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Atomic Power For Industry: Ottawa, Jan. 19 (CP) -- Trade Minister Howe said today Canada will not be behind other countries in developing atomic power for industry.

The Minister was commenting on a United Kingdom Government announcement lifting the curtain on production of atomic fuels for peacetime uses.

Mr. Colin Cameron (CCF - Nanaimo) asked Mr. Howe, who reports to Parliament for Atomic Energy of Canada, Ltd., whether Canada is conducting similar experiments to harness the atom for industrial purposes.

Mr. Howe said the atomic energy plant at Chalk River, Ont., always has devoted its energies to research in peacetime uses of atomic power. Canada was not interested in developing atomic power for war purposes.

Research into industrial uses of atomic power was actively proceeding at Chalk River, 125 miles northwest of Ottawa, and considerable progress was being made.

"Canada will not be behind other countries in bringing atomic energy into practical use," he said.

Probe Of Communism To Be Asked: Ottawa, Jan. 19 (CP) -- A Social Credit Member of Parliament said today he will ask the Government to establish a special committee to investigate Communism in Canada.

An outspoken foe of Communism, Mr. John Blackmore (SC - Lethbridge) said in a statement that he feels an agency should be set up to assist the RCMP and the Justice Department in "identifying, and in dealing adequately with, Communists in Canada."

He said a resolution suggesting appointment of a committee will appear on the House of Commons order paper later this week.

He said the committee should be empowered to investigate:

1. Possible Communist espionage developing in Canadian industrial and other activities.
2. Conceivable Communist infiltration into the Canadian administration "even to the extent of planting in sensitive positions in certain departments, agents desirous of influencing policy or of impairing executive effectiveness."

Mr. Drew On Northwest Development: Ottawa, Jan. 19 (CP) -- Mr. Drew said today the Government should do everything possible to interest more people in settling in the Northwest Territories.

The vast area offered opportunities to persons of all ages, Canadian-born and immigrants alike, he said in the House of Commons during debate on a bill to amend the Northwest Territories Act.

The bill, changing the number of elected representation on the council from three to four, was given second reading approval in principle - and will come up later for third reading.

Mr. Drew said that in the last few years new interest in the Territories resulted from mining discoveries. The Territories played a vitally-important part in the development of atomic energy.

"In many ways," he said, "the North beckons to the young and the vigorous, to people of all ages, who look for the rewards that come with adventure and with new developments such as we have seen in that part of Canada...."

"I would hope that in every way possible we would direct our attention to that distant area so as to encourage young Canadians and others who have not yet come to Canada to seek opportunity there."

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