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CANADA SIGNS THREE INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS

The Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations, Mr. David M. Johnson, right, signs the Slavery Protocol, the third Protocol of Rectifications and Modifications to the Text of the Schedules to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), and the Declaration on Continued Application of GATT Tariff Schedules. At Mr. Johnson's right is Mr. Constantin Stavropoulos, Principal Director in charge of the United Nations Legal Department.

Korean Reconstruction

On December 7, the General Assembly approved without discussion by a vote of 52 in favour, none against and 5 abstentions (the Soviet bloc) a resolution submitted by the Second Committee which had been sponsored by Canada together with Argentina, France, the Philippines, the United Kingdom and the United States. By this resolution, the General Assembly approved, subject to consultation between the United Nations Agent-General for Korean Reconstruction and the UNKRA Advisory Committee, the Agency's programmes for the financial years 1953-54 and 1954-55, noted with concern that sufficient funds were not available to carry out these programmes and urged all governments to implement pledges already made or to contribute to the Agency's programmes. Canada has paid its pledge of \$7,250,000 (Canadian) in full.

As at November 30, 1953, 28 countries members of the United Nations and five non-members had made pledges to UNKRA amounting to \$207,598,517 of which \$88,000,000 had been paid. Thirteen member countries had not yet paid their pledges in full. The main contributors besides Canada are the United States, the United Kingdom and Australia which have pledged \$162,500,000, \$28,000,000 and \$4,000,000 respectively, of which approximately \$65,700,000, \$11,300,000 and \$1,300,000 have already been paid.

The combined 1952-53 and 1953-54 programme now being carried out by the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency involves expenditures amounting to \$155,000,000 (US) while the 1954-55 programme envisages expenditures in the amount of \$110,000,000.