TRADE TREATIES CALLED BOON TO FRUIT INDUSTRY

International Assn. Group Shows How Agreements Have Been of Benefit — Thanks Due Secy. Hull

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BOSTON, Aug. 14.—Reciprocal trade agreements between the U. S. A. and 14 foreign lands have made a vital start toward unshackling and promoting world trade. This was the outstanding pronouncement of the foreign trade committee made in its annual report presented at the apple convention here this week. E. W. J. Beatty, general chairman, read the report, which was heard with interest by many.

"The thanks and deep appreciation of the fruit industry are due Secretary of State Hull and his associates and all other departments who have assisted in carrying on the work," the report said.

As to apples, concessions in one form or another and of direct benefit to United States growers have been obtained in every one of the 14 reciprocal trade agreements thus far concluded. All of the countries with one exception (Nicaragua) have given concessions of one kind or another on fresh apples and pears. On dried apples concessions have been obtained in 10 agreements.

Concessions on canned and dried apples are called important. In 1933 the canning and drying industries reported apple products valued at more than $4,000,000. Last year $3,000,000 worth of dried apples and nearly $1,000,000 worth of canned apples and applesauce were exported. The export value of fresh apples in 1935 was $17,000,000 compared with $23,000,000 for the previous five-year average.

Has Worked Long

The committee has done a great amount of work in participating in the preparation of these 14 reciprocal trade agreements. As a matter of fact, it had been working on the problem for the last five years.

Tables showing the exports of apples and pears and the loss in trade as compared with the 1930-31 season were presented, the first for apples, the second for pears, as follows:

Apples

Season	Bushels	Pct.	Loss Pct.
1930-31	20,361,472	100	
1931-32	18,076,661	89	11
1932-33	13,753,809	68	32
1933-34	12,262,348	60.2	39.8
1934-35	8,061,966	39.6	60.4
1935-36	12,133,000	59.5	40.5

Pears

Season	Bushels	Pct.	Loss Pct.
1930-31	2,693,400	100	
1931-32	1,814,000	67.3	32.7
1932-33	2,399,700	89.1	10.9
1933-34	2,220,100	82.4	17.6
1934-35	2,005,431	74.5	25.5
1935-36	2,476,645	91.8	8.2

Trade barriers began to become troublesome in 1930-31 and, for that reason, the figures are made in comparison with that season.

A resume of the 14 agreements now in effect was presented, as follows:

(1) Cuba—Agreement signed on August 26, 1934, effective September 3. Duration, three years. The agreement bound the present relatively low duty on fresh apples and pears, reducing the duty on dried apples 12.5 percent and on canned apples and pears 16.7 percent, agreeing not to increase these rates during the life of the agreement.

Enter Brazil Free

(2) Brazil—Signed April 23, 1935, ratified November 15. Duration, two years. Fresh apples and pears are admitted free during the life of the agreement. The duty on canned apples and pears was reduced 20 percent.

(3) Belgium—Signed February 27, 1935, effective May 1, 1935. Duration, until six months after notice by either government of its intention to terminate. A relatively low duty on fresh apples was bound against an increase and the duty on fresh pears was reduced 50 percent. The duty on dried apples was reduced 33.3 percent and on canned apples and pears 27.5 percent.

(4) Haiti—Signed March 28, 1935, effective June 3, 1935. Duration, three years. The duty on fresh apples and pears was reduced 40 percent and on canned apples and pears 35 percent.

(5) Sweden—Signed May 25, 1935, effective August 5. Duration, three years. Extended the low duty season one month for imports of fresh apples and two months on fresh pears. The low duty period on apples now is from January 1 to April 30, inclusive, and on fresh pears from December 1 to April 30, inclusive. The duty on dried apples was bound on the free list during the life of the agreement. The duty on canned pears was reduced from 75 crowns to 50 crowns per 100 kilos.

(6) Canada—Signed November 15, 1935, provisionally effective January 1, 1936. Duration, to December 31, 1938. Canada waived the minimum specified duty and reduced the ad valorem duty on fresh apples and pears by 25 percent. In addition, Canada agreed that the valuation for duties shall not exceed an advance over invoice value greater than 50 percent of the lowest value in effect during the last four years. The duty on dried apples was reduced by 10 percent and on canned apples and pears by 20 percent, these duties being bound against increases during the life of the agreement.

Monopoly Fee Cut

(7) The Netherlands—Signed December 20, 1935, effective February 1, 1936. Duration, to January 1, 1939. The import monopoly fees were one of the most serious trade barriers. This monopoly fee was reduced on apples by one-half for the month of March and remains at that figure from March to June, inclusive. The import monopoly fee was reduced to one-half on fresh pears commencing February 1 and remains at that figure from February 1 to and including June. The import monopoly fee on dried and canned apples and pears was bound against any increase.

(8) Switzerland—Signed and proclaimed January 9, 1936. Duration, to February 14, 1939. The duty on fresh apples and pears was bound against any increase and a quota insured above the previous average levels. In fact, the quota assured the United States was only exceeded once in several years, and then only by 8 percent. The duty on dried apples was reduced by 20 percent.

(9) Colombia—Signed December 13, 1935, effective May 20. Duration, two years. The duty on fresh apples and pears, also dried or canned, was reduced 50 percent.

(10) Honduras—Signed September 18, 1935; effective March 2, 1936. Duration, one year. There is to be no increase during the life of the agreement in the duty on fresh apples and pears. The duty on canned apples and pears is reduced by 73 percent, also the duty on dried apples.

(11) Nicaragua—Signed March 11, 1936. Duration, three years. The duty on canned apples and pears was reduced by 33 percent and on dried apples and pears 40 percent.

(12) Guatemala—Signed May 2, 1936. Duration, three years. Agreed not to change during the life of the agreement the present treatment accorded American appes and pears, whether fresh, dried or canned.

French Quota Increased

(13) France—Signed May 16, 1936, effective June 15. Duration, to July 1, 1937. The quota on fresh apples and pears has been increased by more than 50 percent through a supplemental quota which is to be added to the basic regular quota, thus practically insuring the exportation to France of approximately 1,772,000 bushels of apples and pears. Protection was also obtained against any increases in the import license tax on fresh apples and pears and against increases in duties on fresh apples and pears and dried apples. This increase in the quota and placing it on a known and stable basis is of outstanding importance.

(14) Finland—Signed May 18, 1936, and subject to approval by the Finnish Diet. Effective for three years, commencing within 30 days after proclamation by the president of the United States and the president of Finland. Duration, three years. The former Finnish duty on apples was six Finnish marks (Fmk) per net kilo from August 1 to December 31, and 3 Fmk from January 1 to July 31. The former Finnish duty on pears was 1 Fmk per net kilo throughout the season. Under the agreement the Finnish duty on apples has been reduced for the period December 15 to June 15 to 1.50 Fmk pet net kilo. The reduced rate of 1.50 Fmk. (approximately 1½c lb.) applies on United States apples imported during the period from December 15 to June 15 each year. This equals a reduction in duty of 4.50 Fmk per net kilo, or 75 percent, during the period December 15 to December 31, and a reduction of 1.50 Fmk per net kilo, or 50 percent, during the period January 1 to June 15. The period during which the new lower duty of 1.50 Fmk per net kilo will operate should permit entries to be made in time to participate in the Finnish holiday trade and thereafter to June 15. The present duty on pears of 1 Fmk per net kilo (about 1c lb.) is bound for the life of the agreement; that is, it will not be raised. Dried pears have been reduced from 6 Fmk to 3 Fmk kilo, a reduction of 50 percent; canned pears from 10 Fmk to 6.50 Fmk kilo, a rereduction of 35 percent.

Many Barriers Removed

In addition to concessions in duties and other trade barriers, many of the agreements contain provisions which remove sanitary restrictions from the arbitrary and unscientific or political field and lodge those questions with committees of technical experts to be appointed by the respective governments, when either government is not satisfied with the sanitary restrictions of the other. Provisions are also made in agreements for consultation, and the serious and sympathetic consideration of representations by either party to the agreement in connection with the matters covered by the agreements.

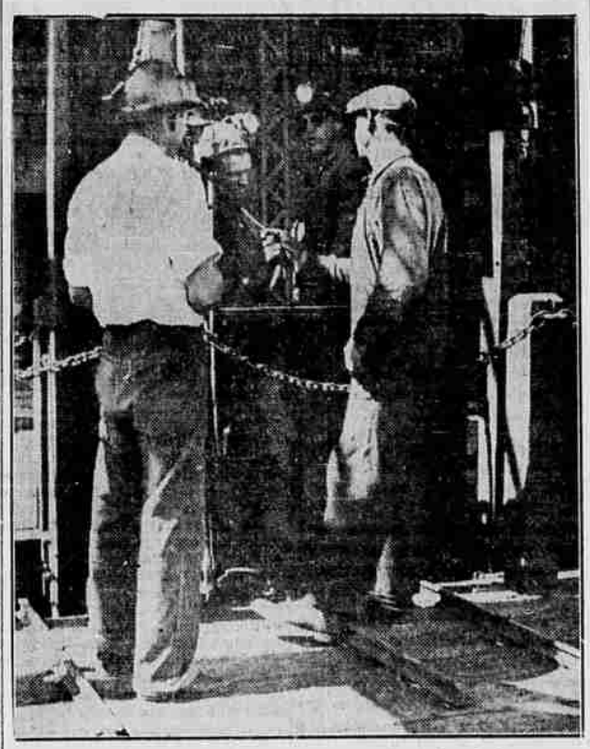
It is true, the report says, that freedom of trade has not yet been restored, even to the status existing prior to May, 1930, and cannot be in an insant. It must be borne in mind that all of the commercial countries of the world had set up highly artificial restraints and that those restraints resulted in changed economic conditions and complexities, preventing in most instances an immediate return to former bases. The point is, however, that a vital start has been made, and that all sound thinking men and nations should press forward to the ultimate object of adequately and reasonably unshackling world trade, the report concludes.

Weather.

Northern California: Fair tonight and Friday, but overcast on the coast; no change in temperature; gentle northwest wind off coast.

Oregon: Fair tonight and Friday, but morning clouds or fog on coast and in western valleys; slightly cooler in interior Friday; moderate northwest wind off coast.

SIX DIE IN NEVADA MINE



Six miners were killed by gas in the unused 600-foot level of a copper mine at the isolated northern Nevada community, Mountain City. Five of them died, officials said, because of failure to don their masks when trying to rescue the sixth, who had descended to inspect a pump. Rescue workers who brought the bodies to the surface are pictured at the mine shaft head. (Associated Press Photo)

SERENITY COMES TO BETTY BLYTHE, ONCE MOVIE QUEEN

Contentment Found on Farm After Rating and Riches Are Lost—Garden Prize Placed Above Film Fame

HOLLYWOOD, Calif., Aug. 20.—(AP)—Betty Blythe, the languorous "Queen of Sheba" of a 1921 movie, is 43 years old now, in a state of semi-retirement, but still devoted to beauty contests—for her garden.

"I won a prize with it," she said today. "And that means more to me than if I had won one myself."

The tall, statuesque actress, who out-Baraed Theda Bara in the "Queen of Sheba," is still beautiful. And she is still greatly in demand at the studios. She appeared lately in "The Gorgeous Hussy," "Anna Karenina," with Garbo, and "Only Yesterday." If she would accept them, there would be other parts.

Through With Movies

"But I'm all through with that," she said. "I've had my day. The wheel has turned. It's too hard to stoke the fires of energy any more."

Except for rare occasions, she never comes back to Hollywood from her chicken ranch at Fontana, some 45 miles east of Los Angeles.

"It was all I had left when the curtain went down," she admitted.

"I've had a lot of money and all the good things that go with it. Suddenly I found myself with only that ranch; so I went out there to live."

Bitter at First

The experience, she said, was hard to describe.

"At first, I was terrifically bitter, rebellious. It seemed to me that I was out of pictures, not because the years had passed, but because certain people had put me out.

"I reconciled myself to that. And then living there became a sort of one-act-play—you know, the actress in the country playing at raising chickens and tending the flowers.

"Eventually I became contented. That'se the part I can't put into words. It would take an excellent novelist to trace the spiritual changes that took place within me. All I know is that I gradually came to understand reality and to achieve a certain peace and serenity that I could never have bought with ten times the money I once had.

Compares Gains

"I mean it, believe me, when I say that winning a beauty prize with my garden was more to me than the biggest movie success I ever had.

"I took one part because the roof blew off my ranch house and I needed ready money for repairs. So, whenever I have the opportunity, I take a part in order to make a little money.

"The second reason is that I like to come back and compare what I've lost with what I've gained. It makes me feel successful."

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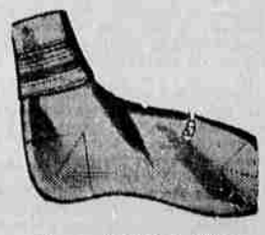

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