

continuing consultation, arrangements will be arrived at in keeping with Canada's wishes in this regard.

"NATO is one subject which was discussed at some length, and the imperative need for greater efforts than have been made heretofore to bring NATO into a strong, flexible and understanding partnership was underlined. In addition, the need of moral, military and political capacity if NATO is to pursue its objectives successfully was emphasized.

POLITICAL CONSULTATION

"The Leader of the Opposition, with his knowledge of the operation of NATO from its foundation, will realize that the importance of political consultation has been a subject of consideration throughout the years. Indeed, he belonged to the group known as the Three Wise Men which made recommendations in this regard. I think Mr. Macmillan would agree that what requires development is the will and the readiness to consult well in advance. The machinery is there, and it cannot be blamed now for any shortcomings in consultation.

"The question of a meeting of NATO heads of government was discussed. I feel such a meeting is necessary, but I am equally convinced that it should not be held until there has been thorough preparation and investigation in advance of the likely areas of agreement.

LAOS, CONGO AND CHINA

"In the international field we reviewed the current situation in Laos and the Congo, but I do not think there is anything to report to the House, since the position in both these areas has been adequately reported in the press and in this Chamber.

"The problem of China is one to which attention was devoted. In particular, Mr. Macmillan and I discussed the question of Chinese representation in the United Nations and agreed that it was important to continue to work on this problem in preparation for the next regular session of the General Assembly later this year.

"The House is aware of the fact that the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom visited The West Indies before coming to the United States and Canada. During the course of our discussions he gave an account of the political situation in The West Indies and the outlook for the establishment of a federation when complete West Indies independence has been attained. The economic problems of The West Indies and the relations of Canadian aid and other such programmes to these problems in the Western Hemisphere were considered.

"We discussed the question of low-cost imports from Hong Kong, a matter of very salient interest to Canadians at this time. As a result I believe a better understanding of the problems was arrived at, and further discussions will be continued by representatives of both governments...."

CONTRIBUTIONS TO UN BUDGET

Canada has sent to the United Nations cheques totalling \$3,781,407, representing payment in full of all Canadian contributions to the Regular Budget and Special Accounts of the United Nations to the end of 1961. The payment also included the Canadian pledge to the United Nations Fund for the Congo, which was announced during the first part of the fifteenth session.

The total amount paid was made up in the following way:

Balance of Canada's UN Regular Budget contribution for 1960 - \$382,595.

Canada paid \$1,500,000 on account for the 1961 Regular Budget on Christmas Eve 1960 in order to alleviate the serious cash position with which the United Nations was faced at that time. Payment before Christmas was possible because constitutional arrangements have been worked out so that the Canadian contribution to the Regular Budget can be paid as soon as the assessment notice has been received.

Contribution to the United Nations Emergency Force Special Account for 1961 - \$581,916.

Payment representing a further contribution to the 1960 UNEF account following rejection of the rebate offered under the resolution assessing these costs - \$310,764.

(Canada paid its assessed share of this account early in 1960)

Contribution to the Congo Ad Hoc Account for the period July-December 1960 - \$1,506,232.

Voluntary contribution to the United Nations Fund for the Congo - \$1,000,000.

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CANADIAN FILM AWARDS

J. Alphonse Ouimet, President of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, will present the thirteenth annual Canadian Film Awards in Toronto on May 13. The Canadian Film Awards are sponsored by the Canadian Association for Adult Education, the Canada Foundation and the Canadian Film Institute to bring public recognition to the best of current Canadian film production. They will be presented at a luncheon for members of the Association of Motion Picture Producers and Laboratories of Canada, the Canada Foundation, the Canadian Association for Adult Education, the Canadian Film Institute, Canadian Film Award judges, the press and others. This year's presentation has been advanced from June in order to coincide with the annual meeting of the Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers, the first to take place outside the United States, and the annual meeting of the Association of Motion Picture Producers and Laboratories of Canada.