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Sec. Weeks Offers Trade With Russia

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sec. of Commerce Weeks made a cautious offer to do business with Russia and her European satellites. He said: "It has been and still is" U.S. policy to approve nonstrategic exports to Red Europe.

Weeks' policy statement came Wednesday in the midst of a hubbub over a Minnesota soybean oil producer's proposal to the Commerce Department that it license the export, from government-owned surplus stocks, of 3,000 tons of cottonseed oil and butter for the benefit of Russia. JAN 14 1954

Weeks' statement might give a boost to the export proposal made by Dwayne Andreas, an official of the Honeymead Co., Mankato, Minn. Weeks said in his report that "to a considerable degree" the small amount of trade with Soviet Russia has been due to "a lack of interest on the part of the Soviet bloc in obtaining nonstrategic and consumer type goods" rather than to U.S. restrictions.