

North American Wheat Production Topic of U.S.-Canadian Talks

Canadian and American leaders meeting in Ottawa this week are faced with the hard fact that they will have to change their thinking on the whole question of wheat growing and marketing.

Experts in both countries said North America appears doomed to huge wheat surpluses for years unless there is a radical change in thinking.

Officials in both the wheat and flour milling industries say the world no longer needs the immense amounts of wheat North America can produce.

THIS IS OF SPECIAL concern to Canada where wheat bulks much larger in the national economy than it does in the United States. And the problem will persist regardless of how the two nations solve their differences over U.S. wheat disposal methods.

Canada's grievances recently have dwindled because of sharp cuts in the U.S. barter program, but they still exist. American

secretary of state John Foster Dulles has said that U.S. wheat disposal policies, along with joint defense measures, would be major topics for talks when he and President Eisenhower visit Ottawa this week.

The influential magazine Northwest Miller predicts U.S. exports of wheat and wheat flour may drop to 275 million bushels in the coming year, as contrasted with 549 million last year.

NORTHWESTERN Miller bases this gloomy forecast mainly on good crops in France, North Africa, Italy, West Germany, Spain, Turkey, India and Pakistan. The magazine predicts Uncle Sam will be hard pressed to find even 'giveaway' markets for wheat and flour. It sees India, Pakistan, Poland, Yugoslavia and Latin America all steadily reducing their takings of American surplus wheat and flour.

In addition to the bumper

crops in Europe and Africa, the U.S. has a near record crop of winter wheat this year.

Of all the free world wheat countries, only Canada and Australia are having bad crop years. Last week the dominion bureau of statistics saw the possibility that Canada's crop was "unlikely to greatly exceed the comparative failure level of 300 million bushels."

THERE DOES NOT appear to be any sure new market for North American wheat. Japan and India could consume vast quantities. But how would they pay for it? Canadians have been encouraged by selling some wheat to Red China.

Russia's ability to export wheat may be partly political, but it is definite. Whenever and wherever grain will help the Kremlin's policies, it promptly arrives shipload after shipload.

Consumption of wheat products also is lagging proportionally as the diet of many peoples diversifies steadily. Even in the U.S. the produced tonnage of breads and other bakery goods is falling below the previous year's levels. President Paul Kelly Jr. of the American Bakers Assn. said the lost sales could be recaptured by determine promotion—but that would hardly make a dent in the huge wheat carryover.

FOR THE U.S. alone, the carryover could total 2,130,000,000 bushels one year from now—100 million bushels over the record figure of 1956-57. Canada's carryover as of this July 31 is expected to be 650 million bushels—down from 950 million last year.

Canadian wheat farmers are clamoring for "gravy" such as American wheat farmers get from their government, and just a few weeks ago American wheat

Gov. Leader Heads Dignitary List Opening Conservation Exposition

HERSHEY, July 9—Governor George M. Leader will join with thousands of Pennsylvanians in honoring the Commonwealth's agriculture on the opening day of the 16th National Plowing Contest and Conservation Exposition Aug. 21 at Hershey.

The Chief Executive will head the list of dignitaries who will pay tribute to Pennsylvania's multi-billion farming industry during the gigantic celebration on 2,300 acres of the 12000-acre Milton Hershey Farms.

ON THE FIRST DAY of the exposition—"Pennsylvania Agriculture Day"—Gov Leader will tour the large farming area where 30 conservation demonstrations will be seen, address an audience in the 15,000-seat Hershey stadium, present an award to the national champion contour

plowman and attend a Plowman's Banquet at 6 30 p m.

Conservation will be the theme of the exposition and plowing championships, termed the 'World Series of Agriculture'

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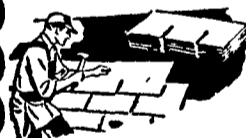
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