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### No Near Relief Seen For Paper Shortage

By George Ericson in the Christian Science Monitor

The growth and exploitation of America's forests and the status of democratic principles are inextricably intertwined. This becomes immediately apparent when it is realized that the production of woodpulp has a decided bearing on how well or how inadequately the public is kept informed of domestic or world events. A UN committee last July said that a newsprint shortage in many parts of the world "continues to hamper the free flow of information."

The causes of the paper shortage are not far to seek. In the first place, the American public has been developing a tremendous appetite for paper for various purposes. For sanitary reasons, paper has been displacing glass in the drinking cup and bottle field; the art of packaging had so advanced during the war that paperboard containers have become almost indispensable to myriads of industries; note the big expansion in the use of paper containers for frozen foods; wrapping and bag paper uses have grown almost as phenomenally, production now being at a rate three to four times that of out-

put 30 years ago. Other growing uses add to the pressure. Not to be omitted is the huge increase in newspaper circulations, which last year was estimated to have risen to 51,000,000 average number of pages printed daily.

There are other factors than increased demand which explain in part today's pinch in paper. One is the depletion of forests furnishing pulpwood located near the producing fields. As the mills go further afield for their raw product, costs rise steadily. Never, more efficient mills displaced the old ones, and many of the newsprint mills shifted to the production of other and more profitable grades of paper. There were 70 newsprint mills in the United States just before the First World War; last year there were only 12.

Newsprint production in the United States reached a peak in 1926. The decline from that time on was accelerated by the construction of new and larger Canadian mills located near supplies of pulp timber and able to attract cheaper labor. Today the 110 Canadian mills are producing about 5,500,000 tons of paper. Last year Canada shipped 3,800,000 tons of newsprint to the United States which was about 1,000,000 tons above prewar volume.

An additional cause of pulp shortage is the decline in imports from Europe due to war destruction and dislocation. Sweden, Finland and Norway in 1946 produced only 63 per cent of their output a decade ago.

How long will demand exceed supply? The answer to that question depends on the level of general industrial activity. It is possible that the domestic pipelines for paper products will be filled within the next year or two. If that happens, then pulp producers will look to the export market, since overseas shortages are severe and likely to stay so for years.

Today, the industry lacks new sources of the long-fibered softwood pulp. The Northern forests of the United States have been over-exploited, while Southern pine lands have not yet furnished an offset. Secretary of the Interior Krug points to Alaska as a big potential producer; but its development seems relatively far off. South America has huge forest reserves, but these are largely of the hardwood, short-fibered variety which are not so desirable for paper making. Chemistry in time may make them so.

As for newsprint, 12 per cent more was used in the first half of 1947 than in the like 1946 period. And, says the Department of Commerce, "consumption continues to increase at a greater pace than supply." With only 7 per cent of the population, the nation is consuming 60 per cent of world output.

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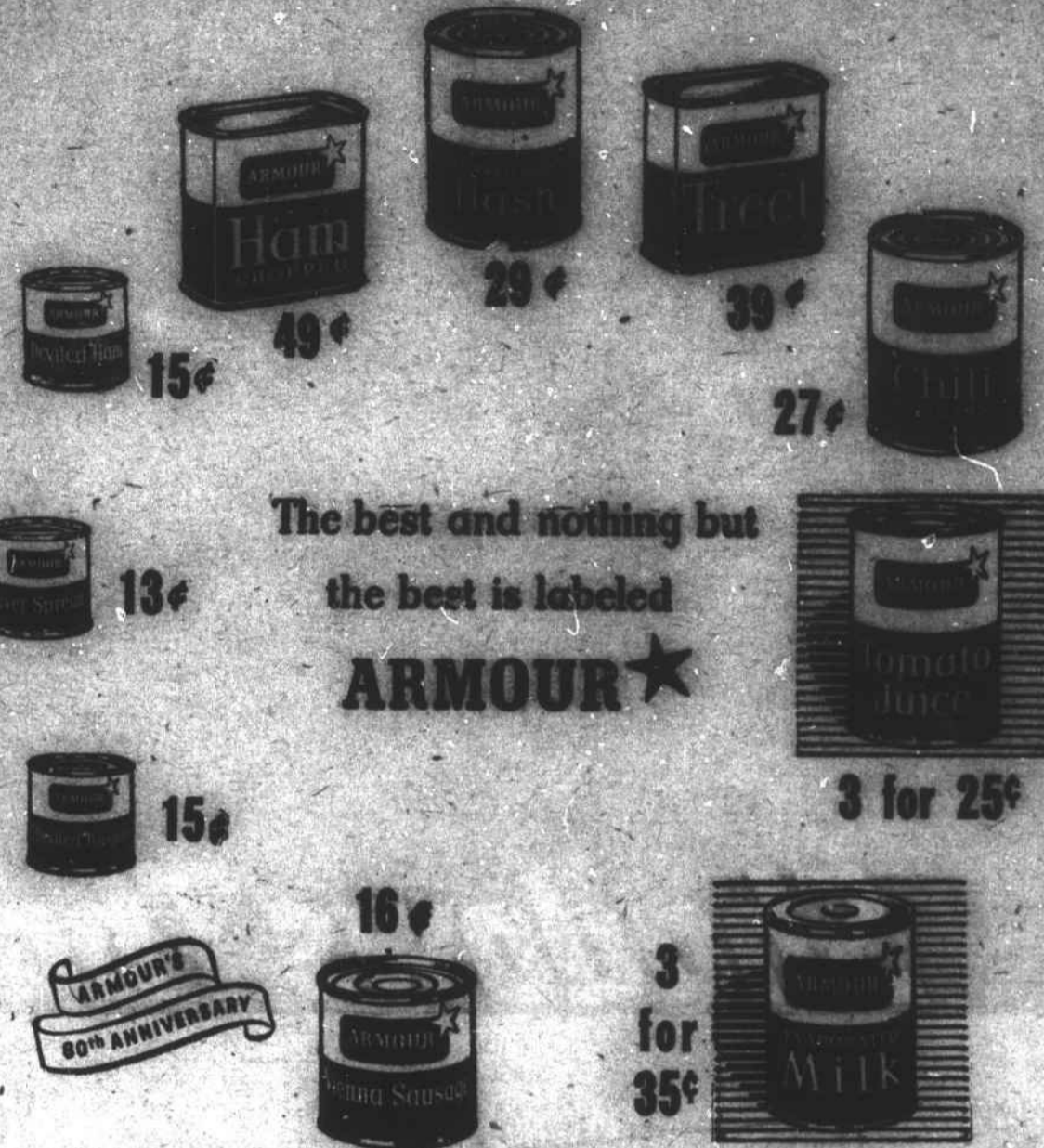
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