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## WALKOUT FROM GENEVA

In response to a request on June 27 in the House of Commons that he comment on the refusal of the Soviet delegation to continue to participate in the Geneva disarmament talks, Mr. Green said:

"...I am afraid the Ten-Nation Disarmament Committee has been scuttled by the action of the Eastern members this morning. I spoke to General Burns earlier in the morning, and apparently there were at least two Western speakers on the list to participate in the discussions this morning. Mr. Zorin, the chairman of the Soviet delegation, had been told by Mr. Eaton, the chairman of the United States delegation, that there would be a Western proposal submitted later this week. This was before the Committee actually met.

"When the Committee did meet under the chairmanship today of Mr. Naszkowski of Poland, Mr. Zorin made a statement in which he accused the Western members of the Committee of refusing to negotiate, and made other charges, and said that the Eastern members would be carrying their proposals to the United Nations. Then, in spite of the fact that Western members were trying to get the floor, the Polish chairman refused to allow any of them to do so. Instead he called on each of the other four Eastern members, and then he and the whole Eastern delegation stalked out. Therefore no representative of the Western nations was permitted to speak at all. When this happened Mr. Ormsby-Gore, the

head of the British delegation, took the chair and Mr. Eaton tabled the United States plan. Of course that was all that could be done at this meeting.

## PROPAGANDA OVERTONES

"I should like to explain to the House that the Soviet plan...was issued with a great flourish of trumpets just a day or two before the ten-member Committee resumed its sittings, which I think was on June 2. All the foreign ambassadors in Moscow were called in and given copies of the Soviet plan. In reporting to the House I said then that there were heavy propaganda overtones to the introduction of this Russian proposal.

"Once the meetings of the Committee had commenced, the Western delegates endeavoured to get clarification of the various points in the Eastern proposal, and made various suggestions. For example, the head of the Canadian delegation, General Burns, made a very useful speech on Friday last. I have not yet received the verbatim report of his remarks, but when I do I will probably ask for leave to table it. In addition, of course, there have been discussions going on among the four Western nations concerning what reply should be made to the Soviet proposals. The Canadian reaction to the Soviet proposals was duly given to General Burns some days ago. It has been important that in the work of this Committee the Western nations should work together

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