

29. The Cabinet, after discussion, noted the reports of the Prime Minister and the Minister of Finance, agreeing that, for the present, no extended reply should be sent to the Premier of Nova Scotia.

National Defence; public statements by Service officers

30. The Prime Minister drew attention, once more, to press reports of statements made by officers of the Services concerning government plans and policies relating to the Armed Forces. It had already been agreed on several occasions that such unauthorized statements were in every way undesirable.

31. The Minister of National Defence said that he had already taken steps with a view to preventing the recurrence of such incidents. The matter would be brought once more to the attention of the Chiefs of Staff and Deputy Ministers.

32. The Cabinet, after discussion, noted with approval the observations of the Prime Minister and the Minister of National Defence.

National Defence; accommodation in Ottawa

33. The Minister of National Defence stated that it was his intention that the headquarters of the three Services should be concentrated as soon as possible in one set of buildings.

It was, therefore, proposed to have the Navy, Army and Air Force accommodated in the buildings on Cartier Square and to vacate the present Army buildings on Slater Street. It was hoped that this could be accomplished within three or four months with favourable results from the point of view of administration and economy in space.

34. The Cabinet, after discussion, noted with approval the Minister's intention in this respect.

U.S. request for return of war dead; Imperial War Graves Commission

35. The Secretary of State for External Affairs reported that it had now been found that there would be serious difficulty in complying with the decision taken at the meeting of November 27th respecting permission for the return to the United States of bodies of U.S. citizens who had served with the Canadian Forces.

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