

9. The Secretary of State for External Affairs said it would be useful if some opportunity could be found for him to make a general statement in the House on foreign affairs prior to his departure for the U.N. General Assembly in Paris. Such a statement might be made when the resolution respecting the N.A.T.O. Representatives bill was called, provided this was done at an early date.

10. The Prime Minister suggested that a convenient solution might be for him to introduce a motion seeking approval of the House for Canada's continued participation in efforts of the United Nations and of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to defeat aggression and maintain peace. He might see the Opposition Leaders that afternoon and seek their co-operation in obtaining unanimous consent of the House so that a motion of this nature could be introduced at the beginning of the following day's sitting. After introduction, the Minister of National Defence might table the Order in Council and make a brief statement respecting the despatch of the 27th Canadian Infantry Brigade to Europe. Mr. Pearson might follow with a general statement on foreign affairs.

11. The Cabinet, after discussion:

(a) noted with approval the report by the Minister of National Defence on the status of the 27th Canadian Infantry Brigade in Europe and agreed that an Order in Council respecting the despatch to Europe of the Brigade be passed the following day;

(b) agreed that the Prime Minister approach the Opposition Leaders that afternoon, with a view to obtaining their co-operation in gaining unanimous consent of the House for introduction of a motion requesting approval of the House for Canada's continued participation in efforts of the United Nations and of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to deter aggression and maintain peace; and,

(c) agreed that, when the resolution referred to in (b) above had been introduced, the Minister of National Defence table the Order in Council and make a statement relating to the despatch of the 27th Canadian Infantry Brigade to Europe and that this be followed by a general statement on foreign affairs by the Secretary of State for External Affairs.

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