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Notes To Hungary, Roumania: The Department of External Affairs announced on June 1 that Canada, Australia and New Zealand were associated with further United Kingdom notes delivered on May 31 to the Governments of Hungary and Roumania in connection with violations of clauses of the Peace Treaties which provide for the protection of fundamental human rights. On April 2, the Department announced that Canada was formally associated with United Kingdom and United States notes of protest to the two countries. As the replies received were highly unsatisfactory and did not answer the charges made against Hungary and Roumania, further notes were delivered. These notes inform the two Governments that a dispute has arisen and is being referred, as envisaged by the Treaties of Peace, to the United States and Soviet Heads of Mission in each of the capitals.

The notes to the Heads of Mission recite the history of the dispute and call for joint consideration by the United Kingdom, the United States and Soviet representatives in each capital. If agreement cannot be reached within two months, the matter will be referred to an International Commission.

Canada, not being a signatory of the Peace Treaty with Bulgaria, is not associated with the United Kingdom notes to the Bulgarian Government and to the U.S. and Soviet Heads of Mission in Sofia. The United States Government simultaneously is taking parallel steps with respect to the three Balkan countries.

Deportation Appeal Dismissed: The Minister of Mines and Resources, Mr. Gibson, announced on May 31 that the appeal of Dimitri Leschenko against deportation had been dismissed. The case was given some prominence in the press a few weeks ago due to the fact that Leschenko admitted during a Board of Inquiry held by the Immigration Service that he had been a Soviet spy who operated behind German lines and later in British occupied territory. Careful inquiry failed to reveal good reason why he should be allowed to remain in Canada and deportation is being effected because of misrepresentation connected with his entry to this country.

Grain Marketing: The Minister of Trade and Commerce, Mr. Howe, announced on June 1 that it is the Government's intention to authorize the Canadian Wheat Board to undertake the marketing of western-grown oats and barley delivered by producers during the 1949/50 crop year, commencing on August 1.

This policy is authorized by an amendment to the Canadian Wheat Board Act, passed by Parliament during the 1948 session. In that session of Parliament and again during the 1949 session, Mr. Howe indicated that the Canadian Wheat Board would be authorized to undertake the marketing of oats and barley on condition that the Governments in the Prairie Provinces would indicate their support by passing complementary legislation.

The Saskatchewan Legislature passed a complementary Act in 1948, and the Alberta and Manitoba Legislatures did likewise during their 1949 sessions. Accordingly, the Government intends to authorize the Canadian Wheat Board to undertake the marketing of oats and barley, commencing on August 1.

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