

**SEAWAY PROGRESS:** Dealing with the St. Lawrence Seaway when speaking in Ottawa, the Minister of Transport, Mr. Lionel Chevrier, declared on November 9 that the latest moves by the Administration at Washington were not only of the greatest importance to Canada but were indicative of the desire of the Administration to see the construction of the Power Project started.

Here is what was accomplished at one stroke:

On November 4th, the New York State Power Authority accepted the Federal Power Commission's license which authorizes it to construct jointly with Ontario Hydro the Power Development in the International Rapids Section of the River.

On November 5th, President Eisenhower signed an executive order designating the New York State Power Authority as the "entity", in accordance with the terms of the Order of Approval of the International Joint Commission. Canada, many months ago, designated Ontario Hydro as the "entity" to develop our share of the power.

The President named the Secretary of the Army and the Chairman of the Federal Power Commission as the two U.S. members of the Board of Engineers, as recommended by the I.J.C. order.

The Secretary of State and the Solicitor General both made representations to the Court of Appeals in the State of Washington urging that Court to hear without delay and dispose of the appeals against the granting of the license.

This expeditious action on the part of the United States is most gratifying to Canada, said the Minister. If the representations made before the Courts are successful, then it is quite possible that construction would begin in the Spring of 1954. All these steps taken in quick succession are due to the representations made by the Prime Minister to the President during his visit last May and to the talks which both Mr. Howe and Mr. Pearson had with the Attorney General and the Secretary of State recently.

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**MANUFACTURERS' INVENTORIES:** Total value of inventory held by Canadian manufacturers at the end of August was \$3,985,800,000, an increase of \$46,300,000 over July and nearly eight per cent above the same month last year, according to the Bureau's monthly report. In index terms, August inventories stood at 212.9 as compared with 210.5 in July and 198.1 in August last year. Inventories actually owned by manufacturers were valued at \$3,532,700,000, an increase of one per cent over July and a rise of four per cent over August, 1952. Inventories held but not owned by reporting manufacturers, which, after a slight decline in June, had resumed their upward movement, reached \$453,100,000, the increase during August amounting to three per cent.

**MAN OR STATE:** Speaking before the Holy Name Society in Ottawa on November 8, the Minister of Transport, Mr. Lionel Chevrier, referred to the recent statement made by Sir Winston Churchill: "There has been a lessening of tension and probabilities of another war have diminished or at least become more remote".

We all hope, he said, that this is so. Nonetheless we must seek peace with even greater effort. If war is always imminent or peace is so difficult of attainment, is it not because society is ill? The world is in a state of turmoil. Modern man - the man of today - is frustrated. He is anxious. He is influenced by the outside world. He is face to face with a number of false ideas and false doctrines. Of these there is one that has gathered great strength. It has practically swept the whole of the Eastern world and threatens to make inroads in the West.

Marx said that democracy is founded on the principle of the "sovereign worth of a person", but this, he said, is based upon a dream and an illusion. Molotov develops this idea by saying "bread is a political weapon", which means that only those who think his way may eat. According to this doctrine, persons by themselves have no value. An individual has a value only inasmuch as he is the representative of the revolutionary class, outside of which man has no value. For us the human personality is the supreme value. For us, man has rights which are God-given and not State-given. This is the crucial point at issue in the world today. This explains how Russia uses war tactics in Korea and more particularly its attitude towards war prisoners.

The struggle is not so much between individualism and collectivism, free enterprise and socialism, democracy and dictatorship. These are only the superficial manifestations of a deeper struggle which is moral and spiritual and involves above all else whether man shall exist for the State or the State for man.

It has not been given to every generation to see the issues as clearly as it has been given to ours.

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**WHEAT SUPPLIES:** Visible supplies of Canadian wheat in store or in transit in North America on October 21 jumped to 319,713,000 bushels as compared with 316,642,000 a week earlier, and 245,743,000 on the corresponding date last year, according to the Bureau of Statistics weekly statement. At the same time, deliveries of wheat from western farms dropped to 9,862,000 bushels from 12,416,000 the week before and 11,759,000 a year ago.

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From 1926 to 1950 the length of Canada's paved highways rose from 6,891 to 24,877 miles, and surfaced highway mileage from 57,412 to 169,498 miles.