

CLOSER CANADA-SOVIET TRADE RELATIONS

The Soviet Foreign Trade Minister, Nikolai S. Patolichev, and Trade Minister Robert H. Winters recently concluded an exchange of visits which has publicized a policy of strengthening trade relations between Canada and the Soviet Union.

Mr. Patolichev, who left Canada last week after a stay of ten days, was invited last year by Mr. Winters when he was in the U.S.S.R. to conclude negotiations for a new three-year Canada-Soviet trade pact. This is the first time that Canadian and Soviet trade ministers have exchanged visits.

WHEAT AGREEMENT

The highlight of Mr. Patolichev's visit was the announcement of a contract between the Canadian Wheat Board and the Soviet Cereals Agency involving the purchase of a minimum of two million long-tons of Canadian wheat and flour for shipment during the next 12 months. The contract, amounting to about \$150 million, represents the second instalment of a long-term wheat agreement providing for the purchase by the U.S.S.R. of nine million long-tons of wheat over a three-year period. The agreement was concluded last June in Moscow at the time of the renewal of the Canada-U.S.S.R. trade agreement signed by Mr. Winters for Canada and Mr. Patolichev for the Soviet Union.

At the conclusion of Mr. Patolichev's visit, Mr. Winters stressed the need for the expansion of trade between Canada and the Soviet Union. "If wheat is excepted," he said, "we sell in the Soviet

Union less than half the value of goods the Soviet Union sells in Canada. Here is clearly an opportunity for an improvement in Canada's export performance."

"On my visit to the Soviet Union," Mr. Winters added, "I noted many areas in which dynamic Canadian industries could help supply the Soviet market. And on his visit to Canada, I am sure Mr. Patolichev has been interested to observe the Canadian economy in action producing goods which could increasingly help fill the Soviet Union's need".

SOVIET VISIT

Mr. Patolichev began his visit with two days in Montreal touring Expo '67 as the guest of Mr. Winters who is the minister responsible for federal participation in the Exhibition. The U.S.S.R. has the largest national pavilion at the world's fair.

From Montreal, Mr. Patolichev's party went to Ontario for an official provincial luncheon in Toronto, a visit to a transformer plant in Hamilton and to the Adam Beck Hydro-Electric Generating Station at Queenston. Mr. Patolichev also visited a consulting engineering firm and a Toronto shopping-centre.

He then visited Vancouver and later, in Winnipeg, met with the Canadian Wheat Board and visited the research station of the federal Department of Agriculture.

During the last two days of the visit an official luncheon was given by Mr. Winters in honour of Mr. Patolichev. The Soviet Trade Minister called on the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State for External Affairs.

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DIPLOMATIC CHANGES

Mr. Paul Martin, the Secretary of State for External Affairs, has announced the appointment of George P. Kidd as Deputy Director-General of Canada's External Aid Office and Peter M. Towe as Minister at the Canadian Embassy, Washington.

Mr. Towe, the present EAO Deputy Director-General, will go to Washington on September 1, and Mr. Kidd, the present Minister in Washington, will join the EAO on October 1.

Mr. Kidd joined the Department of External Affairs in 1946 and has served in Ottawa, Warsaw, Paris and Tel Aviv. In 1961, he was appointed Ambassador to Cuba and concurrently Ambassador to Haiti. Since 1964, he has been Minister at the Canadian Embassy in Washington.

Mr. Towe, who joined the Department in 1947, has served in Washington, Bonn, Beirut, Paris and Ottawa. Before coming to the External Aid Office in 1962, he was in Paris as Canadian representative to the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and before that with the Organization for European Economic Co-operation (OEEC) - better known as the Common Market.

DIEPPE RAID COMMEMORATED

The Associate Minister of National Defence, Mr. Léo Cadieux, will lead the Canadian delegation at ceremonies, organized by the French authorities, to be held in Dieppe on August 18 and 19 to mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Canadian raid on Dieppe during the Second World War.

The ceremonies begin with the customary "watch-night" service in the Canadian War Cemetery. Subsequent events include a commemorative ceremony at the Cemetery, a religious service for the public, visits to the beaches where the landings took place, a march-past of Canadian, French and British troops and fly-pasts by Royal Canadian Air Force and Royal Air Force fighter aircraft. The RCAF will drop poppies along the beach where Canadian soldiers died.

SURVIVORS PARTICIPATE

A contingent of Dieppe survivors still serving in the Canadian forces will take part in the ceremonies. Included in the official party representing Canada are two holders of the Victoria Cross awarded for service at Dieppe - Lieutenant-Colonel (retired) C.C. Merritt and Major (retired) J.W. Foote.