

War claims; interim compensation

43. The Secretary of State for External Affairs said he was disturbed by the plight of certain Canadians who had suffered losses during the war and, while awaiting compensation, were in very straitened circumstances. He understood that Chief Justice Ilesley would not be in a position to submit his recommendations regarding war claims for some months. In the circumstances, on October 4th, he had written to the Secretary of State suggesting that steps be taken to relieve those persons who were in the most serious distress and asking Mr. Bradley whether he would request Chief Justice Ilesley to advise on the desirability and practicability of an immediate payment of partial interim compensation to claimants with assured claims where urgent compassionate reasons existed. It was understood that Chief Justice Ilesley was prepared to make recommendations in the matter.

44. The Cabinet, after further discussion, noted the report of the Secretary of State for External Affairs that he had requested the Secretary of State to take up with Chief Justice Ilesley the possibility of immediate payment of partial interim compensation to claimants in straitened circumstances who had assured war claims, and that Mr. Bradley planned to endeavour to obtain early recommendations from Chief Justice Ilesley in the matter.

United Nations; Canadian delegation to General Assembly

45. The Secretary of State for External Affairs submitted recommendations with respect to the composition of the Canadian delegation to the forthcoming General Assembly of the United Nations, meeting in Paris on November 6th.

46. The Cabinet, after discussion, agreed that the Canadian delegation to the forthcoming meeting of the United Nations General Assembly in Paris consist of the following:

Representatives

The Secretary of State for External Affairs (Head)
The Minister of Justice (to replace Mr. Pearson
as head of the delegation after Christmas)
Jean Lesage, Esq., M.P., Parliamentary Assistant
to the Secretary of State for External Affairs
A member of the Senate
Mrs. R. J. Marshall, ex-President of the National
Council of Women.

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