

using their influence on the North Koreans to withdraw to behind the 38th parallel. Public opinion might consider this an unwise form of appeasement.

9. Mr. Pearson said that there had been a large body of opinion before the Korean conflict that had considered that the time had come to admit Communist China to the United Nations. It might be suggested to the Russians that when the North Koreans had returned to the 38th parallel, sympathetic consideration would be given to reactivating the Security Council.

10. The Minister of Transport reported that conversations had been held with officials of Canadian Pacific Airlines, who at present were operating a weekly service to the Orient, on the possibilities of their participating in the airlift to supply and reinforce U.N. forces in Korea. They had indicated that, if their Australian service were abandoned, they could make available three Canadair Four's and trained crews for four aircraft of that type. These crews had had experience in the route which was to be flown and perhaps some form of combined operation could be worked out with the R.C.A.F.

11. Mr. St-Laurent submitted and read a draft statement for the press, indicating in general terms the steps planned to accelerate the Canadian defence programme, announcing the projected participation in the airlift to supply and reinforce the U.N. forces in Korea and pointing out the considerations which had led to these decisions.

12. The Cabinet, after further discussion, approved:

(a) a contribution of a squadron of North Star aircraft for supplying and reinforcing the U.N. forces in Korea; consideration to be given to the possibility of Canadian Pacific Airlines participating in such an airlift;

(b) a general increase in defence expenditures, as submitted by the Minister of National Defence, involving an additional cash commitment for this fiscal year of between \$40 and \$50 million and an increase in personnel for the three armed services of 5 to 6 thousand;

(c) the draft statement submitted by the Prime Minister indicating in general terms the additional steps taken to assist the United Nations operations in Korea and to accelerate the Canadian defence programme, subject to certain additions and changes.

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