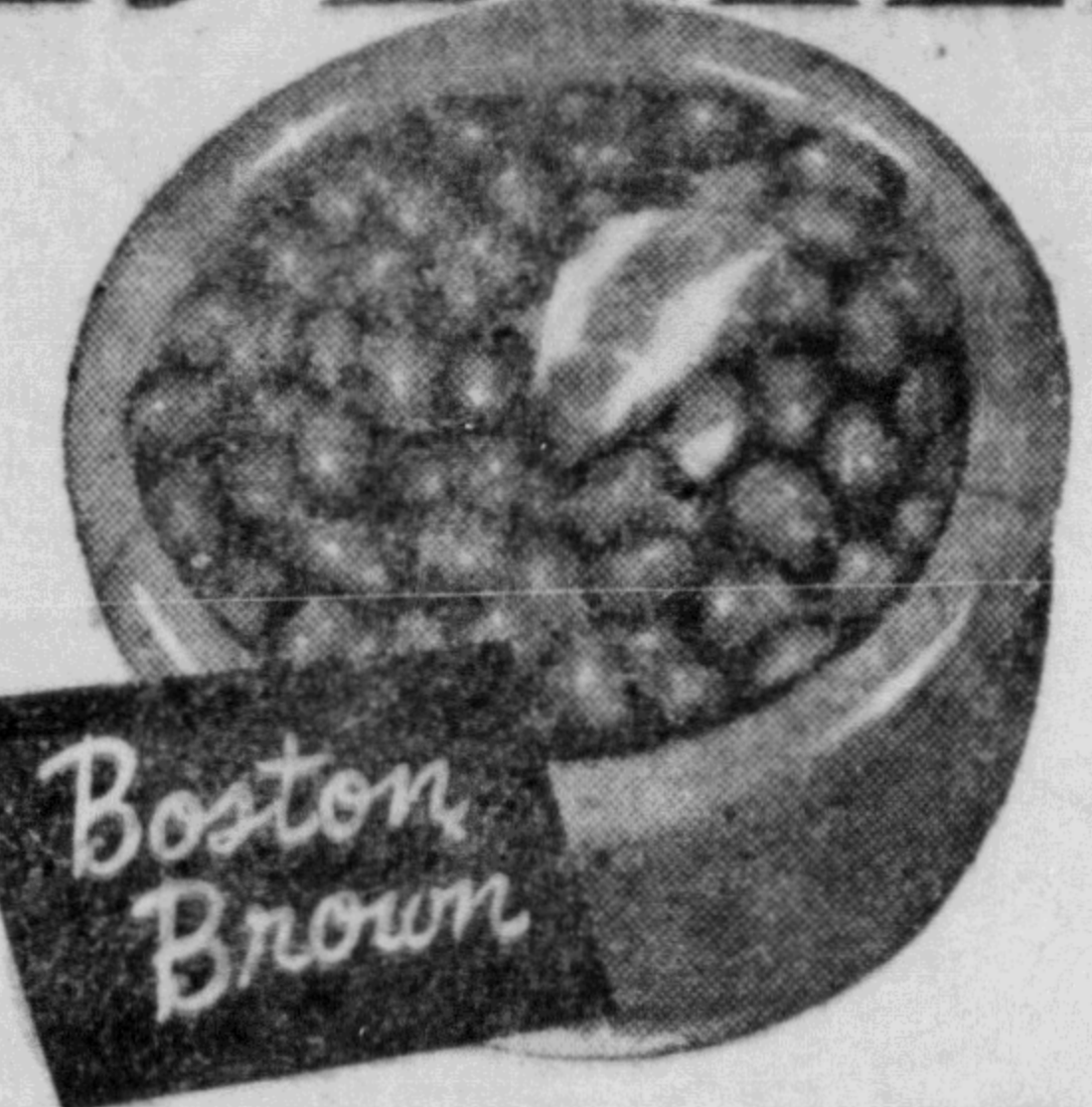


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Snickers ran through the Board of Conciliation this week when in the fire brigade's dispute with the city over wages, City Clerk William Long stated that Prince Rupert rain would have a bearing in comparisons with Vancouver.

Replying to the firemen's request for the Vancouver wage scale, Mr. Long, presenting the case for the city, said that Prince Rupert "has the greatest rainfall of any city in the province and the rainfall is fairly well spread out over twelve months."

"The fire is usually on the inside not on the outside," said

Fireman Donald Llewellyn, secretary of the Prince Rupert local, after laughter subsided, and he realized the city clerk was serious.

"But it is well known that it rains pretty nearly every day of the year," said Mr. Long, not smiling, as rain beat against the window.

Mrs. Larry Stanwood with Bruce, 13, and Larry Jr., 9, arrived here on the Prince Rupert yesterday morning from Vancouver. Mr. Stanwood, who has been employed with the editorial department of the Daily News for the past three months, was formerly with Vancouver papers. The Stanwoods will reside at 1381 First Overlook.



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World Trade League Fades

By HAROLD MORRISON
Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA (CP)—Canada's great hope of the world creating a flourishing International Trade organization is dwindling.

Officials say they now see little chance of the Havana Charter—the instrument by which the hope might have been realized—being ratified by world trading nations.

Discouraged by the twist in international events, they are placing more and more importance on the smaller victory, the Geneva Tariff Agreement as the next-best thing to the hoped-for ITO.

Now, in Torquay, England, that Geneva agreement, formally known as the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, has run into a raft of trouble.

Britain and the United States have failed to reach agreement on a new round of tariff negotiations. This disagreement involving British tariff preference is expected to fan out to encompass some of the U.S. negotiations with Canada.

The Havana Charter, if ratified, would have committed some 54 signatory nations to a policy of non-discrimination in their customs charges and their general internal trade taxation and regulation policy.

HAVANA MEETING

Preliminary agreement was reached three years ago at a Havana conference of the members of the Geneva agreement, signed the previous year in Switzerland.

Since then Canada has been waiting for nations to make final ratification. Particularly, Canada was watching the United States to take the lead. So were other nations.

Congress still has not given full consideration to the matter and both the trade and external affairs departments see no sign that it intends to do so in the near future.

There is "increasing possibility," says the external affairs department in its annual report, "that ITO will not be established." The General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade assumes "a new importance."

Trade officials pointed out that though the Geneva agreement does not go as far as the Havana Charter, it provides a strong emphasis on multilateral trade which is Canada's basic trade policy.

It provides for a general policy of non-discrimination in world trade, but it does not emphasize the need for full employment and economic activity, two strong points of the Havana Charter.

A few months ago, some of the nations belonging to the Geneva agreement attempted to write into the pact the two articles of the Havana Charter dealing with employment and economic activity. A vote was taken. The move was rejected.

SINGLE MARKET ECONOMY

The main aim of the Havana Charter was to restore a non-discriminatory single market economy to the world, including a general levelling off of high tariffs.

The Geneva agreement tries to do this, too. It has made advances on three paths: by tariff negotiation, gradual reduction of import controls and by the periodic international meetings to air out undesirable trade practices.

For the last six months, members of the Geneva agreement, including Canada, have been negotiating their third post-war round of tariff bargaining.

The United States has called in Britain and other Commonwealth countries to reduce the British preferential tariff which grants special tariff concessions to countries within the Commonwealth and excludes those outside the Commonwealth.

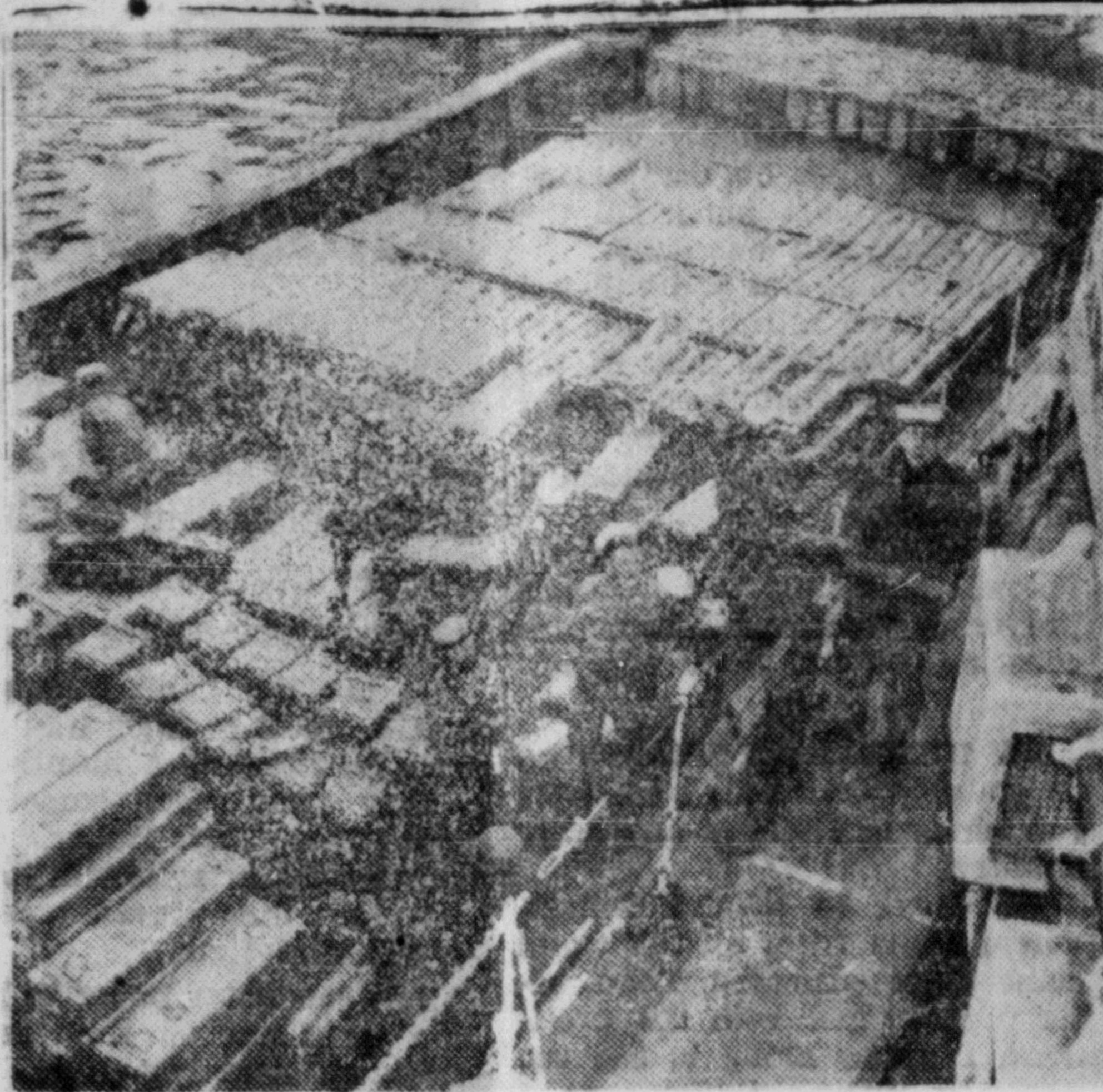
Some reductions actually have been negotiated in the past. But Britain decided against going any further. And it is learned here that some other nations, such as Australia and New Zealand, are at Britain's side.

Canada had high hopes of cutting down U.S. tariff preference still further by granting her the same tariff preference as that granted to other Commonwealth traders on certain commodities.

Now, say officials, it was a question of whether it would be "politically wise" for Canada to follow such a policy, "in view of the positions taken by other Commonwealth countries."

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THE LETTERBOX

TIME TO CLEAN UP

Editor,
Daily News.

The news that President Truman has dismissed General MacArthur, together with the news of the British budget, might well qualify today for the title: "Black Tuesday." The only ray of light in the darkness is that our own budget is not worse than it is.

I would like to recommend to the world at large that Truman be sacked, Eisenhower be installed, MacArthur be reinstated, the present milk and water British government be told to get out and let Churchill take over, another 20 per cent be added to our income taxes, or more if necessary, and that we finally get down to the job of ensuring that our children will not have to live in a slave state.

Time has nearly run out for the free world. It is agonizing to watch what little we have left being wasted away in international bickering and appeasement of pressure groups. Possibly this action re MacArthur is not Truman's personal wish and undoubtedly it is a result of pressure brought to bear on him but it is time there was a strong man as President of the United States. It may seem that I am talking out of turn in speaking of a country of which I am not a citizen but I

and every other person in the world, have a stake in who fills that job.

It is time we went all out in an attempt to save our skins. Clean out our own house first of the Red element and then put the shoe on the other foot and pray that Russia will give us time enough in which to develop our armed might to the point where we can crush her absolutely by force of arms. Russia herself has proved to us that there is no other way to deal with the situation if we wish to remain free.

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