

Captain J.W. O'Brien and Captain J.R. Cameron who had been seconded to the Department of External Affairs to handle certain matters relating to prisoners of war, returned to the Department of National Defence (Army) at the end of December.

(F) INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

December 5 - London - First Meeting of the Permanent Industrial Committee for the Coal Mining Industry set up by the I.L.O. Permanent Canadian Government representatives on this Committee are: Mr. F.G. Neate, Deputy Coal Controller, Department of Reconstruction, and Mr. M.M. Maclean, Director of Industrial Relations, Department of Labour. Mr. Maclean was unable to attend the first meeting and Mr. V.C. Phelan, Director of Information, Department of Labour, acted in his stead. In addition there were two delegates representing employers and two representing workers.

December 15 - Copenhagen - First Meeting of the Permanent Industrial Committee for Inland Transport set up by the I.L.O. Permanent Canadian Government representatives on this Committee are Mr. M.M. Maclean and Mr. V.C. Phelan, Department of Labour. Brigadier N.B. Macdonald of C.M.H.Q. replaced Mr. Maclean who was unable to attend the first meeting. There were also two delegates representing employers and two representing workers.

December 17 - Hamilton, Bermuda - United Kingdom Conference on Civil Aviation Matters. The Canadian delegation was composed of the Honourable C.D. Howe, Minister of Reconstruction and Supply, Chairman; Mr. H.J. Symington, President, Trans-Canada Airlines; Mr. R.A. MacKay, Department of External Affairs; and Mr. J.R. Baldwin, Secretary of the Cabinet Committee on Reconstruction.

(G) OFFICIAL STATEMENTS AND RELEASES CONCERNING EXTERNAL RELATIONS

Statements in the House of Commons.

1. Tabling by the Prime Minister of the joint Declaration on Atomic Energy made in Washington on November 15 by the President of the United States, and the Prime Ministers of the United Kingdom and Canada. Hansard, December 1, p. 2827. Motion for approval of declaration followed by statement from Prime Minister, December 17, p. 3697.
2. Motion by the Minister of Finance that the House go into committee to consider a resolution providing for an amendment to the Export Credits Insurance Act to increase the aggregate amount of loans made and outstanding at any time and the value of securities purchased or acquired and held at any one time under Section 22 of the Act from \$100,000,000 to \$750,000,000. December 3, p. 2887. Second reading of Bill, December 4, p. 2936. Third reading, December 6, p. 3084.
3. Reply by the Minister of Munitions and Supply to a question concerning rates for Atlantic air crossings. December 5, P. 3003.
4. Statement by the Minister of Trade and Commerce concerning the cancellation of British Import Licenses, December 5, P. 3001.
5. Statement by Minister of Finance concerning United States - United Kingdom Financial Agreements announced on December 6, p. 3103. Questions on this subject December 7, p. 3131. Further statement December 10, p. 3301. (See also Item 8).