

therefore that if we wish to remove the possible ambiguity, it would be advisable to seek some other means of doing so. Ends.

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*Le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
au délégué permanent auprès des Nations Unies*
*Secretary of State for External Affairs
to Permanent Delegate to United Nations*

TELEGRAM 343

Ottawa, July 12, 1950

SECRET. IMMEDIATE.

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This morning the Cabinet considered the Korean situation and decided to put immediately under United Nations command the three Canadian destroyers now proceeding to the western Pacific.

2. The Cabinet had before them the Security Council's Resolution of July 7,²⁰ President Truman's designation of the Commander and a message from General MacArthur himself (through our Mission in Tokyo) to the effect that very good use could be made of the destroyers in the Korean operations.

3. Will you deliver at once to the Secretary-General, on behalf of the Government, a message in the terms set out in my immediately following paragraph.

4. Text of message begins:

With my letter to you dated June 30th† I enclosed the text of a statement which was made by the Right Honourable Louis S. St. Laurent, Prime Minister of Canada, in the House of Commons in Ottawa on June 30th. In the course of that statement Mr. St. Laurent declared that ... "If we are informed that a Canadian contribution to aid United Nations operations under a United Nations Commander would be important to achieve the ends of peace which is, or course, our only purpose, then the Government wishes Parliament to know that it would immediately consider making such a contribution."

(2) General MacArthur has now been designated by the United States as the Commander of the forces of the United Nations for the defence of the Republic of Korea, in accordance with the Security Council's Resolution of the 7th of July. The Canadian Government has, furthermore, been informed that destroyers can be of assistance in United Nations operations for the defence of Korea.

(3) Three Canadian destroyers sailed last week from the Pacific coast of Canada for western Pacific waters. These vessels are hereby made available to the United Nations and appropriate action is being taken by the Canadian Government to place

²⁰ Voir Canada, ministère des Affaires extérieures, *Le Canada et la crise coréenne*, Ottawa, Imprimeur du Roi, 1950, p. 30.

See Canada, Department of External Affairs, *Canada and the Korean Crisis*, Ottawa: King's Printer, 1950, p. 27.