

'In our view it is essential that this procedure, requested by the Canadian Government should be followed, and that references made in proceedings of the Subcommittee to individual Canadians should not first be made known to the Canadian Government through the press.

'As the United States Government knows, the Canadian Government finds the procedures actually adopted by the Subcommittee with respect to Canadians difficult to understand, unfair and indeed intolerable. The Canadian Government therefore requests again that these procedures be altered in so far as Canadians are concerned along the lines indicated above.

'The Canadian Government has a duty to protect Canadian citizens by all means legally at its disposal from unwarranted interference by any foreign government. There is little that the Canadian Government can do, however, to make this protection effective for those Canadian citizens, whose names are made public by Congressional Committees, unless it is able to secure the co-operation of the United States Government.

'The United States Government is aware that the appropriate security agencies of the two Governments have in the past exchanged security information on a reciprocal basis when such information formed part of an investigation important to the security of either country. This reciprocal exchange of information has assisted substantially in maintaining the security of our two countries, and the Canadian Government is not suggesting that it has been improperly used by the security agencies in the United States with which this exchange takes place.

'Nevertheless the Canadian Government must take every precaution which lies within its power to protect Canadian citizens from the danger of this information falling into the hands of persons who might use it without any sense of responsibility or fairness, or regard for the rights of Canadian citizens, within the jurisdiction of Canada. In view of the conduct of congressional investigations affecting Canadians, and because of its responsibility for taking every precaution in its power to protect Canadian citizens, the Canadian Government requests that, in the reciprocal exchange of security information, the United States Government give its assurance that none of its agencies or Departments will pass such information to any committee, body or organization in the United States over which the Executive Branch of the United States Government has no executive control, without the express consent of the Canadian Government in each case. The Canadian Government for its part assures the United States Government that any security information on United States citizens supplied by United States agencies to the security agency of the Canadian Government, will be given similar protection in Canada to that now requested with respect to security

information about Canadians from the United States Government.

'Unless such an assurance can be given, I am instructed by my Government to inform you that the Canadian Government must reserve the right in future not to supply security information concerning Canadian citizens to any United States Government agency.

"That, Mr. Speaker, is the end of the note which was delivered today. I can only hope that very shortly a satisfactory reply will be received to that note, that the assurances we have asked for will be given, and that the rights I mentioned will not have to be exercised."

Mr. J.G. Diefenbaker, Leader of the Official Opposition, Mr. M.J. Coldwell, Leader of the CCF Party, and Mr. E.G. Hansell, speaking for the Social Credit Party, associated themselves with the views expressed by the Secretary of State for External Affairs.

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SUPPORT PRICE: The Minister of Agriculture, Mr. James G. Gardiner, announced recently that the Agricultural Prices Support Board had been authorized to provide a support price for Canada First Grade dry skimmed milk on the basis of a price of 17 cents per pound for spray process and 14 cents per pound for roller process, f.o.b. storage at certain designated storage points throughout Canada.

The Minister stated that he hoped by introducing this additional support for the dairy industry that sufficient stability would be provided to encourage producers to maintain their present production of milk. Consumption of dry skimmed milk in Canada is increasing annually so it has been considered desirable to maintain approximately the present market price for dry skimmed milk during the spring and summer flush production period.

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CANADIAN BAND HONOURED: A Canadian Army Band performed before royalty last week in the stately Palace of Versailles near Paris.

The occasion was the Commonwealth Foreign Ministers' reception for Her Majesty the Queen and His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

The concert orchestra of the Royal Canadian Signals Band, serving in Germany with Canada's 2nd Infantry Brigade Group, performed for the royal couple at the reception. The band, under Lt. Charles A.W. Adams, Director of Music, of London and St. Catharines, Ont., presented a programme of light music. This marks the second time that the band has been selected for such an occasion. One year ago they played in Paris at the Commonwealth Ambassadors' reception for the Queen Mother.

Earlier performances in Paris at Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) have drawn praise from former SHAPE Commander General Alfred M. Gruenther, and from Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery of Alamein.