

10. The Minister of National Defence felt that the Canadian position with regard to participation in the air lift should be made clear at an early date.

It was known that U.K. authorities agreed with the view that Canadian participation would offer diplomatic difficulties in view of the fact that Canada had no status as an occupying power under the Potsdam Agreement.

11. The Cabinet, after discussion, noted the Ministers' reports.

United Nations; Palestine

12. The Secretary of State for External Affairs reported that questions relating to Palestine would be live issues in the near future. He would require instructions from the government concerning the attitude which he should adopt in Paris.

With regard to recognition, it would perhaps be desirable for Canada to recognize now the government of the Israeli State. He would look into the question carefully when he reached Paris and his comments and suggestions would be forwarded for Cabinet consideration.

13. The Cabinet, after discussion, noted the Minister's report.

Parliament; legislation; Fish Inspection Act

14. The Minister of Fisheries reported that it was proposed to introduce at the next session a revised Fish Inspection Act which would:

- (a) provide for inspection in export and interprovincial trade;
- (b) extend regulatory powers to meet problems of quality control;
- (c) simplify and strengthen enforcement arrangements; and
- (d) provide for inspection of marine plants.

An explanatory memorandum had been circulated.

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