

Canadian Cities Show Reflection Of Everyday Living in America

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Ottawa, Canada—From baseball scores to bran flakes, Canada is "almost completely dependent upon the United States."

This observation by a Canadian who has risen high in the Department of External Affairs (Canada's State Department) lends some authority to what is plainly seen by the most casual observer from the U. S. Canada likes and consumes in great quantities American products, ideas and customs of everyday life.

This is no less true in the small logging center of Renfrew than in this capital of the vast Canadian dominion.

Same Brand Names
In a Renfrew super-market, a grocery list prepared in Washington, D. C., could be filled with few substitutes, even as to brand name products. Some American firms have built plants in Canada to serve this big market north of the border, but they turn out bran flakes, shredded wheat and other products of American origin. From scup to nuts, the story is repeated.

And like Kilroy, the ubiquitous Coca Cola salesman has long been here.

Cigarettes are something of an exception. Canadians are exhorting by billboards to light up a Black Cat, a Pleasure or a Sweet Caporal at prices substantially higher than Americans are accustomed to paying. A pack of McDonalds, its cover marked by a lady highlander in kilts, runs 34 cents. Close inspection discloses that its tobacco is imported—from the commonwealth of Virginia, U.S.A.

The latest Yankee and Dodge baseball scores are as important here as they are in Portland or Seattle, for the stars of today for Montreal or Toronto in the International League are tomorrow's performers in the majors.

Car Object of Curiosity
In driving into this proud member of Her Majesty's kingdom, we had supposed we would feel quite at home in our English-made auto. But flashing by in their Plymouths and Oldsmobiles, Canadians found our "foreign car" as much an object of curiosity as had our fellow Americans. American car manufacturers have a big market here. Only Ford appeared to produce a Canadian model which is different from its American counterpart only in chrome trim. Gasoline sells for about 42 cents per gallon here, but station attendants say their gallon is bigger than ours.

Driving across the province of Ontario, one hears by car radio Canadian disk jockeys spinning the latest hit recordings from Tin Pan alley, for this country is as dependent upon Hollywood and New York as is the U. S. for its entertainment fare. It was a singularly unique experience to stop by the side of the road one Sunday afternoon and hear the authentic whining of a bagpipe drifting out from a plain frame house many miles west of the capital.

Proud of Swimmer
Canada is obviously busting with pride over the accomplishment of a local girl. And when headline writers here simply call her Marilyn, Canadian readers know they are referring not to

Hollywood's Miss Monroe but to Toronto's Miss Bell who is just back from her successful swim of the English channel.

Otherwise the Canadian press reflects a great deal of American life and events. Many of their editorial pages carry the same syndicated American columnists that U. S. dailies rely upon for current commentary. Canada's leading newspapers send correspondents to the U. S. capital because, as one reporter here put it, "Canada knows that her real capital is Washington, D. C."

The big news in Renfrew was that Radio Corp. of America had begun production in a new venture located there, boosting the town's economy that has rested on lumbering and a woolen mill that produced mackinaws.

The RCA enterprise is typical of the investment capital now going into this country from American big business. And like the Pacific Northwest, Canada badly needs this sort of new industry if it is to make the complete transition from being simply a source of raw materials for American mills to becoming a producer of finished products for its own and the U. S. market.

As the Montreal Gazette observed editorially, Canada will suffer as she does today from a disturbing condition of unemployment until she makes this transition. No longer do giant resource development projects, in which Canada now abounds, take up the slack in employment as they did 20 years ago in the days of the great depression. Men's inventiveness has produced complex earthmoving machines and other power devices that today take the place of pick and shovel brigades once needed for road building, dam construction and pipeline laying.

That this drive to turn its own commodities in its own domestic plants will turn Canada into a more keen competitor for American producers, can hardly be doubted. Pacific Northwesters will feel that competition in the battle for full development of the Columbia River as it flows through both countries

Commercial Fishing Resumes on Columbia

Astoria — (U.P.)—Commercial fishing opens again Saturday on the Columbia river both above and below Bonneville dam. It will continue through Dec. 1. Gillnet fishermen said that, because of the recent lack of rain, they figured fishing should be good in the lower Columbia. Sports fishermen have reported good catches for the past several days.

Weekend closures, in effect during the fall season, will start Sept. 16 and run each week from 6 p.m. Friday to 6 p.m. Sunday. Astoria fishermen said most of the catches would be made at night because the water was too clear for daytime fishing. Last year, the best catches were reported in the St. Helens area where some nettings ran as high as two tons.

The August season, which closed just before the lower Columbia river salmon derbies got under way, was considered the best in the past four years.

and offers a tremendous source of cheap power for new industry. But Canada's drive can perhaps be just as easily understood with sympathy by Pacific Northwesters whose economic ambitions for their region are no less determined to overcome the long subservience to the manufacturing and financial dominance of the eastern United States.

Canada has always been like America's little brother, said one observer here in sizing up relations between the two North American neighbors. But now little brother is growing up.

Teamsters Deny Responsibility in Sabotage Cases

Sebastopol — (U.P.) — AFL Teamster officials Saturday denied responsibility for alleged sabotage against trucks moving products of eight struck Sebastopol apple canneries.

Peter Andrade, director of the Western Cannery council of the Teamsters, said the union had no knowledge of the incidents.

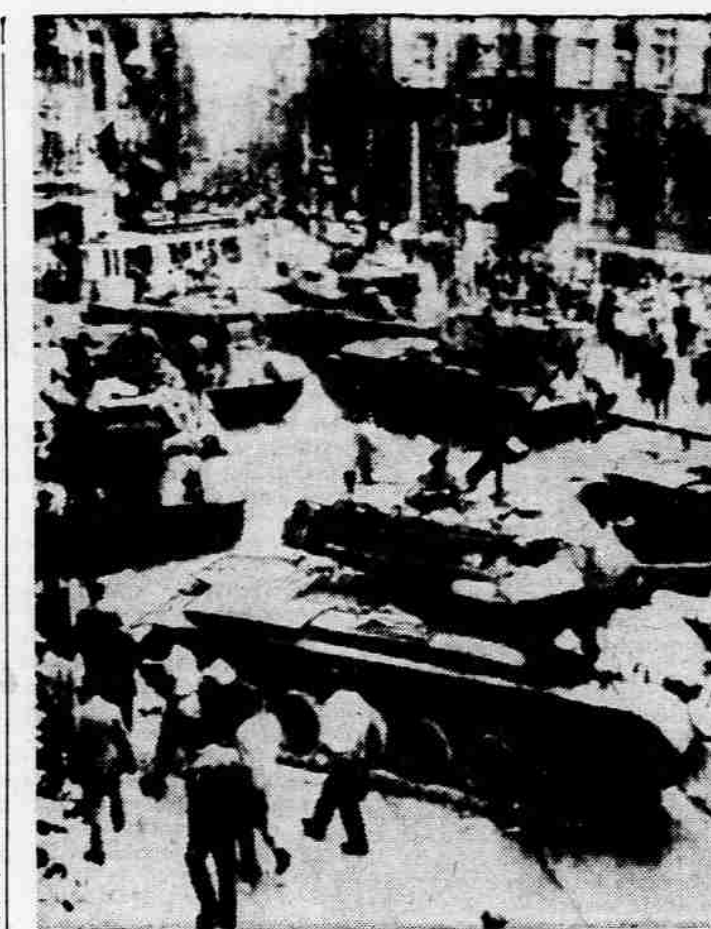
"We are conducting peaceful picketing and do not condone any acts of violence. Such acts would be to our distinct disadvantage," he stated.

Charles E. Gibbs, executive secretary of the Associated Farmers of California, charged Friday that "hoodlums" were interfering with truck shipments to and from Sebastopol and appealed to Gov. Goodwin J. Knight for highway patrol protection.

Gibbs said molasses was placed in the gas tanks of two trucks while another truck loaded with canned apples, was set afire near Vallejo.

Meanwhile, a National Labor Relations board hearing resumes in Santa Rosa today on charges that the Sebastopol Apple Growers union, a cooperative, fired some 100 employees prior to an NLRB representation election.

Maine has probably ten times as many deer as it did when the first settlers arrived. Fifteen years ago the annual deer kill was only about 22,000 in contrast to 37,000 in 1954.



TRYING TIMES IN TURKEY—Turkish Army tanks are mobilized in the streets of Istanbul after the government proclaimed martial law in three major cities. A special session of the National Assembly was called to deal with the aftermath of violent anti-Greek rioting and destruction. In Istanbul alone, an estimated 300 persons were injured, 30 of them seriously. Police arrested 2057 rioters.

U.S. Said Planning To Launch Six of Small Satellites

Brussels — (U.P.)—The United States plans to launch six to 10 basketball-sized satellites into the stratosphere before the end of 1958, it was disclosed Friday at the Conference for the International Geophysical Year.

The disclosure was made to scientists from both sides of the Iron Curtain by Dr. Homer E. Newell, a U.S. Naval Research Laboratory rocket expert. Newell outlined the American program for the 1957-58 geophysical year before a special committee meeting to coordinate national plans.

No Red Data
Soviet delegates attended the meeting, but volunteered no in-

formation about Russia's satellite plans. A Russian expert said the delegation included no rocket experts. He added that he "had no information on that subject" when asked if any were expected before the conference ends next Monday.

Twice during his report Newell appealed, without mentioning the Soviet Union, for cooperation in the rocket and satellite programs.

Trespasser Puzzled; Must Have Been Asleep

Portland — (U.P.) — Charles A. Doll, 26, arrested on a trespassing charge, told police he didn't know how he came to be found inside a locked Portland cafe unless he fell asleep in the basement before it closed.

Doll, in response to questioning, told officers he moved the juke box 40 feet into the kitchen "to entertain me until I could get out."

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—THREE

Historical Aberneth Tree Gives Up to Age, Disease

Salem — (U.P.) — Old age and disease have caught up with a historical Oregon tree.

The State Highway department said Saturday it was regretful to announce that the Abernethy Catalpa tree near the west edge of McLoughlin blvd. at 18th street in Oregon City must be cut down.

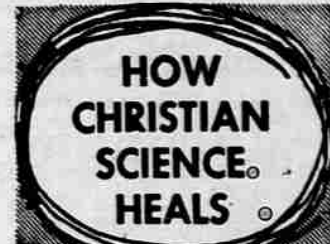
The tree recently developed a lateral crack near its base which has caused considerable concern as the tree leans far out over the heavily traveled Pacific highway.

Planted Long Ago
The tree was planted more than 100 years ago by George Abernethy, provisional governor of Oregon from 1845 to 1849. It was set in his backyard at the time, when the road northward out of Oregon City ran along the edge of the Willamette river in front of his home. The residence was destroyed by high water in the flood of 1861.

Several years ago the Susanah Lee Barlow Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution called the attention to the Highway department to the historic value of the tree.

Given Protection
Steps were taken immediately to give it maximum protection by building a curb around the tree and placing a heavy chain above the main crotch to prevent the tree from splitting. Catalpa trees normally reach

maturity in about 100 years. Because of the age of this tree, increment borings were made by Alvin Parker, farm forester for Clackamas county and they disclosed that the trunk was badly decayed. So the Highway department decided to cut down the Catalpa to prevent a further hazard to highway traffic.



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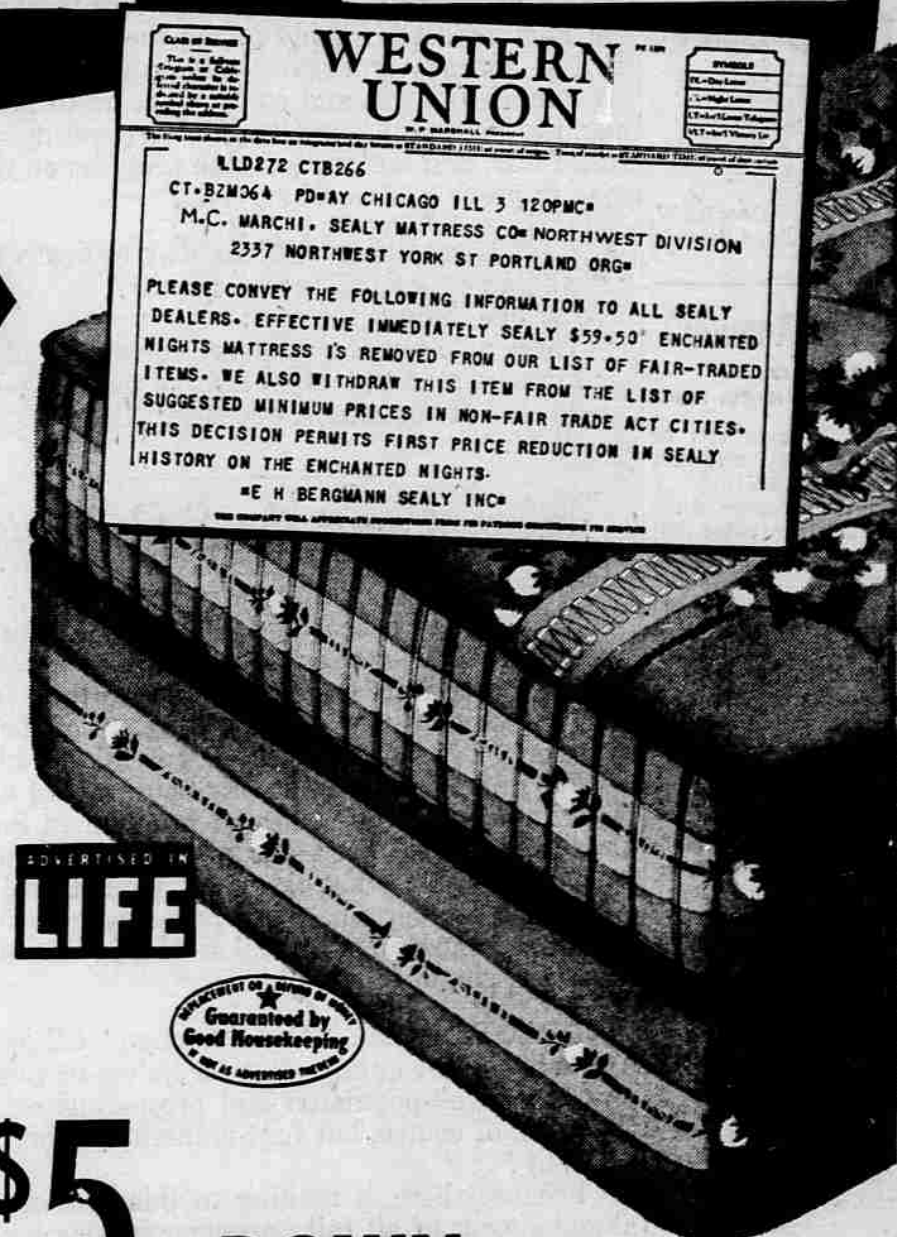
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