and 38 per cent above last year's July output of 5,830,850 barrels. Cumulative production to the end of July amounted to 41,415,973 barrels, 30 per cent greater than the aggregate of 31,737,496 barrels from the corresponding 1952 period.

July output in Alberta amounted to 7,723,760 barrels compared to 5,646,408 a year earlier; Saskatchewan, 229,734 (139,053 last year); Manitoba 26,539 (2,386); and Ontario, 26,369 (17,533).

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WHEAT SUPPLIES: Visible supplies of Canadian wheat in store and in transit in North America reached 300,500,000 bushels for the week ended September 24, up from 291,600,000 a week earlier and substantially above the 207,600,000-bushel total for the corresponding week last year.