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**REPORT OF THE AGENT GENERAL
OF THE UNITED NATIONS KOREAN
RECONSTRUCTION AGENCY**

Text of statement on December 10, 1954, by
Senator Charles B. Howard, Canadian Representative
in the Second Committee at the ninth session of
the United Nations General Assembly, New York,
on agenda item 17(b) - Report of the United Nations
Agent General for Korean Reconstruction

Note: The text of the resolution adopted by the
Committee and the results of the voting
are included at the end of the statement.

The report of the Agent General of the Korean
Reconstruction Agency has given a clear and impressive
picture of the substantial progress made by the Agency
in its work of rehabilitation in war-torn South Korea
during the period covered by the report. Canada has been
a member of the UNKRA Advisory Committee since its
establishment by the General Assembly in December 1950. The
Canadian Delegation has consequently had a direct and
continuing interest in, and knowledge of, the development
by the Agency of an over-all programme from which the
Korean people would derive the maximum degree of benefit.

Until July 1953, the scope of UNKRA's work was
necessarily limited by the military situation. As the
Agent General has indicated, the period covered by his
report is therefore the first one which has been free of
hostilities, and the first in which UNKRA has been able
to undertake comprehensive reconstruction and rehabilitation
projects. The report shows graphically what really sub-
stantial progress has been made. We realize the tremendous
task facing the Republic of Korea in transforming its
economy from one devastated by war to one which will ensure
that the Korean people are enabled, once again, to enjoy a
reasonable standard of living. We believe that the UNKRA
projects now under way will contribute towards this
objective.

It is not my intention to dwell on the details of
the Agent General's programme. These have been clearly
set out in the report. I would at this time simply wish to
commend General Coulter, under whose able direction the
Agency, in spite of great difficulties, has been able to
achieve much. My delegation is particularly impressed by
the fact that the Agent General has been able to make
substantial reductions in staff without impairing the
effectiveness of his programme.

A few days ago in the First Committee, and again
today in this Committee, the Representatives of the Soviet
Union have suggested unjustly that little has been done
in Korea by UNKRA and through other programmes of economic
assistance. In view of their statements, I think I must
point out that the report of the Agent General shows that