

40. The Cabinet, after discussion, agreed that Parliament be not asked to approve the admission of Greece and Turkey to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization until such time as the admission of these two countries had been approved by the United States, the United Kingdom and France.

Legislation: The Visiting Forces (North Atlantic Treaty) bill

41. The Minister of National Defence, referring to discussion at the meeting of October 5th, 1951, submitted a draft measure entitled "The Visiting Forces (North Atlantic Treaty) Act".

Under the bill it would be possible, by action of the Governor in Council, to suspend the American Bases Act, 1941, and replace it by the general provisions contained in the proposed new legislation. It would also be possible to make the legislation applicable to Germany at some future date.

42. The Minister of National Health and Welfare in respect of the provisions contained in section 26 of the bill relating to the non-payment of taxes on fuel, oil, or lubricants enquired as to the position concerning payment by visiting forces of provincial taxes.

43. The Prime Minister suggested that final decision on introduction of this measure be taken concurrently with consideration of plans for the despatch of the 27th Canadian Infantry Brigade to Europe.

44. The Cabinet, after discussion:

(a) deferred decision on introduction of the Visiting Forces (North Atlantic Treaty) bill pending consideration, at a subsequent meeting, of plans for the despatch of the 27th Canadian Infantry Brigade to Europe; and,

(b) agreed that the Minister of National Defence report, at a later meeting, on the situation in respect of the payment or non-payment of provincial taxes by visiting forces.

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