

British Demands On American Trade May Result In Cutting Synthetic Rubber Subsidy

By SAM DAWSON
NEW YORK (AP)—An American war-baby, the synthetic rubber industry, may soon get a chance to show just how strong it has grown in its short life.

It's doubtful if the coddled infant will be forced to try to stand alone—despite British demands that Uncle Sam kick the child out into the cold world of competition with natural rubber, where the British dominate. The United States will probably continue to keep a firm paternal hand guiding the youngster, but apparently synthetic rubber in the months ahead must learn to do with less artificial support.

Holding Own
Many in the rubber trade think that synthetic can hold its own

at last in competition with natural rubber. They base their belief on two factors: 1. For some uses synthetic is better than natural rubber; and 2. The price for synthetic has been pushed down to a point where it is competitive. In fact, in recent months the synthetic price of 18 1/2 cents a pound has determined the price the British could get for their natural rubber—and the British don't like it.

Now the United States has agreed, as part of its helping hand across the sea, to give the British a break. First, we are going to review our stockpiling program—the implication being that we'll buy more natural rubber from Britain and store it for as long as possible, considering that it loses its prime qualities after a while. Second, we apparently are going to lower the synthetic quota which we impose on our rubber manufacturers. This presumably would open the door for the British to sell more natural rubber to American tire makers.

War Baby
Our synthetic rubber industry was a war necessity, when Japan cut off the sources of natural rubber. As a guard against that emergency arising again, the United States has decided that the synthetic plants must keep running. And to make sure they do, the government forces rubber manufacturers to use at least 200,000 tons of general purpose synthetic rubber each year, and more than 20,000 tons of special synthetics.

Actually, our manufacturers have been using between 300,000 and 400,000 tons a year. Their chief gripe has been that the government has set up rules as to how much synthetic must go into various products. Some manufacturers insist that if all such rules were eliminated, that total synthetic consumption would be just about as high, although more na-



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SMASHING VICTORY—Charlie Pusari leans heavily on the ropes as Rocky Graziano pounds him with fury in the 10th round of the scheduled 10-round bout in New York. Knowing he had lost the fight on points—confirmed by the tally of the judge's cards later—Rocky came out punching in the 10th to win a TKO victory over Pusari and smash his way back into the "big time."

Importance Of Iodized Salt's Use In Ordinary Diet Told

By FRANK CAREY
Associated Press Science Editor
(For James Marlow)

WASHINGTON (AP)—The government wants every salt shaker in the nation filled with "iodized salt."

That's ordinary table salt with a little iodine added to it. Government and other authorities have just announced a new program to encourage its use. They contend this will give the average person enough iodine to:

- 1—Help prevent one of the commonest forms of goiter.
 - 2—Help fortify the people's health generally—because iodine is an essential food element and some folks don't get enough of it from their regular food.
- History Told**
Iodized salt is not new. As early as 1831 its use was suggested to prevent goiter. Over the years various health groups have advocated its use. Now the government, the medical profession, public health authorities and the salt industry have joined to attempt to get everyone to use it.
- Dr. W. H. Sebrell of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) says in an article in "Public Health Reports":

"Many people who take vitamin tablets and are careful about

tural rubber would go into tires. They don't object so much to being told how much to use as how to use it.

Lower Grade Cheaper
But with all rules off, tire makers can use a lower grade natural rubber that has been selling around two cents a pound cheaper than synthetic. The best-grade natural rubber has been about the same price as synthetic.

British producers of Malayan natural rubber would like to raise prices. In fact rubber prices rose one cent a pound yesterday in Singapore in hopes of more American buying. They say they need higher prices to meet higher production costs. And Britain can use the dollars.

The champions of American synthetic think they have a good brake to apply to the British price hikes. When the price of natural rubber goes much higher than synthetic, it will make the American-made product attractive price-wise to manufacturers, who have learned they can use it. The Malaysians apparently rely more on the promise that Uncle Sam will buy their product for stockpiling. Dealers in Singapore predict prices won't jump much because the stockpiling plan will be a slow affair. For one thing, Congress has to appropriate the money for buying the rubber, and lately it has been cutting down on the amount the stockpilers can spend.

Another thing the Malaysians are noting is that production of tires in this country dropped 15 percent in July.

The United States, even with its synthetic rubber quotas, is still the world's greatest buyer of natural rubber. And it buys more today than it did before the war. Many believe there is plenty of room for both natural and synthetic rubber in our economy.

getting an adequate supply of vitamins neglect the iodized salt which will insure a health minimum of iodine for the normal person."

Sebrell is director of NIH's Institute of Experimental Biology and Medicine.

Easily Corrected
He says that it has been shown many times in this country and abroad that "iodine deficiency is easily corrected and better health achieved through the daily routine use of a table salt to which tiny amounts of iodine have been added by the manufacturer."

This salt is just as pure as ordinary salt, he says, just as cheap, and tastes no different.

(Caution: Iodized salt is not suggested as the answer to all nutritional needs. You have to have other essential elements in your food—iron, calcium, copper and many others. Getting enough iodine, but only iodine.)

Why is iodine so essential anyway?

Produces Hormone
In your neck is a gland called the thyroid. It produces a "hormone"—or chemical messenger—that is carried by the blood stream.

This hormone controls the rate of heat production in your body. It aids in stimulating the normal growth of bones, hair and skin. It helps the normal development of the brain, helps stimulate sexual development at the age of puberty. It helps in the maintenance of a normal pregnancy. And it aids in the production of an adequate milk supply for nursing mothers.

If the gland doesn't get enough iodine it doesn't function properly.

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Democracies May Decide On Separate Peace With Japan

By DEWITT MACKENZIE
AP Foreign Affairs Analyst
The urgency of concluding a Japanese treaty has developed the startling possibility that the democracies may get ahead with the job without Russia unless a quick solution of the disagreement with Moscow can be found.

Should this happen it would of course mean two distinct treaties—another stone added to the wall dividing the totalitarian states and the democracies.

The stalemate hinges on Russia's insistence that the treaty be concluded by the big four foreign ministers council (America, Britain, Russia and France), whereas the United States and Britain insist that it be handled by the Far Eastern commission. This commission comprises the eleven countries that fought against Japan—the United States, Russia, Britain, France, China, the Philippines, The Netherlands, Canada, Australia, India and New Zealand.

Veto Important
The Russian attitude may be explained largely by the fact that the veto is exercised in council proceedings, whereas it is not used in the commission.

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Eugene's Amusement Tax Test Comes To Courts

EUGENE (AP)—The question of whether Eugene's almost forgotten three percent amusement tax is to continue in effect will face the circuit court here Wednesday. At that time, Judge G. F. Skipworth will try the case of Eugene Theater Co. vs City of Eugene, which was filed in May, 1948.

An ordinance passed by the city council in April, 1948, provided that three percent of the admission charges for public amusements in Eugene, after other taxes, should be segregated and turned over to the city.

Since April 9, 1948, all theaters operating in Eugene have turned over the money, under protest, while the suit was pending. Henry Beistel, city recorder, said this week that the tax has collected a total of \$32,953 since it went into effect.

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Drinks No Longer Served To Dogs In British Saloons

PRESTWICH, England, Sept. 20. (AP)—With bloodshot eyes and trembling paws the drinking dogs of Prestwich scuttled into their favorite saloons today. They got a shock. Their drinks are cut off.

Dr. C. H. T. Wade, the city health officer, said the wave of tipping by dogs at the local pubs has got to stop.

"They have dirty habits," he said, "and most pubs only rinse the glasses."

Alderman A. L. Williams of the health committee agreed.

"We don't say our dogs are drunkards," he told a reporter, "but too many of them are drinking beer from the same glasses used by other patrons."

Bernard Hadfield, proprietor of the Ostrich, said most of the drinking dogs he knew were moderate about it—half a pint or so a night. But he said he had seen at least one who'd had a drop too much.

"Mind you," said Hadfield, "he may have been new to it, but he certainly staggered home."

Home-Made Lingerie Is Fun, Saves Money

By DOROTHY ROE
Associated Press Fashion Editor
Amateur seamstresses can have fun and save money making their own lingerie.

Whether it's a trousseau or a vacation outfit in the making, plenty of dainty lingerie is a must. And if a gal is handy with the old family sewing machine she can have an ample supply at pin-money prices.

There is a wide choice of fabrics and trimmings available. You may select silk, rayon or nylon sheers, soft crepes or lustrous satins.

Trimmings may range from luxurious wide lace to eyelet embroidered waste frills or insertion. The tailored type may prefer no trimming at all except carefully hand-finished bindings in a contrasting tone, or perhaps an embroidered monogram.

Fireman Find Fire's Seat In Seat Of Man's Pants

SALEM (AP)—It didn't take city firemen long to get to the seat of a fire Sunday.

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