

# THIS WEEK AND NEXT

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## Wheat: no cold war weapon

Canada's huge new wheat sale to the Soviet Union has renewed the debate on the wisdom of this country's readiness to trade with Communist nations.

There is, of course, no debate among Western farmers who will benefit from the three-year pact which will see the Russians pay \$800 million dollars in hard cash for some 336 million bushels.

Coming just a month after completion of a deal with Peking to sell China from 168 to 280 million bushels during the same three years, the Russian trade agreement assures Canadian farmers of a ready export market.

The Russian deal, announced with great fanfare in Moscow by Trade Minister Robert Winters after protracted negotiation by trade department and Wheat Board emissaries, will have other far-reaching effects.

Aside from stimulating consumer buying on the farm, the sale is good news for farm machinery manufacturers. The sales will strengthen Canada's foreign exchange position, reducing Canadian dependence on the U.S. money market.

The sale will also have international repercussions. In the long run, the most important of these will be to encourage Washington to liberalize its trade policies with Communist nations. The New York Times has already berated the American government. "The chances to build bridges with the Russians should not be fumbled again," the Times declared.

In the short run, the sales to China and Russia will push international wheat stocks to a low level. Crop failures in Russia, Argentina, India and Australia will ensure a ready market for U.S. grain. U.S. and Canada had a carry-over of only about 550 million bushels each at the July 1 crop year-end.

The policy of wheat sales to Communist nations, particularly China, was initiated by the Conservative government shortly after John Diefenbaker came to power. Faced with tremendous wheat surpluses, Mr. Diefenbaker may have initially undertaken the sales as a political strategy to maintain his popularity with

proved Liberal party fortunes in the West.

The Canadian public has indicated quite conclusively, however, that it supports both Conservative and Liberal governments in their attempts to broaden our export markets.

The American public is still far from sympathetic to large scale attempts to trade with Communist states. For one reason, the U.S. is far less dependent on exports for prosperity than is Canada. Its domestic market is 10 times bigger than Canada's. The U.S. also was far more infected by the Cold War virus than Canada, and its current involvement in Vietnam makes it difficult for Washington to undertake an objective appraisal of the problem at this time.

Those who oppose trade with the Communists do so on the grounds that it strengthens nations dedicated to the destruction of our way of life, and that it makes us dependent on Moscow and Peking for our prosperity.

These grossly over-simplified arguments overlook the fact that vested interests work both ways. If the above arguments were valid, it could also be argued that for Russia and China to buy wheat from Canada makes them dependent on us, and strengthens the economy of Canada, a nation they consider to be an adversary of theirs.

There is a little truth in both points of view.

The only logical alternative to the present open-minded trade policy Canada is following would be to cut off all relations with the Communist nations, not just in trade, but in every other field as well.

The consequences of such a policy would inevitably lead to a complete breakdown of international affairs, growing suspicion and hate, and ultimately, war.

Foreign policy has historically been influenced by trade policy, and wars have most often occurred when nations have felt the need to resort to armed force to secure greater trading rights. The current wheat deals must be applauded because they have the opposite effect.

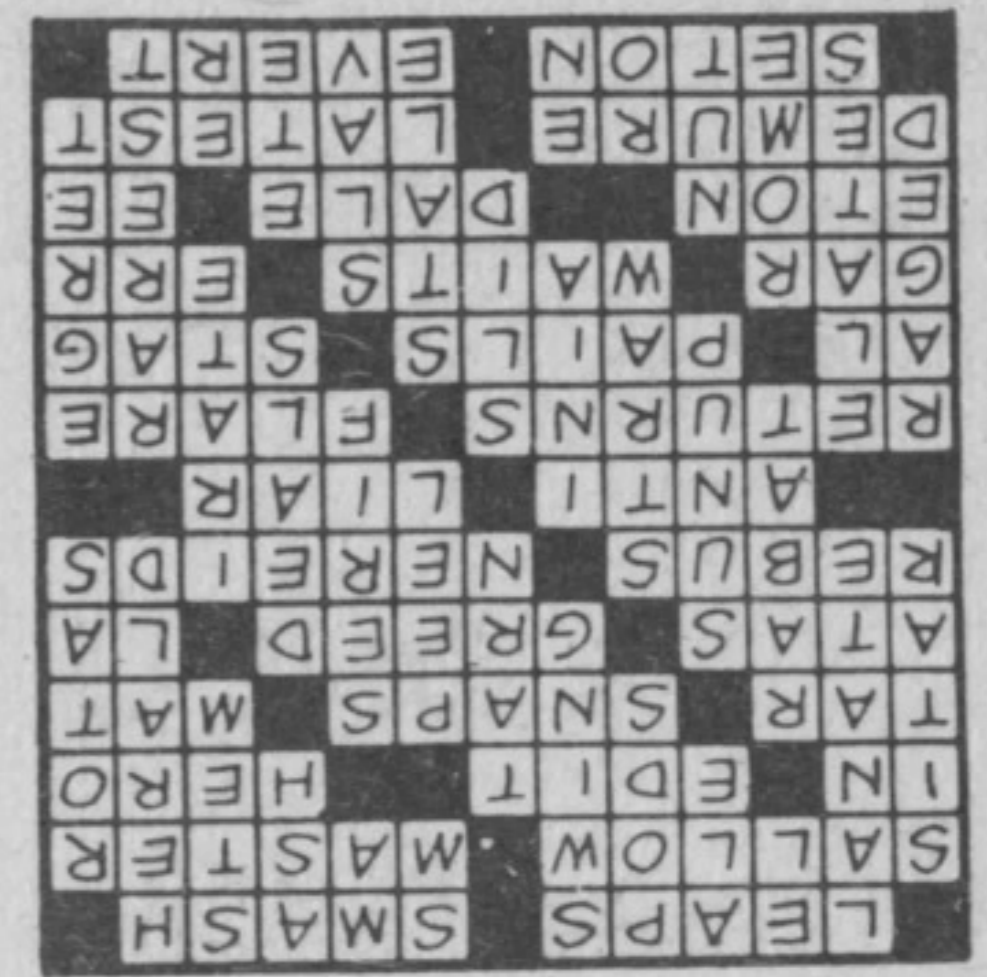
### ACROSS

- 1-Jumps
- 6-Break to bits
- 11-Yellowish
- 12-Expert
- 14-Preposition
- 15-Prepare for print
- 17-Courageous person
- 18-Sailor (colloq.)
- 20-Breaks suddenly
- 23-Small rug
- 24-Indonesian tribesmen
- 26-Avarice
- 28-Note of scale
- 29-Puzzle
- 31-Sea nymphs
- 33-One opposed
- 35-Falsifier
- 36-Comes back
- 39-Flame up
- 42-Man's nickname
- 43-Buckets
- 45-Male deer
- 46-Long, slender

### DOWN

- 48-fish
- 50-Be mistaken
- 51-Short jacket
- 53-Small valley
- 55-College degree (abbr.)
- 56-Petite
- 59-Newest
- 61-Surgical thread
- 62-Turn inside out
- 1-Woolly
- 2-Spanish article
- 3-Beverage
- 4-Seed
- 5-Oscillate
- 6-Sergeant Major (abbr.)
- 7-Parent (colloq.)
- 8-Residue
- 9-Stalk

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



### SOLUTION

- 10-Harbinger
- 11-Hindu guitar
- 13-Rosters
- 16-Mountain lake
- 19-Clerical collar
- 21-Skin of fruit
- 22-Fine cross stroke on letter
- 25-Dawn
- 27-Transactions
- 30-Stalk of grain
- 32-Angry
- 34-Dolphinlike cetacean
- 36-Ranted
- 37-Puffs up
- 38-Skidded
- 40-Most unusual
- 41-Long-legged bird
- 44-Vapid
- 47-Italian capital
- 49-European
- 52-Hard-shelled fruit
- 54-French for "summer"
- 57-Artificial language
- 58-Printer's measure
- 60-Teutonic deity

## SIGHT-SEEING QUIZ

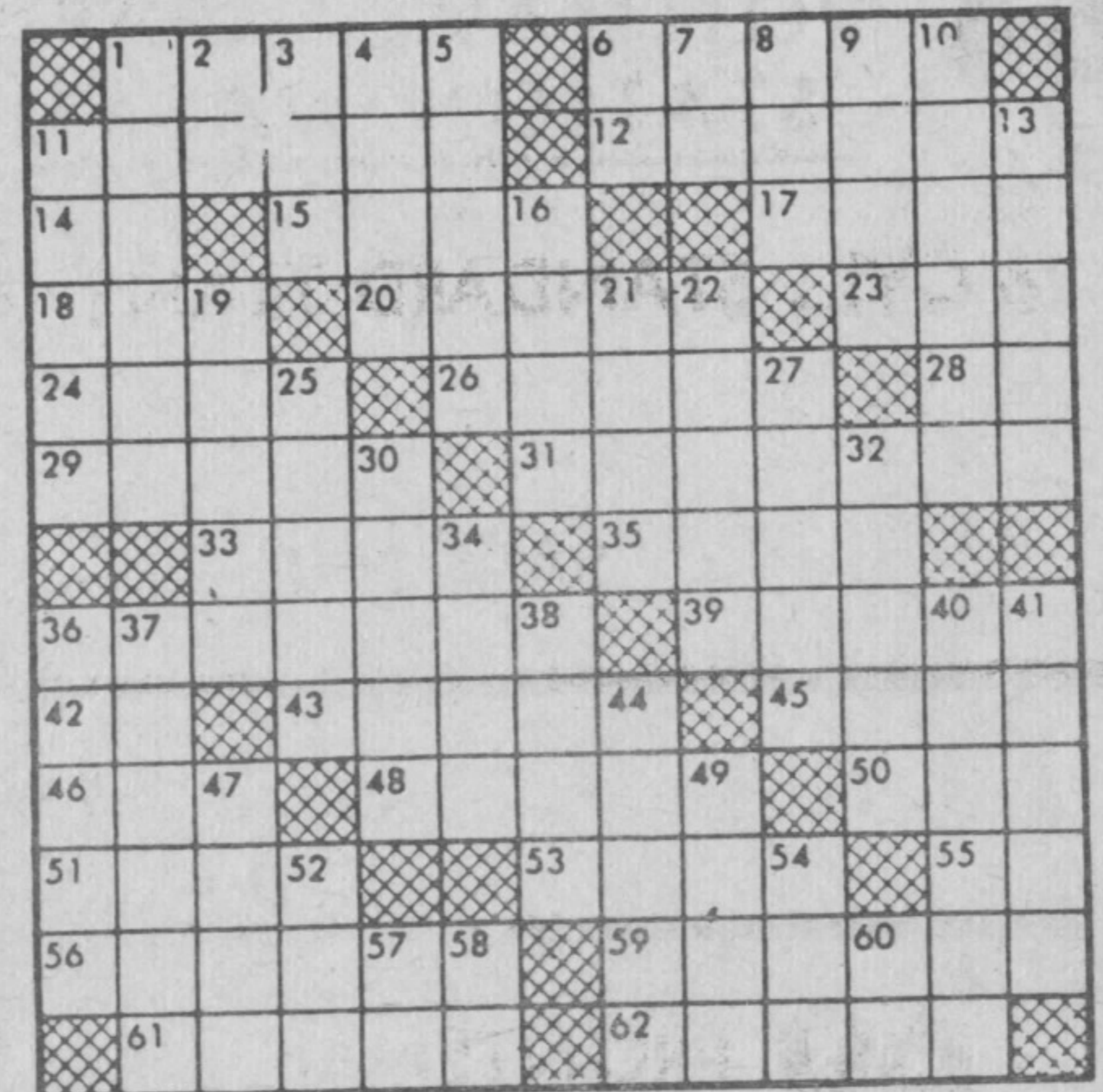
Can You Name This Spot?



Clue: BRIGHT GREEN WATERS OF A WORLD FAMOUS SCENIC LAKE ARE FOUND IN A MOUNTAINOUS WILDERNESS.

Answer: BRITISH COLUMBIA  
EMERALD LAKE

Good eyes mean good memories. Care for your eyes at all times.



L. to R. Daryl Lynn Weaver, Sharon Riley and Muriel Nesbitt.  
Photo by I. McCuaig

## SHARON RILEY KINSMEN DOMINION DAY QUEEN

Sharon Riley was elected Queen in the contest sponsored by the Schreiber Kinsmen on July 1st with Daryl Lynn Weaver and Muriel Nesbitt as Princesses. The girls received red roses, a bouquet for the queen and corsages for the princesses from the Kinsmen. Sharon also received a pearl ring from the Kinsmen and a necklace and earrings from the Lions who sponsored her. The Princesses received gold lockets from the

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Mrs. Georges Legault and son David of Montreal are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Bryson and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bryson.

Mrs. L. Karns is visiting her sister and husband, Capt. and Mrs. Lemaire, in Soest, Germany.