

Cattle Ban Stiffened In Canada Area

By The Associated Press
British Columbia closed its Eastern gates to cattle from Alberta Tuesday as Canadian redoubled efforts to curtail an outbreak of hoof-and-mouth disease.

South of the border, a U.S. government veterinarian said he was charged Wednesday with robbing the disease, discovered in Southern Saskatchewan this week, might have been "deliberately planted" by unnamed "other countries."

British Columbia Agriculture Minister Harry Bowman said the order closing the Alberta border to westward movement of cattle was a matter of "urgent public business." He said there was danger the disease might spread to wild game.

In Saskatchewan, where police were destroying infected animals as fast as the disease was detected, officials said cattle shipped before the ban was imposed could have carried the disease west, east and south.

Dr. Hal D. White of Tonasket, Wash., a U.S. government veterinarian offered the opinion the disease might have been "planted."

He said at Okanogan federal veterinarians had been "warned for year to watch for outbreaks which might be man-started, deliberate infections to destroy North American cattle."

Some 13,000 head of Canada cattle cross the border each year at Oroville, Wash., north of Okanogan where Dr. White is stationed.

Indian Land Officers To Face Charge

PORTLAND (AP)—Interior Secretary Chapman Tuesday ordered two employees of the Portland Indian Bureau office to take "annual leave" to answer formal charges against them.

Details of the charges against the pair—Clyde W. Flinn and F. E. La France—were not disclosed.

But the release from duty came at a time when the Portland office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs was under investigation in connection with the sale of Oregon timberlands owned by Indians.

Flinn is land officer for the Pacific Northwest Indian Bureau. La France is his assistant. La France refused to comment on the charge and Flinn could not be reached.

Possible irregularities in Indian owned timber sales are being checked by William P. Hoppenjans, a special Interior Department investigator.

Three of the sales involved Indians under the jurisdiction of the Portland bureau office.

In one case, recently settled out of court, a timber buyer was accused of paying an illiterate Lyle, Wash., Indian \$1,000 for 80 acres of timber land valued at between \$6,000 and \$10,000. The title was returned to the Indian.

In another reported sale, now under probate court study, some 800 acres of Oregon coast timberland owned by two Indians were sold for \$135,000. The attorney for the Indians said the property has changed hands several times and now is under option to a white man for \$300,000.

La France, a veteran, has 30 days to answer the charge against him. Flinn, not a veteran, has only 10.

MacArthur Asks That His Name Be Withdrawn From Oregon Primary Roster

SALEM (AP)—General Douglas MacArthur has asked that his name be removed from the state's Republican presidential primary ballot, but election officials aren't sure that it can be done.

David O'Hara, chief elections clerk, said the general had telegraphed Secretary of State Earl Newberry Monday asking that his name be taken from the ballot. The telegram said MacArthur's name was filed without his consent, O'Hara said.

Consent of a candidate is not needed in Oregon. Requirements are that the candidate be a member of the nominating party and that 1,000 registered party members sign the petitions.

The MacArthur petitions were filed last week by F. E. Epton, a Portland real-estate man. Epton said he had not heard from MacArthur.

But James C. Walker of Portland, a former state treasurer of the MacArthur campaign, said he had received a telegram from MacArthur. It said "I have sent telegrams to Mr. Epton and the secretary of the state of Oregon requesting that my name be withdrawn from the Oregon primary."

If Epton decides to withdraw MacArthur's name he might be able to do so under the interpretation of the law which permitted Democrats to withdraw the candidacy of Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, attorney general George Neuner said.

But if Epton decided not to withdraw MacArthur, that would be a different matter. In 1916 the Oregon Supreme Court refused to permit Charles Evans Hughes to withdraw his name from the ballot. It might take a supreme court reversal of that earlier ruling for the general to get his name off the ballot, Neuner said.

Neuner added that a similar case is to be argued before the Minnesota Supreme Court Thursday, and that he wants to see how that case comes out before he gives any opinions on MacArthur's Oregon candidacy.

Crackup In Germany Seen

BONN, Germany (AP)—U.S. High Commissioner John J. McCloy predicted "general disaster" Wednesday unless reviving German nationalism is halted.

He accused most of West Germany's political parties and even some Cabinet ministers of fostering the revival.

It was McCloy's sharpest warning to date against the trend to nationalism.

It came in his quarterly report to the State Department.

Commenting on another aspect of the German scene, McCloy said East Germany's controlled economy in its fight for industrial self-sufficiency during 1951 may have equalled the 1936 output in that section.

In West Germany, he added, industrial production is at a higher rate than in any pre-war year and West Berlin's economic activity has reached its highest level since the end of the war.

With his warning against reviving nationalism, McCloy also spotlighted the emergence of Neo-Nazi parties which he said intended to "discredit and destroy Parliamentary democracy" in West Germany.

Fishermen Catch Queen's Sturgeon

LONDON (AP)—British fishermen have landed Queen Elizabeth's first sturgeon.

Under an old tradition, every sturgeon landed from British waters belongs to the sovereign.

The custom is strictly observed, and the five foot fish caught by Brixham, Devon, fishermen Tuesday will be turned over to the Queen. It weighed more than 50 pounds.

A Buckingham Palace spokesman said the Queen might have the big fish cooked for a royal dinner "but it is more likely she will present it to some hospital or other institution."

Sturgeons are rare off the English coast.

Battle Casualty List Growing

WASHINGTON (AP)—Announced U.S. battle casualties in Korea reached 105,992 Wednesday, an increase of 151 since last week.

This was the smallest weekly rise reported since the start of the fighting.

The new totals are: Killed in action 16,463; wounded 76,911; missing 12,618.

The casualties by services: Army 86,852; Navy 1,232; Air Force 1,040; Marine Corps 16,868.

Portland Living Costs Show Gain

PORTLAND (AP)—Living costs rose 1.6 per cent in Portland while they appeared to level off elsewhere in the nation, consumer price index figures indicated Tuesday.

For the period Dec. 15-Jan. 15 Portland costs rose to 189 compared with a national index of 189.1.

Leading price increases in the Portland area were rents which went up 2.5 per cent. Food was up .8 of 1 per cent.

On the brighter side for the consumer, however, was the first indication of a downward price trend since the middle of 1950. Prices for apparel and home furnishings showed a slight decrease.

Coin Machine Firm License Refused

PORTLAND (AP)—A coin machine firm, owned by two Portland men serving federal prison terms for income tax evasion, was denied a license Tuesday by the city council.

The firm is the Coast Amusement Company owned by Lester T. Beckman and Robert B. Allen. A check to cover the \$745 license fee was returned.

Chemical Firm May Build In Oregon

SPRINGFIELD (AP)—Reichhold Chemical, Inc. has signed an option to buy 26 1/2 acres of city property here and may build a synthetic resin plant, according to city officials.

A company spokesman said Springfield was one of several Northwest sites being considered. The plant would make resins which in turn would be manufactured into glue. The glue would be used for a number of products including plywood.

Tax Levies To Go On Spring Ballot

PORTLAND (AP)—Tax levies, totaling 19 million dollars in the next four years, will be on the Portland May election ballot.

The proposed levies: (1) A \$4,800,000 special tax to balance the school budget; (2) A 2 1/2 mill tax intended to raise \$1,300,000 annually for four years to pay for a cost-of-living increase for city employees and to improve city equipment.

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