

NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION MEETINGS

MR. CLAXTON'S PREVIEW: At the important meetings at Washington of the North Atlantic Treaty organization; participating nations are represented by their Defence Ministers and most of their Chiefs of Staff. The following is the partial text of a statement made by the Minister of National Defence, Mr. Claxton, at a Press Conference in Washington on October 27:

"Preparatory meetings began last week with the representatives of the Defence Ministers. They were attended by Mr. C.M. Drury, Canadian Deputy Minister of National Defence, who returned to Ottawa to report to me.

"The meeting of the Military Committee of the Chiefs of Staff began October 24. The Canadian delegation was headed by Lieutenant-General Charles Foulkes, Chief of the General Staff and Chairman of the Chiefs of Staff Committee, accompanied by Commodore R.E.S. Bidwell, for Vice-Admiral Harold Grant, Chief of the Naval Staff, and Air Marshal W.A. Curtis, Chief of the Air Staff.

MILITARY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

"Members of the Military Committee continued their meetings Thursday. The Defence Committee of the Defence Ministers will begin meeting on Saturday, October 28.

"Not directly related to the North Atlantic Treaty meetings, but of the utmost importance in Canadian defence preparations was the ceremony yesterday attended by the Minister of Trade and Commerce, Mr. Howe, and Hon. W.S. Symington, Chairman of the National Security Resources Board, to formalize the arrangements between the U.S. and Canada regarding defence procurement, which have been under discussion for some time. The principles underlying Canadian-U.S. industrial defence mobilization co-ordination were agreed upon during the visit to Ottawa last August of Hubert Howard, who was at that time Chairman of the Munitions Supply Board of the United States

"After my arrival in Washington yesterday (October 26), I conferred with other members of the Canadian delegation and members of the Embassy staff.

"Today I had conferences successively with General George Marshall, U.S. Secretary of Defence; Hon. F.P. Matthews, U.S. Secretary of the Navy; Hon. Thomas K. Finletter, U.S. Secretary of the Air Force; and Hon. Frank J. Pace, Jr., Secretary of the Army.

"General Marshall is giving a dinner for

the Defence Ministers this evening.

"The Defence Committee meetings beginning Saturday are expected to last through Monday, when the Defence Ministers will meet the President.

"Next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday the Defence Ministers and Chiefs of Staff will visit U.S. defence establishments at Wright-Patterson Field, Dayton, Ohio; Aberdeen Proving Ground and Naval Proving Ground, Dahlgren, Va.

"The current North Atlantic Treaty meetings in Washington are dealing with questions referred by the Council of Foreign Ministers, which met in New York on September 26. The Defence Committee will: (1) Work out the organization of the integrated force for the defence of Western Europe; (2) Recommend the steps necessary to bring this force into being at the earliest possible date; (3) consider changes and simplifications required in the military structure of the North Atlantic Treaty organization; (4) consider means to ensure the necessary close-working relationship between the standing group and the member governments not represented on it.

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"The North Atlantic Treaty was signed on April 4, 1949. Canada ratified it, May 3, 1949 - the first member nation to do so. The Treaty came into effect on August 24, 1949. The first meeting of the Defence Committee was held on October 5, 1949, in Washington; the second at Paris on December 1, 1949, and the third at The Hague on April 1, 1950. This is the fourth meeting

"In addition to North Atlantic Treaty questions, I expect to deal with a number of other matters during my current visit to Washington. These include: (1) Participation of the Canadian Army Special Force in Korea; (2) Transfer of equipment to the Netherlands; (3) Arrangements for its replacement, partly by purchase from the United States; (4) Questions relative to joint defence of North America; (5) Further steps in standardization relating to aircraft, ships and weapons of all kinds; (6) Steps to be taken following the exchange of notes yesterday on Canadian-U.S. industrial defence mobilization; (7) Further organization of our Joint Staff Mission in Washington; (8) Further arrangements for co-operation in civil defence..."

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MR. A.R. MENZIES TO JAPAN: The Department of External Affairs announced on October 27 the appointment of Mr. Arthur R. Menzies as Head of the Canadian Liaison Mission in Japan. Mr. Menzies has been the Head of the American and Far Eastern Division of the Department of External Affairs since April 1, 1949. In Japan

he will succeed Mr. E.H. Norman, who returned to Canada a few days ago and is now on home leave.

Mr. Menzies was born in China on November 29, 1916. He studied at the Canadian Academy, Kobe, Japan, 1930-35. He graduated from Victoria College, University of Toronto, with the