

# WHEAT REDUCTION STILL NEEDED TO CURB WORLD GLUT

Conference of Nations Told Agreements Undermined by Dumping and Price Cutting Some Countries

By ALBERT W. WILSON (Associated Press Foreign Staff.)  
 BUDAPEST, Hungary, Nov. 21.—The "glut" of world wheat stocks still menaces prices, making continued acreage reduction a necessity, the world wheat conference was told today in the report of the London advisory commission.

The conference, attended by representatives of the principal wheat nations of the world, under the chairmanship of John Van A. MacMurray, American minister to the Baltic states, also had before it reports that the pact it has promulgated have been undermined by the sales policies of several important grain producing nations.

Statistics compiled by the commission were designed to disclose how dumping, price cutting, and government subsidies were responsible for the recent slump in world markets.

Two Countries Blamed.  
 It was reported that Argentina and France bear the brunt of the criticism, but the findings of the commission were not divulged.

Soviet Russia was represented at the conference this year for the first time, by Abraham Kasatin, president of the Russian grain export monopoly of Moscow.

The advisory commission's lengthy review of the world wheat situation was explained by Andrew Cairns of Canada, secretary of the commission. It stated that despite the drought which ravaged most of the producing nations last summer, world prices were yet menaced by oversupply.

The world carryover of stocks of the basic cereal will be between 750,000,000 and 800,000,000 bushels August 1, 1935, the report estimated, compared with 1,400,000,000 August 1, 1934.

Set Normal Figure.  
 The 1922-28 average of 625,000,000 bushels has been adopted by the commission as the normal figure for world supply.

Nicholas Kalloy, Hungarian minister of agriculture, made the opening speech, welcoming the wheat diplomats and outlining the Hungarian position. He said Hungary already had sold to Austria all the wheat she will export during 1934. He declared this amount was considerably below normal because of the drought.

Chairman MacMurray responded briefly, expressing the desire of the United States to cooperate in all measures which were capable of bringing better wheat prices to the farmers of the world.

It was learned that Dr. M. Hodza, Czechoslovakian minister of agriculture, is fathering an agricultural bloc of the central European states, to provide that the debts owed by the central states to the western European countries should be paid in farm products.

Dr. Hodza claimed that the grain monopoly in Czechoslovakia had been successful, and declared he was suggesting its extension to cattle.

Australia Cuts Crop.  
 In revised figures for the amount of acreage production, Australia was credited with curtailing production by 18 1/2 per cent, compared with 1933, but it was indicated that later information would indicate a slightly larger figure.

The figures for the United States and Canada were not made public because they were still open to revision.

It was understood that Argentina's production was placed at six per cent, but Eudora Garcia-Ariza, Argentinian delegate and regarded as key man of the conference, was expected to report that his country's production would be at least 10 per cent.

To the reported charges that 100 polities were demoralizing the world wheat market, it was understood the French government's defense would be that it had agreed to ship practically no wheat on condition the other countries live up to their agreements.

Argentina Has Alibi.  
 Argentina, on the other hand, has declined to make any commitment since the breakdown of last year's quota agreement, which she claimed handicapped her because it was made before the extent of her 1933 crop was known. Her delegates say she was forced to postpone a decision on new quotas until the present conference, although the new wheat year already is four months old.

North American Assent.  
 Argentina must be bound by the 148,000,000 bushel quota tentatively allotted her last year for 1934-35 until new figures are decided upon.

Sweden is the only one of 21 countries invited which informed the conference she was unable to send a delegate, but the government said it favors all measures under consideration.

These include agreements on export quotas for the next three years and a reduction in world acreage sown to wheat.

# DUKE GOES ON TRIAL IN RIDICULE SLAYING

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 21.—(UP)—Charles G. Duke, 61, reputedly wealthy property holder, shot and killed Dr. Leon W. Squire, an osteopath on Oct. 5 because he was driven to the verge of insanity by the ridicule of five misty, his attorney pleaded in court today.  
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