Russia Drops Opposition to Canadian Proposal: At yesterday's meeting of the United Nations General Assembly, the Russian delegate Andrei Vishinsky, announced withdrawal of Soviet opposition to debate on the veto and two other controversial issues, one initiated by Canada. The Canadian proposal is to place a time limit on oratory and otherwise streamline United Nations procedure. All will be debated when presentation of Assembly delegation leaders is concluded, probably late next week. (CP)

Claxton Back In Paris: Health Minister Brooke Claxton has returned to Paris from a five-day flying visit to Greece and Italy where he gathered first-hand accounts of economic conditions in the two countries. At Athens, accompanied by the Canadian Ambassador, Maj.-Gen. L.R. LaFleche, he had an audience with King George, who expressed appreciation for Canada's aid to Greece through U.N.R.R.A. channels and admiration for the Canadian war effort and industrial progress.

On his flight from Athens to Naples, his aircraft was caught in a sudden storm and pitched about wildly for 30 minutes, several times being in danger of plunging into the sea. (CP)

Bond Sale Total Soars: In nine days Canadians have purchased $160,821,850 worth of the new Canada Savings Bonds and the first week's average individual purchase is $430.86 compared with $382.62 at the comparable point in the Ninth Victory Loan Campaign.

Iron And Steel Production Lower: Continuing the sharp decline recorded for July, production of iron and steel in Canada dropped in August to a new low level for the year, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports.

Big iron production was only 46,494 net tons compared with 64,472 in July, 129,890 in June and 139,812 in August last year. Production for the eight months ended August aggregated 986,989 tons against 1,232,-162 in the corresponding 1945 period.

Production of steel ingots and castings dropped to 88,729 tons compared with 135,914 in July, 214,861 in June and 224,928 in August, 1945. For the eight months output was 1,674,282 tons against 2,049,707 in the same period of 1945.

Predicts Soap Shortage Nearly Over: Miss Byrne Hope Saunders, director of the Prices Board's Consumer Branch, said in Winnipeg that the soap scarcity soon will be over following settlement of strikes in eastern Canada. She said oils, fats and soaps again were being supplied and the only thing which would bring the shortage back would be more strikes. (CP)

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