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Newsprint Subpoenas Withdrawn: The Secretary of State for External Affairs announced Friday that the subpoenas issued in the United States against Canadian newsprint companies were being withdrawn at the instance of the Attorney General of the United States, the Honourable Tom C. Clark.

Mr. St. Laurent stated that senior officers of the Department of Justice of the United States had recently visited Ottawa and had conferred directly with representatives of the Canadian newsprint industry who attended at the request of the Department of External Affairs, under whose auspices, with the cooperation of the State Department of the United States, the meetings were conducted. At these meetings friendly discussions were held and the factual situation examined, with the consequence that the subpoenas are now being withdrawn.

Mr. St. Laurent released the complete text of a letter sent on November 20, 1947, by the Attorney General of the United States to the Secretary of State. In concluding, the letter stated:

"In the event that any new questions arise in the future, involving records kept in Canada, we will, in the first instance, request further assistance from the Canadian Government in view of the cordial cooperation already afforded our representatives by the Canadian authorities."

Mr. St. Laurent expressed the view that all will welcome the action of the Attorney General in thus terminating, in an atmosphere of goodwill, a situation which had been construed in some quarters, both in the United States and Canada, as a contest of jurisdiction between our two countries.

Two Canadian Officials Detained By Soviet Union: The Department of External Affairs confirmed in a press release Friday that Mr. J.D.M. Weld and Captain A.W. Clabon of the Canadian Military Mission in Berlin were being detained by the Soviet authorities pending full enquiry into the circumstances connected with their having illegally crossed the Polish-Soviet frontier near Kaliningrad, the former Koenigsberg in East Prussia.

Mr. Weld and Captain Clabon were returning, in Captain Clabon's car, from an authorized visit to Warsaw. They set out from Warsaw on Monday afternoon, November 10th, with the intention of returning to Berlin via Danzig and of arriving in Berlin on Wednesday, November 12th.

On November 13th the Soviet Ministry of Foreign Affairs informed the Canadian Embassy in Moscow that Mr. Weld and Captain Clabon had been detained on November 12th south west of Kaliningrad for the purpose of ascertaining all the circumstances connected with their presence on Soviet administered territory.

It would therefore appear as if Mr. Weld and Captain Clabon had strayed from their intended route.

Mr. John Holmes, the Canadian Chargé d'Affaires in Moscow, has under instructions from the Canadian Government, thanked the Soviet Ministry of Foreign Affairs for drawing this matter so promptly to the attention of the Canadian Government, and has requested that Messrs. Weld and Clabon be permitted by the Soviet authorities to return to Berlin.