

Columbia River Basin Agreement

. . . You will be requested to approve a number of major projects of national development. The largest of these will be the development of the water power on the Columbia River. Agreement has been reached with the Government of the United States on a plan for the co-operative development of the use of these waters and a treaty will be submitted to you for approval in due course. You will also be asked to take the action necessary to fulfill Canada's part in implementing it

Canada's UN Attitude on Congo

Replying on November 23 to a question in the House of Commons as to the reason for the Canadian abstention from the United Nations vote on the previous day to seat a Congolese delegation, the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Green, said:

. . . The abstention yesterday by the representatives of Canada at the United Nations means that we are following our policy of deciding what we think is the best policy for Canada and voting and acting accordingly, regardless of what influence may be brought to bear on us by other countries.

The position in this particular case is that Canada is one of the three European and North American countries having troops in the Congo, the other two being Sweden and Ireland. I think there are 18 contingents altogether and the remaining 15 are from Asia and Africa. Each of these 18 countries has a representative on what is called the Advisory Committee on the Congo, which has been meeting quite frequently and dealing with the problems that arise in connection with the United Nations forces in the Congo.

Until yesterday, no one had been seated to represent the Congo at the United Nations, and, in view of our having troops there and being on this Committee, we decided that we would not participate in the disputes with respect to who should represent the Congo in the United Nations. That is the reason we abstained yesterday, and we have also abstained on earlier motions. We abstained on a vote brought about by the countries which were anxious to seat representatives of Prime Minister Lumumba.

That is all that should be taken from the vote yesterday. Sweden and Ireland also abstained, and I think all but a handful of the African and Asian countries which are on this Committee and have forces in the Congo also abstained.