

United Nations; Declaration of Human Rights

7. The Minister of National Defence, as Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs, reported that, when the draft Declaration came to a vote in Committee 3, on December 7th, Canada had abstained without comment.

In the light of the instructions sent to the Delegation after the Cabinet meeting of November 24th, Mr. Pearson would vote in favour of the Resolution in the plenary meeting, making an explanatory statement along the lines agreed upon.

(External Affairs memorandum to the Acting Minister, Dec. 8, 1948).

8. The Cabinet noted with approval the Minister's report.

United Nations; adjournment of General Assembly

9. The Minister of National Defence, as Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs, reported that the General Assembly would adjourn on December 11th, to meet again in New York on April 1st.

Mr. Pearson would be leaving by air for Canada soon after the adjournment.

10. The Cabinet noted the Minister's report.

Situation in China

11. The Minister of National Defence, as Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs, reported that the situation of the Nationalist Government was deteriorating rapidly.

It had been decided that the Canadian Embassy would remain in Nanking for the present at all events; all Canadian women and children had been evacuated.

The present position of Canadian credits to China had been reviewed with the Department of Finance; the course recommended by that department would be agreeable to External Affairs.

12. The Cabinet noted the Minister's report.

I.L.O.; Permanent Migration Committee;
Canadian participation

13. The Minister of National Defence, as Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs, reported that the Department of Labour had

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