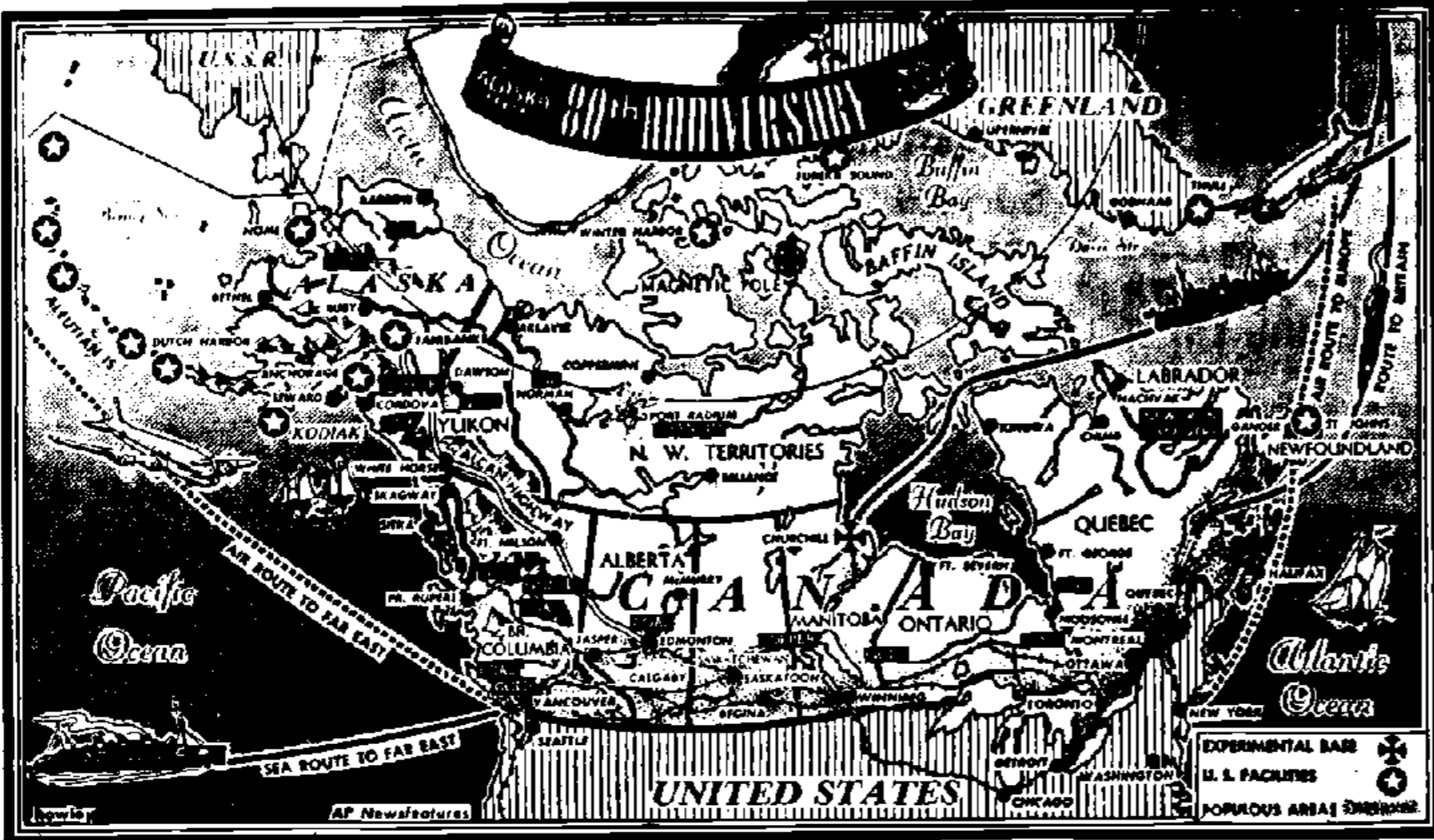


# CANADA, ALASKA OBSERVE 80TH ANNIVERSARIES



By ROBERT M. COOL

America's north country—by far the larger half of the continent, above the U.S.-Canadian border—celebrates its 80th birthday this year.

On March 30, Alaska is observing the date in 1867 when a treaty was signed making the territory a United States possession. It had been sold by Russia for \$7,200,000. The same year, on July 1, four British Canadian provinces were united in a dominion and set upon the road to self-rule.

"Dominion Day," or as it was decreed last year, "Canada Day,"

is observed much as is the Fourth of July in the United States. The discussion over nomenclature, which followed a House of Commons vote changing the name of the celebration, showed how Canadians are divided between loyalty to their British ties and a sense of national independence.

Both Canada and Alaska have made big strides since 1867, though each is generally considered to be only on the threshold of its development.

When Secretary of State William H. Seward purchased Alaska from the czar, he got a little-known region inhabited by Eskimos and a few seasonal fishermen. Twelve years before, the United States had refused to buy it. Neither Americans nor Russians could foresee that by 1947 the 586,400 square miles which Seward bought for \$7,200,000 would annually produce gold valued at \$28,000,000 and fish worth approximately \$50,000,000. Since the purchase, Alaska copper mines alone have yielded more than \$225,000,000.

Population of the territory is about 85,000—fewer than in Nevada, the least populous state—but experts say the territory could support 12,000,000 people.

The war pointed up Alaska's importance in hemisphere defense, and something of a boom commenced after V-J Day. Recently a territorial referendum asked Congress to make it the 49th state.

During the war, the U. S. built Alcan highway linked Alaska, Canada and the United States. But aircraft have proved the real key to the northern aspects and both Alaska and Canada lie outward world traffic routes of the future. Now Canada has given the United States permission to build two Arctic weather-observation outposts on her northern islands, and several more are to be established later. At Churchill, on Hudson Bay, experts from both Canada and the United States are conducting cold-weather tests of military equipment.

Unlike Alaska, Canada is a great nation as well as an undeveloped northern region. Practically all of

the country's 11,508,666 inhabitants live in the southern strip from Vancouver, B. C., to Halifax, N. S. Here modern industries, cities and ranchlands express a well-rounded and prosperous economy. But northern Canada also has riches that are just beginning to be tapped. Perhaps the world's largest iron ore mine has been discovered in Labrador. Uranium lies near the Arctic Circle, gold and copper beside huge wilderness lakes, some of which are larger than the smaller Great Lakes. One of the world's four atomic energy plants is located in Ontario.

Eighty years ago when parliament approved the British North America Act, Upper and Lower Canada had a combined population of little more than a million. The new Dominion's growth paralleled that of the United

States in the years that followed. In time her link to Britain was even further loosened, to a bond of sentiment, tradition and friendship between equals within the British Commonwealth of Nations.

Meanwhile, relations between Canada and the United States improved after early feuds. The 4,000-mile boundary has been undisturbed for a century. In 1946 some 20,000 U. S. citizens moved to Canada to live, while there are approximately 2,000,000 people of Canadian origin or antecedents in the United States.

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Amn Can	92	92	92
Amn Loco	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2
Amn Smelt	56 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/2
Amn Sugar	42	42	42
Amn Tel Tel	166 1/2	166 1/2	166 1/2
Anacosta	40 1/2	39 1/2	40
Armour Co	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2
Atehon	88 1/2	87 1/2	88 1/2
Baldwin Loco	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2
Bald & Ohio	14 1/2	13 1/2	14
Beth Steel	31 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2
Briggs Mfg Co	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2
Carnegie	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2
Cheam & Ohio	47 1/2	46 1/2	47 1/2
Columbia Gas	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2
Com Solvent	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2
Cumwith & So	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2
Consolid Gas	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2
Consolid Oil	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2
Continental Oil	39 1/2	38 1/2	39 1/2
Chrysler	97	95	95 1/2
Curtis Wright	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2
Dist Corp Sea	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2
Dow Mines	19 1/2	18 1/2	19 1/2
Du Pont	185 1/2	185 1/2	185 1/2
Eastman K	240	239 1/2	239 1/2
El Pow & L	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
Gen Electric	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2
Gen Foods	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2
Gen Motors	69 1/2	68 1/2	69 1/2
Goodyear	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2
Gt North pd	42 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2
Inter Iron	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
Int Harvester	87 1/2	86 1/2	87 1/2
Inter Nickel	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2
Kenne Cop	47 1/2	46 1/2	47 1/2
Kerrig Co	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2
Lorillard	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2
Monigum Wd	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2
Nat Cash Reg	41 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2
Nash Kelvin	17 1/2	16 1/2	17 1/2
Nat Pow & L	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2
N Y Central	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
North Amer	28 1/2	27 1/2	28 1/2
North Pacific	19 1/2	18 1/2	19 1/2
Norfolk & W	242	240 1/2	241
Paramnt Pies	27 1/2	26 1/2	27 1/2
Penney Co	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2
Penn R. R.	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2
Phillips' Pete	63 1/2	62 1/2	63 1/2
Radio	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2
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Union Pac	123 1/2	123 1/2	123 1/2
United Arts	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2
United Corp	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2
U S Rubber	51 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2
U S Steel	73 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2
Vanadium	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2
West Union	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2
Westinghse	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2
Woolworth	48 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2

## SILENT AS A CLAM FOUND TO BE RIGHT EXPRESSION

La Jolla, Cal. — (UP)—Science claims it has positive proof that the expression "silent as a clam" is true.

The University of California Division of War Research said it proved the point while making a war-time investigation of natural underwater noises.

The scientists, led by Dr. Martin W. Johnson, tried to track down "static" noises which troubled sonar operators on submarines and other ships.

They found that crabs and pistol shrimp made the noises by snapping their claws; that barnacles made an occasional sound by rubbing their beaks against grains of sand stuck in their shells, but that clams don't even so much as burp when they are through with their dinner.

## UNEASY CONSCIENCE NETS MARCH OF DIMES 50c

Oklahoma City — (UP)—A man who had owed a debt to a highway patrol trooper for years cleared his conscience and enriched the March of Dimes campaign by 50 cents.

With a letter signed "Now a Christian," he sent 50 cents to State Safety Commissioner J. M. Gentry, saying a highway patrolman once lent him 80 cents when he was a stranded motorist, but he never had repaid it.

Gentry could find no patrolman who would claim the money, so he forwarded it to the March of Dimes fund.

## LIVES FOR 90 YEARS IN SAME HOTEL

Caryle, Ill.—(UP)—You might call "Anni Clara" a woman who likes to live in a hotel.

Miss Clara Truesdell has lived in the same hotel for 90 years. It's called the Hotel Truesdell and was built by her father in 1857, when she was five years old. For many years she helped operate the hotel, but it now is run by a third generation of Truesdells.

A glass case in the lobby is a matter of civic pride to the citizens of Caryle. It contains an old register bearing the names of Horace Greeley, James Gordon Bennett, Stephen A. Douglas and Lyman Trumbull.

Miss Truesdell hopes to celebrate her 100th birthday in five years—in the hotel, of course.

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## Molotov, Bevin Exchange Words On Democracy

Moscow, April 3 — (UP)—Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov tonight denounced the "kind of democracy" that exists in Greece and accused Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin of often defending dictators in the name of democracy.

Molotov did not speak in an angry tone, and the exchanges eventually evoked laughter among the Big Four. But Molotov's inferences were plain and unmistakable.

The Molotov-Bevin exchange on Greece came during a debate over whether the Allies should impose a system of elections by proportional representation in Germany or let the Germans choose for themselves.

## Prices To Go Down, Patterson Thinks

Albuquerque, N. M., April 3 — (UP)—Secretary of Agriculture Clinton F. Anderson said today that he expected the price line on industrial equipment and manufactured goods to start a downward curve after May 1, to be followed by a drop in food costs later.

Farm product prices, he said, might "stay up until the spring wheat crop is safe."

"It is a whole of a crop and might run to 1,250,000,000 bushels—a real record breaker," Anderson predicted.

## Here Has Stall for Life

Lyons, April 3 — (AP)—There'll be no housing problems for Snip, a 27-year-old horse.

The animal's lifetime right to a stall was stipulated in the sale of a barn by the Louis Rice family.

## Columbians Chief Is Freed of Charge

Atlanta, Ga., April 3 — (UP)—Homey Loomis, Jr., founder of the Columbians, was free today of a morals charge.

The charge, one of several that were brought against Loomis during the brief hectic career of the boisterous racial group, was lodged after he was found in a hotel room with his pretty blond secretary.

## Criminal Court Judge Jean Wood

(Continued) the charge saying that the state had failed to produce positive proof of their marital status.

Car to River, Man Drowns  
Geneva, April 3 — (AP)—The body of Harold L. Brown, 30, of Geneva, was found yesterday in his automobile, submerged in Canandaigua Lake outlet near Phelps. He had been missing since March 21.

Ontario County Coroner Frank H. Snyder said drowning was the cause of death.

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Room Costs \$60.00 a Day Canandaigua, April 3 — (AP)—Infestation in Shanghai is costing Mrs. H. M. Benninghoff \$60,000 a day for a tiny hotel room, she says.

"In the 16 days I have been here," Mrs. Benninghoff wrote to her daughter, Barbara, "my bill has climbed to \$140,000,000, which includes meals and incidentals."

Mrs. Benninghoff, who left here several weeks ago to join her husband, Consul General H. M. Benninghoff, in Dairen, Manchuria, explained that the astronomical figure was based on Chinese currency and that \$222 in American money

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