

11. The Minister of National Revenue again voiced his apprehension lest acceptance on a wide scale of I.R.O. T.B. "hard-core" cases might introduce new strains of tuberculosis hitherto unknown in this country. In the circumstances he would think it preferable for Canada to contribute funds to I.R.O. for the treatment of an agreed number of these cases in Europe.

12. The Minister of National Health and Welfare said that, although he was personally inclined to share the views held by Dr. McCann, he had been given assurances by the medical authorities of his department that the matter had been carefully considered and that there did not appear to be any danger of infection spreading as a result of these admissions.

He added that, although the discovery of 80 active tubercular cases amongst Polish soldiers admitted to Canada at the termination of World War II had constituted a real problem at that time, all these cases had now been discharged from hospital without any apparent resulting difficulty.

13. The Prime Minister suggested that more information be secured on the 160 T.B. "hard-core" cases, for which Canada had allegedly assumed permanent responsibility, before reaching a final decision as to what further aid might be extended to I.R.O. towards the solution of the remaining "hard-core" problem.

14. The Cabinet, after discussion, noted the reports by the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration and the Secretary of State for External Affairs respecting proposals for Canadian participation in the disposition of the remaining I.R.O. "hard-core" problem and deferred decision pending submission of further information as to the extent and nature of the responsibility already assumed by Canada in this respect.

Export of arms to Israel

15. The Secretary of State for External Affairs said that following a decision of the Cabinet Defence Committee on August 30th and after consulting U.K. and U.S. authorities, 25 Canadian 25-pounders had been sold to Israel from existing stocks. The

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