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**Canada Urges Organization of U.N. Armed Forces:** Rt. Hon. Louis St. Laurent, Secretary of State for External Affairs and head of the Canadian delegation to the United Nations General Assembly, today urged the U.N. Security Council to "go ahead with all possible speed in the constructive work of organizing the military and economic measures of enforcement."

"We, all of us, are bound under the Charter to refrain from using armed forces except as provided by the charter," he said. "The government and people of Canada are anxious to know what armed forces, in common with other members of the United Nations, Canada should maintain as our share of the burden of putting world force behind world law."

Canada was "particularly concerned" that the Security Council and Military Staff Committee had "so far failed to make substantial progress towards a conclusion of special agreements with individual members ...and thus make force and other facilities available to the Security Council."

It would be in the interest of all members "to see the Security Council equipped and ready in fact to enforce proper decisions for the maintenance of world peace and also as a consequence to see serious consideration given to the reduction of national armaments so that the productive capacity of the world thus conserved may be used for improving the living conditions of all peoples."

Mr. St. Laurent said the U.N. also should strive to fortify its juridicial functions and take "every possible precaution against multiplication of international organizations, conferences, councils and commissions."

**Privy Council Hearing Continues in London:** Argument concerning the right of appeal to the Privy Council in London is continuing before seven law lords of the Council's judicial committee. Latest to be heard are the views of the British Columbia Attorney-General, presented by a London lawyer, Wilfrid Barton.

He said the system of appeals to the Privy Council formed a "fundamental part" of the law of the Colony of British Columbia when it entered the Dominion. "The right of appeal was established and existed at the union by virtue of acts of the Parliament of Great Britain and can only be repealed, abolished or amended by Imperial enactment," said Mr. Barton.

He added that his aim was to show that the Statute of Westminster, 1931, "does not increase the legislative jurisdiction of the Parliament of Canada under the British North America Act at the expense of provincial legislators". The British Columbia Attorney-General contended the B.C. Legislature only was "competent" to abolish appeals to the Privy Council.

Previously C.R. Magone of Toronto presented argument for Ontario contending that the Privy Council "or any other court in England is not subject to any force that can be applied by the Parliament of Canada." He submitted that the B.N.A. Act in giving power to set up a supreme court in Canada did not give the Parliament of Canada the right to abolish the right of appeal to the Privy Council. (CP)

(Note: See Airmail Bulletin, October 22.)

**Prime Minister Returns:** Prime Minister Mackenzie King returned to Ottawa today from his visit with President Truman at Washington. He told reporters that his talk with Mr. Truman had covered a "wide-range" of subjects, but he had an understanding with the President that their discussions would stand as "purely personal." While in Washington, Mr. King inspected properties being considered for a new Canadian Embassy. (CP)

**Murchie to Retire Shortly:** Defence Headquarters has announced that Lt.-Gen. J.C. Murchie, C.B., C.B.E., 51, of Ottawa, Chief of Staff at Canadian Military Headquarters in London, soon will retire. Simultaneously announcement was made of the appointment of Brig. H.D. Graham, C.B.E., D.S.O. and Bar, 48, of Trenton, Ont., as head of the Army Section of the Canadian Joint Liaison Staff and Army Advisor to the Canadian High Commissioner in London.

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