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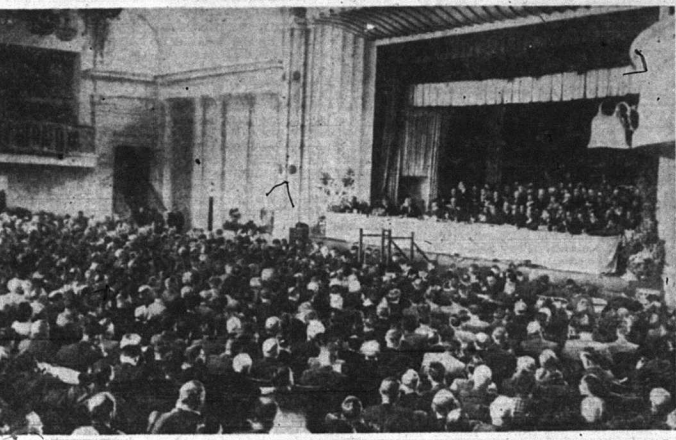
Evacuated Japanese' Lands Probe in B.C. May Be Widened
 OTTAWA (CP)—The government apparently will soon have before it a proposal that a royal commission probe into the fate of evacuated Japanese lands in British Columbia be broader than now reported contemplated.

This will develop in the near future as the thorny problem is about ready to move back into the Commons itself after an occasionally heated period in the committee on public accounts. It is expected to go back with a recommendation that the government appoint a royal commission to investigate dealings in the lands, thus opening up a broader vista than reported planned in a government move to name a commission simply to study Japanese claims, estimated at a potential \$5,000,000 by Japanese spokesmen.

Gordon Murchison, director of the Veterans' Land Act which bought 10,000 acres of the lands in the Fraser Valley, told the committee some sales had been made to non-veterans at figured profits of more than 700 per cent of what his costs were. The committee awaits his figures on charges made to veterans, which Mr. Murchison has said in a general statement were the same as his costs, plus any improvements. That is the final hurdle before the committee considers the draft of a sub-committee report for the House. This will embody a recommendation for a commission to study the land deals.

LONDON—Telephone lines damaged by winter snow and flood totaled 200,000. Services now are said to be normal.

Bevin's Foreign Policy Upheld Despite Labor Rebel Criticism



More than 1,200 attended annual conference of Britain's Labor Party at Margate. The conference rejected labor rebels' requests to renounce British support of U.S. aid to Greece and Turkey and for closer cooperation with Russia. Ernest Bevin, left, defied the rebels and their criticism of his policies as Foreign Minister and invited either their support or his rejection as Foreign Minister. He emerged from the debate the victor with an almost unanimous vote.

C.C.F. Head Scores Motive In Bringing Polish Girl Workers

OTTAWA (CP)—M. J. Coldwell, C.C.F. leader, charged Saturday that Ludger Dionne was "exploiting misery to make money for himself" in flying 100 Polish girls to Canada to work in a Quebec spinning mill and said he would bring the matter up on the floor of the House of Commons.

Speaking at the closing session of a two-day conference of C.C.F. women from Ontario ridings, Mr. Coldwell said the Liberal member for Beauce had been able to bring the Polish girls to Canada through a "loophole in the Alien Labor Act" and stressed the necessity of standing together as equal citizens of Canada to stop this kind of exploitation.

"There are others going to Europe to get cheap labor," he said without elaboration. "These (Polish) girls are being charged \$300 each for the transportation to Canada. They are being charged for the clothes that were given to them and furthermore, before being accepted, they had to sign a contract in which they pledged not to marry during the next two years," Mr. Coldwell said.

"The C.C.F. was not against immigration, he added. "We must open our doors for as many as we can absorb, but it must be done under a proper, humane and just policy laid down by the Parliament of Canada."

Eyres Says B.C. Ready To Absorb Human Tide In Westward Flow

BANFF (CP)—Trade and Industry Minister Leslie H. Eyres of British Columbia said today the next 50 years will be the era of the west and there is opportunity and elbow-room for millions of people. In an address at the annual convention of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, Mr. Eyres said all that was needed was capital for development and the right kind of people to help in it. "British Columbia is prepared to absorb the human tide in its westward flow."

The target for the future was to provide opportunity of remunerative employment for all and to stabilize and widen markets for domestic products. British Columbia had the finest softwood stand in the British Empire — 369,000,000,000 board feet of merchantable timber — supplying 47 per cent of Canada's production. Legislation had been enacted to protect and enlarge that valuable crop. More than 3,000,000 Douglas fir trees had been planted this year in British Columbia. About 200,000,000 Douglas fir and western red cedars would be available for planting in 1948.

The province had a bounteous and varied store of mineral wealth and only a part of the mineral area had been explored. Last year's production amounted to about \$70,000,000.

British Columbia's commercial fisheries supplied more than half of Canada's total production, and there still was ample room for development.

FARM DEVELOPMENT
 "We are making, and have made, long strides in agricultural development," he said. "We have close to 4,250,000 acres suitable for farming, about 2,000,000 acres suitable to fruit growing. Full extent of waterpower resources had not been estimated. A series of huge power schemes would introduce electricity into every phase of industrial and domestic life. There was tremendous room for development in industry, and British Columbia ports were equipped to handle great quantities of raw materials which

U.S. Decides To Buck Grain Market For Export Wheat

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States government has decided to buck the grain market for future supplies of wheat needed for export rather than try to fix a top price it is willing to pay. Responsible agriculture department officials said privately today they had decided the only way the government can be sure of getting supplies for needy areas abroad is to pay whatever the market demands.

Hopeful of keeping wheat prices from jumping back to the \$3-a-bushel level reached last winter, the government had considered setting a price at which it would buy wheat, on the theory that such an offer would draw in the market price.

This idea finally was rejected because of the urgent needs of many foreign areas between now and their own fall harvests. The International Emergency Food Council, inter-government agency which divides scarce foods among importing countries, including Canada, took

emergency measures to speed supplies abroad. The government was said to have concluded that if a federal purchase price were set, farmers and others obtaining 1947 wheat would simply hold the grain. If so, valuable time would be lost in getting supplies overseas.

TRANSPORTATION FACTOR
 The tight transportation situation, which, in Canada's case, sharply retarded shipments to Britain—was said also, to have played a part in the government's decision. With a record winter wheat crop in prospect, officials said it will be necessary to start grain moving out of producing areas as soon as possible after it is harvested if the crop is to be made available to those who need it.

If the market movement were delayed a month or so, these officials declared, it might be impossible to get all the grain to market because of the critical shortage of freight cars. Government buying of wheat from the 1947 crop should get under way in considerable volumes within a week or 10 days. The government already has promised to ship several million bushels to occupied Germany in July. This grain must be bought in June.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson

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