

representatives of Canada and France and agreement had been reached on the draft of an "Agreement for air services between and beyond the respective territories of the two countries".

An explanatory memorandum was circulated.

(Secretary of State for External Affairs' memorandum, July 4, 1950 - Cab. Doc. 178-50).

9. The Minister of Trade and Commerce said that, while Air France was prepared to commence operations at once, Trans Canada Airlines would not be ready to inaugurate a service to France before the spring of 1951 and were opposed to the authorization of a French airline on this route before they could themselves begin operations. It was felt, however, that, taking into consideration all the circumstances, the signing of the agreement should not be delayed.

10. The Cabinet, after discussion, agreed that the proposed bilateral air agreement between Canada and France providing for the reciprocal exchange of Third and Fourth Freedoms and permitting the direct carriage of traffic between Canada and France be signed and implemented without delay.

Unemployment information; improved procedures

11. The Prime Minister, referring to discussion at the meeting of June 9th, 1950 said that the Interdepartmental Advisory Committee on Labour Statistics had now submitted certain recommendations for the improvement of information on unemployment. The Committee had recommended three changes in the compilation of statistics by the National Employment Service and that the term "unplaced applicants" should no longer be used in publication of the figures but rather some term such as "application for employment at local National Employment Service Offices". In connection with the Labour Force Survey of the Bureau of Statistics, the Committee had made certain recommendations concerning the data to be sought and shortening the period between surveys and publication and had recommended also that the frequency of the surveys be increased as soon as practicable from a quarterly to a monthly basis.

Copies of the report had been circulated.

(Memorandum, Interdepartmental Advisory Committee on Labour Statistics, June 24, 1950 - Cab. Doc. No. 175-50).

12. Mr. St-Laurent drew attention to the fact that the latest N.E.S. figures showed over 200,000

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