

recognition situation, but described it as the "hottest No. 1 problem I've yet bumped into."

Davis expressed hope the situation would be alleviated by rationing and by prosecution of black market violators.

EX - JAP MILLS CHANGE HANDS

OTTAWA, April 9.—(CP)—Timber licenses, tracts and sawmills of six British Columbia companies have been sold by the custodian of enemy property, it was reported in a return tabled today in the House of Commons for Howard Green (Prog. Con., Vancouver South).

The companies, with the names of the purchasers and prices, are:

- Royston Lumber Co. Ltd., Arthur Stekl, Vancouver, \$202,000.
- Cameron Lake Logging Co. Ltd., C. W. Logging Co. Ltd., Parksville, B.C., \$45,000.
- Trans-Pacific Lumber Co. Ltd., T. G. McMillan, Vancouver, \$10,974.

Queen Charlotte Timber Holding Co. Ltd., Ryan Hibberson Ltd., Vancouver, \$53,280 for one lot.

Cartwright Lumber Co. Ltd., Dan McLean and James M. Brown, Vancouver, \$9000.

Ocean Timber Co. Ltd., approval of a contract for the sale of promissory notes and mortgages between the company and Lake Logging Co. Ltd. of Vancouver for \$138,772, dated prior to December 7, 1941. The proceeds were paid to the custodian.

The Province, 1943 United Air Lines Plans Lower Rate

United Air Lines announced today that its proposed revised tariffs, notice of which it has filed with the civil aeronautics board for approval, will result in substantial rate reduction between Vancouver and scores of other cities, and it estimates that United's fare reduction will total approximately \$1,600,000 annually on the basis of present volume of business.

United also is proposing to make Vancouver a common fare point, placing it on an equal fare basis with other major Pacific Coast cities insofar as rates to and from Chicago and points east are concerned.

If the civil aeronautics board approves United's proposed lower tariffs, the new fares will generally be no higher than first-class train travel costs, and in some places United's plane fares would be lower.

On this point Mr. Roosevelt's action is an ultimatum to John L. Lewis, who has set himself chances in relaxing the line. We have already taken too many."

LIVING COSTS RISE SHARPLY

In the last 60 days dangerous pressures have been developing within the United States.

The cost of living has advanced at least 5 per cent. between last April and February of this year with food prices alone rising at least 11.7 per cent.

Meanwhile the "farm bloc" in Congress, to whom higher farm prices have an irresistible political appeal, have been opposing subsidies or incentive payments by the government in favor of such devices as the Bankhead bill which the President vetoed after calling it "dangerously inflationary" and the Pace bill that would have jumped farm prices a good 20 per cent.

Within the past three weeks I personally have heard C.I.O. leader Phillip Murray and A.F. of L. chieftain William Green complain of the so-called "little steel" formula which limited wage increases to a flat 15 per cent. Both indicated they would no longer accept it if the "farm bloc" had its way.

Meanwhile John L. Lewis, who now considers himself above and apart from any agreement between labor and the government, by stalling in the negotiations for adjustment of coal mine wages, cocked a loaded gun at the government itself.

He has not fired it but in the background has been the threat of a coal mining strike that could slow down war industry in the most vital sections of the United States.

That threat still remains, but if the President means what he says, Mr. Lewis must either come to terms or deal with the government itself.

In the American system for holding the line against inflation are still two weaknesses.

Indians Protest High Gas Charges

Indian fishermen or Ahousat, west coast, declare they are operating under a handicap of higher cost and waste of gasoline, but A. W. Neill, M.P., who represents the constituency in which the Indians live, has informed them he can do nothing about it.

Ahousat is an island between Tofino and Port Estevan, 15 miles from Tofino and 20 miles from Refuge Cove. Nearly 50 fishing vessels are operated by the Indian fishermen of Ahousat.

John Benson, president of the Ahousat Trollers Association and of the local branch of the Native Brotherhood of British Columbia

First is the reluctance of Congress to give Mr. Roosevelt the money for subsidies which have "shored up" Canadian ceilings from the very start. Even today, the rank and file in Congress, which voted for the Bankhead bill, would rather risk inflation than subsidize the farmer and manufacturer to keep living costs within reach of the average man. Second is the continued failure of Congress to face the necessity for still higher taxes in this country, where the tax level has lagged behind both that of Britain and Canada, but where war expenditures are rising to "Himalayan" heights.

You can lay both to politics. Mr. Roosevelt has now appealed beyond the politicians to the little men who have to meet rising grocery bills, to men who are now making more money than they ever have before and are actually getting less for their dollar.

"Miners Still Hungry," Is Lewis' Retort

NEW YORK, April 9.—(AP)—John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, declared today that President Roosevelt's "hold the line" order against inflation leaves the problem of the mine industry unchanged, and leaves "the mine workers still hungry and resentful in having their demands for bread made a political pawn."

The union seeks a \$2-a-day wage increase and a minimum of \$8-a-day for all who work in the coal fields—which would be in excess of the 15 per cent. wage increase which the "little steel" formula permits to compensate for increased living costs between January 1, 1941 and May,

ROYAL CITY MARKETS

Dressed Poultry, Retail.		
Heavy hens, lb.		.35
Light hens, lb.		.33
Chickens, roast'g. lb.	.34 to	.43
Fryers, each, lb.	.70 to	.75
Ducks, lb.		.40
Geese, lb.	.33 to	.35
Butter, Cream, Honey.		
Butter, lb.		.40
Cream, table, pint	.28 to	.30
Devonshire, lb.	.45 to	.50
Homemade cheese, lb.		.25
Vegetables.		
Asparagus, lb.	.25 to	.27
Beets, 4 lbs.		.15
Broccoli, lb.		.30
Cabbage, lb.	.08 to	.10
Carrots, imported, bunch		.11
Cauliflower, each	.25 to	.35
Celery, lb.	.20 to	.30
Garlic, lb.		.20
Lettuce, local, head	.10 to	.15
Parsnips, lb.		.06
Potatoes, 100-lb. No. 3 sack		2.65
Potatoes, seed, lb.	.08 to	.10
Rhubarb, lb.		.20
Spinach, lb.		.20

realized this situation in February it issued a subsidy of per hundredweight on dry beef to Eastern concerns, but excluded B.C. packers from subsidy. This made it possible for the eastern firms to kill them at their plants in Alberta and ship beef east at government expense.

According to the Vancouver packers, this action raised cost of their cattle by making a strong demand on the Alberta market.

SLAUGHTER AT LOSS.

"Due to these conditions are forced to import and cattle at a loss," the packers claim.

2. Eastern concerns have granted price advantages respect to such by-products as low and hides.

3. Of 110,000 hogs marketed Canada every week, 90,000 handled by a few eastern exporting firms, who sell through a guaranteed government Western packers enjoy no of this profitable business remaining 20,000, hogs available among all Canadian exporters and processors, including large exporting firms. They, in fact, handle the greater proportion of this 20,000.

Because of the prices exporters receive for export they can afford to bid lower prices for domestic pork, reducing the ultimate profit of western packer, whose business depends entirely on domestic meat sales, is able to earn.

CEILINGS UNFAIR.

The packers charge further fairness in eastern and western ceiling prices. Under Pork 247, pork in Toronto and real has a retail ceiling of cents a pound, a cost delivered there of 17.5 cents.

In Vancouver the same product, with a landed cost of cents a pound, has a retail price of 18 cents. This price, they assert, is a cent a pound more than their cost of handling.

Out of 110,000 hogs marketed in Canada every week, share is only 1800.

War Risk Policy Neglected On Coast

VICTORIA, April 9.—The opinions of Attorney-General L. Maitland, are not taking advantage of the Dominion government provisions for war age insurance.

He pointed out this morning that if any hostile action cause widespread damage on the coast, it would avail nothing to people to exclaim, "Why some one tell me that my