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\$200,000 for UNESCO: The Secretary of State for External Affairs announced today that the Canadian Council for Reconstruction through UNESCO has been established to carry out a nation-wide appeal for necessary supplies for the educational reconstruction of war-devastated countries in Europe and Asia. The Government has decided to make a contribution of \$200,000 from the Post-UNRRA Relief Appropriation to be used by the Council for the purchase in Canada, of supplies for the educational, scientific and cultural reconstruction of these areas.

Quebec Mineral Discovery: Premier Duplessis announced Friday mineral deposits of "unsurpassed quality" have been located in Quebec territory in Labrador peninsula and that the potentialities of the area are "fantastic".

The Premier told his weekly press conference that mining experts who have explored the territory have definitely located deposits of 200,000 tons of high quality minerals.

The Premier said the reports indicated two-thirds of the mineral wealth was located in territory "incontestably in Quebec" and the remaining third "in a part of territory in which we consider we have rights". (CP)

Department Store Sales Up: Dollar sales in Canadian department stores were 12 per cent higher in October than in the same month of 1946, but were practically unchanged from September, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. While the increase over October last year was more than the 20 per cent gain shown in September, it fell only slightly short of the average increase of 15 per cent for the first ten months of the year. Unadjusted indexes of sales, on the base 1935-39=100, stood at 286.4 for October, 287.7 for September and 254.8 for October, 1946.

Seamen's Strike Averted: The Canadian Seamen's Union announced Friday night that an agreement was reached with the Shipping Federation of Canada and that a contract for 1948 was signed covering all unlicensed personnel on Canadian ocean-going vessels.

The signing of the agreement was followed by an order of CSU President Harry Davis to call off a proposed nation-wide strike of 7,500 seamen on both coasts scheduled for midnight Friday night. (CP)

U.K., Canada Discussions: Behind closed doors, members of a British mission continued Friday their preliminary discussions with Canadian officials on financial and other arrangements which will govern the food and other contracts existing between Canada and the United Kingdom. (CP)