

CANADA'S FAO DELEGATION

Prime Minister Diefenbaker announced on October 12 that an 18-man delegation, led by Agriculture Minister Alvin Hamilton, would represent Canada at the eleventh session of the Food and Agriculture Organization in Rome, November 4 to 23.

One reason for the strength of the delegation is Canada's interest in a World Food Bank - a plan proposed by the Prime Minister on a number of occasions as a means of assisting nations facing famine and other emergencies. Canada is concerned with getting support for the Food Bank and with steps directed to raising nutritional standards in all parts of the world, as well as using food for development purposes.

Two other matters of international significance will claim Canada's close attention: (1) the suggested standardization of pesticide procedures throughout the world, combined with a study of pesticide residues; and (2) guiding principles for agricultural price stabilization and support policies.

Fisheries Minister J. Angus MacLean will be Canada's alternate delegate. Deputy Minister of Agriculture S.C. Barry will be the deputy delegate. Mr. Barry is chairman of one of three commissions appointed by FAO. His group is responsible for current and prospective activities.

CANADA AT DETROIT METALS SHOW

The largest piece of cobalt strip in the world, produced by a Canadian manufacturer, will be one of 14 unique displays in the Canadian exhibit at the National Metals Congress and Exposition in Detroit from October 23 to 27. Details of Canada's participation are provided in an attractive illustrated booklet, *Canada Exhibits Metals and Metal Products At Detroit*, published by the Department of Trade and Commerce.

The booklet is now being sent by Canada's trade commissioners in the United States to potential buyers of Canadian metals and metal products in their territories, together with an invitation to visit the Canadian stand at the big Detroit show. The booklet will also be distributed at the Canadian exhibit.

Featuring the new cobalt strip on its cover, the booklet describes many other striking Canadian advances in the production of a wide range of metals and metal products, from new developments in the field of powder-metallurgy to fencing material coated in coloured vinyl.

It also tells how one Canadian firm is co-operating with the Canadian Government in an intensive programme of research into the non-nuclear uses of uranium. This firm is now in a position to supply limited quantities of uranium master alloys for industrial research.

Another interesting Canadian development is the triodetic system -- an entirely different conception in structural connection of metal members.

STUDY HEALTH SURVIVAL PLANS

Pharmacists from across Canada met from October 16 to 20 at the Canadian Civil Defence College, Annprior, Ontario, to study and recommend methods by which they could assist the federal Emergency Health Services in the provision of health supplies and trained manpower in time of national emergency.

About 60 candidates attended the conference, which combined a three-day civil defence refresher course with a two-day study of the health-supplies officer's role.

Representatives included retail, hospital and governmental pharmacists; officials from the National Pharmaceutical Associations such as the Canadian Pharmaceutical Association, Canadian Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association, Proprietary Association of Canada, Industrial Pharmacists Section of the Canadian Pharmaceutical Association, deans and senior professors from the Canadian Conference of Pharmaceutical Faculties, provincial pharmaceutical registrars, provincial health supplies officers and observers from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare in the United States.

The meeting was conducted by the Emergency Health Services Division of the Department of National Health and Welfare under the supervision of J. Earle Matthews, Pharmaceutical Consultant, Administrator, Health Supplies Section, in co-operation with the staff of the Canadian Civil Defence College.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES

Consumer price indexes rose in eight of the ten regional cities and declined in two. Increases ranged from 0.1 per cent in Halifax to 1.1 per cent in both Ottawa and Toronto. The indexes for the latter two cities reflected the introduction of the 3 per cent sales tax in Ontario. The St. John's and Saint John indexes declined 1.0 per cent and 0.3 per cent respectively.

Food indexes also rose in eight of the ten regional cities and declined in two. Shelter indexes showed mixed results as three indexes were unchanged, four indexes were up and three declined. Clothing indexes were lower in six of the ten regional cities, higher in three cities and unchanged in the remaining city. Household-operation indexes were up in four cities, down in three cities and unchanged in the other three cities. Indexes for other commodities and services declined in six of the ten regional cities, increased in two cities and were unchanged in the other two.

CANADA RECOGNIZES SYRIA

Prime Minister Diefenbaker has announced that Canada had extended recognition to the Government of Syria. The Prime Minister has replied to the message he received earlier from Dr. Kouzbari, Prime Minister of Syria, expressing the wish of the Syrian Government to establish friendly relations with Canada.

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