

PRIME MINISTER NEHRU TO VISIT CANADA: Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru of India has accepted the invitation of the Prime Minister of Canada, Mr. St. Laurent, to visit Canada in October it has been officially announced. Following is text of the invitation extended by Mr. St. Laurent:

"On behalf of the Government and people of Canada I extend to you a most cordial invitation to visit this country when you are in North America later this year. I very much hope that you may find it possible to honour us by your acceptance.

"The Canadian people would appreciate the opportunity of welcoming you as Prime Minister of a sister nation of the Commonwealth and as the distinguished leader of the people of India. For myself I look forward to renewing the happy personal relations which I so much enjoyed when we met in London last year. If you are able to accept we would of course wish to have you and your party as guests of the Government."

Following is text of the acceptance by the Prime Minister of India:

"I hasten to thank you for the very kind invitation that you have extended to me on behalf of the Government and people of Canada to visit the Dominion. It will give me great pleasure to visit Canada and I look forward to fitting this in with my trip to your great and friendly neighbour the United States of America next October. The Government and people of India entertain the friendliest feelings towards Canada and her people and it will be both an honour and a pleasure for me to bring to you all in person their greetings. The prospect of seeing you again enhances the pleasure with which I look forward to the visit.

"Owing to exigencies of American trip and of my official obligations in India, it may not be possible for me to spend many days in Canada. This I am sure you will understand. Details can be settled later. Kind regards."

I.L.O. AT GENEVA: The International Labour Organization's Governing Body at Geneva on June 30, approved establishment of a fact-finding and conciliation commission on freedom of association, for the purpose of international supervision of freedom of association, as suggested in proposals submitted by I.L.O. Director-General David A. Morse.

The Governing Body requested the Director-General to continue consultations already begun with the Secretary-General of the United Nations with regard to the manner in which such a commission can most appropriately be established.

The Director-General was further requested, in the light of these consultations, to submit detailed proposals concerning the terms of reference, procedure and composition of the commission to the Governing Body at an early session.

Also at Geneva, the credentials committee of the I.L.O. General Conference made public its conclusions on objections to the credentials of workers' delegates and advisers from Argentina, India, Ireland, Panama and Venezuela.

The committee stated it was not convinced that effective trade union freedom is entirely guaranteed in all the countries which were under consideration. The statement added that information available to the committee did not enable it, in the short time at its disposal, to come to a definite decision. None of the protests lodged were sustained by the committee.

THREE NEW DIVISIONS: Creation of three new Divisions within the Bureau of Mines to meet the greatly increased industrial demands being made upon its services, was announced on July 6 by the Minister of Mines and Resources, Mr. Gibson.

These new Divisions resulted from the subdivision of the former Mineral Dressing and Metallurgy Division which comprised the mineral dressing, metallurgical and radioactivity sections. By this reorganization each of the three will now have Division status.

Mr. R.J. Traill, Chief of the former Division of Mineral Dressing and Metallurgy, becomes Chief of the Division of Mineral Dressing and Process Metallurgy. His unit operates the mineral dressing laboratories which processes all ores and minerals, the ceramic laboratories and the extractive metallurgy section.

Dr. John Convey, previously chief metallurgist, becomes Chief of the Division of Physical Metallurgy. The metallurgical laboratories which, since 1943, have served the Canadian metal industry and the Armed Services, carry on an extensive range of research projects, providing facilities for the investigation of foundry practice, fabrication techniques, metal testing and research on metal processes.

The Division of Radioactivity will be headed by Mr. Arvid Thunaes, specialist in metallurgy. This unit will maintain the chemical and physical laboratories which aid the radioactive mineral and prospecting industry. The notably increased interest in this work and in more efficient methods of detecting radioactive ore deposits has continued to multiply the demands upon such services.

FRUIT CROP INCREASE: Moderate increases in most fruit crops are indicated in the first estimates of production for this year released by the Bureau of Statistics.

Apple production is currently estimated at 16,770,000 bushels, or 25 per cent above the 1948 level. The pear crop will amount to 831,000 bushels, slightly larger than the 1948 crop of 789,000 bushels. A 15 per cent increase since last season is looked for in the peach crop.