

"We believe this is a practical way to get things moving, and if package deals of that kind could be made in several instances the first thing we would know there would be a worth-while disarmament agreement.

Informal Talks Desirable

"Then we also suggested that when the Disarmament Committee meets again there should be certain informal off-the-record meetings of the negotiators. To date they have been having formal meetings, records are kept and then after a matter of a few weeks the whole record is published, which means, as I am sure all Parliamentarians will understand, that there is a great deal of talking for the record. We think it would be very useful if the negotiators could get into a huddle from time to time and really try to work out something among themselves. We do not say there should be no more formal meetings, but we think formal and informal meetings would be very beneficial. We hope there will be recommendations of this kind made by the Summit to the ten-member Committee.

"Our suggestions were received very well by the other Western foreign ministers and also, when the NATO Council met, they were favourably received in the deliberations of that Council."

Since the summit meeting did not take place, the directive to the Ten-Nation Committee the Canadian Government had hoped would be forthcoming was never given. The two sides in the negotiations, which resumed on June 7, are now seeking to determine whether, in spite of the discouraging turn in international events recently, progress in disarmament will nonetheless still be possible. On June 2 the Soviet Government made public a new set of proposals, which were evidently those it had intended to present at the summit meetings. The Western nations promised to give these proposals serious consideration in the Ten-Nation Disarmament Committee and this process has now begun. In explaining the Canadian view of the present state of the disarmament negotiations, the Secretary of State for External Affairs made the following statement in the House of Commons on June 15:

Whole World Involved

"In the Canadian view it is important that in these negotiations all ten nations represented on the Committee should lose no opportunity to explore every possible avenue of progress in disarmament. The Canadian delegation has constantly in mind, and tries to make certain that the whole Committee bears in mind, that not only two nations, or ten nations, but all the nations of the world, are vitally interested in disarmament. It is certain that the members of the Committee will be held to account by the other nations of the world if they neglect opportunities for progress in disarmament.

No Hasty Reaction

"It was in this spirit that the Prime Minister replied to Mr. Khrushchov's letter forwarding the latest Soviet proposals. The Canadian Government wanted