

Canadian Flag

Sir,—May I be allowed to encroach on your valuable space in order to voice a protest against the apparent indiscriminate use of the Canadian flag on the Men ships, as outlined by your paper.

These ships are to be allowed to operate manned entirely by Chinese.

It is strange that the British flag calls for fully qualified Certificated officers and Engineers; surely there are Canadian officers available who know what the flag stands for at least.

This deviation from the usual practice appears, in my opinion, to put the flag on a par with the Panamanian ships, over which there has been so much world wide controversy.

One does not need to ask if Canadian or any other ports for that matter, otherwise the result would be a complete stoppage.

A rice bowl and chopsticks emblem would be more in keeping with the existing conditions.

RED DUSTER.

Invited to comment, the Canadian Trade Commissioner said:

The Department of Transport, Ottawa, which is the Government authority responsible for administering the Canadian Shipping Act, has by order of the Minister of Transport and by virtue of his powers under the Act prescribed conditions under which the four vessels Hu Men, Yu Men, Lung Men and Chien Men of the Ming Sung Industrial Company of Canada Limited, Montreal, shall be entitled to fly the Canadian flag.

would be possible for the United States to suspend Marshall Plan shipments if a case arose where it could be proven that the signatory government was deliberately ignoring these regulations. However, it was understood that the United States Government so far had concentrated on pointing out to the Europeans that prohibition of war potential shipments eastward was in their own interest, since in the event of Communist aggression some exports might be fired back at them out of a cannon or dropped on their heads by bombers.

Official quarters contended that, despite some obvious attempts to circumvent regulations, these regulations nevertheless were having an effect on the Russians, as witness the current Moscow appeals for an increase in East-West trade.

Some experts here suggested that the recent Russian publicity, featuring the Kremlin's ability to supply more wheat and other foodstuffs to the West, might have been motivated by the failure of the Communists to encourage as much clandestine traffic in Western goods as they would like. Officials here were sceptical about the complete validity of Western German protests against alleged violations by British firms. They contended that some of these might have originated with German businessmen who wanted Iron Curtain business themselves and who hoped, by pointing a finger at Britain, to encourage modification of the present Allied restraints on their own trade with the East. — United Press.

EXPLOSIVES TRADE

Manufacture Permitted For Peaceful Purposes

Bonn. June 5.

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SENSATION IN HARBOUR

A minor sensation was caused on the waterfront yesterday as two ships registered in Canton, the Yu Men and the Hu Men, changed the port of registry painted on the stern to Montreal and hoisted the Canadian flag.

Two similar ships, the Lung Men and the Chien Men, according to reliable sources, are expected to go through the same procedure to-morrow.

—United Press.

The final decision regarding three further sister-ships has provoked much speculation.

All of the vessels were built in Canada and events in China interfered with performance of the original contract for payment. It is, however, understood that the Canadian authorities have exempted the owners from the normal requirement, that all vessels flying the Canadian flag must carry Commonwealth officers. These vessels carry an entirely Chinese crew, both officers and men.

Following the change of flag yesterday morning, the Canadian Trade Commissioner issued the following statement:

The ships Hu Men and Yu Men, previously owned by the Ming Sung Industrial Company, were yesterday entered in the Canadian Registry of Shipping as the property of the Ming Sung Company of Canada, Limited, which is a wholly owned subsidiary of the parent company, and as Canadian vessels will hereafter fly the Canadian flag.

The transfer is the outcome of lengthy negotiations between the Canadian Government, a group of Canadian banks and the Ming Sung Industrial Company which traces back to the original building of these popular 'Men' ships in Canada with funds advanced largely by Canadian banks. With the vessels under Canadian flag, mortgages have been registered against the vessels now owned by the Ming Sung Company of Canada, Limited, to protect the banks' investment. Moreover, Canadian registration and the flying of the Canadian flag will give a degree of protection to these vessels while operating in international waters and as such will be a safeguard in the interest of the mortgagees.

Operating Charterer

In view of the similarity of the names of the Ming Sung Company and its wholly owned subsidiary the Ming Sung Company of Canada, Limited, Montreal, and of the company incorporated in Hongkong as the Ming Sung Industrial Company (Hong Kong) Limited, it should be noted that this latter connection with the Hongkong Company is exclusive of the

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Press.

ACHESON'S ECONOMIC WARNING

Washington, June 3.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, has informed the Senate that it would be "economic suicide" for any one nation to counter alone the "constant threat" of Russian aggression, it was disclosed today.

Mr. Acheson asked yesterday for speedy Congressional approval of an additional \$1,222,500,000 in arms aid for the free nations of the world, warning that more might be needed in "the immediate future" if Russia continued her present policies.

His warning that economic ruin faced any nation standing passively before the threat of Russian aggression, was contained in background information which he submitted to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Mr. Acheson said: "Effort to maintain peace are now confronted by the constant threat of direct or indirect aggression by a powerful totalitarian State—the Soviet Union."

"No nation is capable, without committing economic suicide, of providing alone the full strength required to neutralize the general Soviet threat to all free peoples. The United States, as the leader among the free nations confronted by the threat, must, in the interests of its own national security, contribute its share toward the development of sufficient strength to prevent aggression against the whole bloc or against any one of its members."—United Press.

War Criminals Back Home

Tokyo, June 3.

One hundred and twenty one Japanese, including 8 convicted war criminals and 39 repatriates, arrived in Yokohama today aboard the French liner, La Marseilles.

The war criminals were transferred to the custody of General MacArthur and will complete their sentences in Sugamo prison here.—Reuter.



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CORRESPONDENCE

Canadian Ships

(To the Editor, S. C. M. Post)

Sir,—I entirely agree with Red Duster's remarks in to-day's issue about the M ships.

I am sure the Hongkong authorities would not clear these vessels if they had their way, but no doubt their hands will be tied up through orders from our knockneed Home Government.

The Canadian Government want their ships manned by Canadians when running out of Canada, and yet they will allow the M boats registered in Montreal to run from Hongkong with an entirely foreign crew.

If this sort of thing is allowed to go on a precedent will be created and very soon British ships will not be required to carry British Officers.

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