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AS ANNOUNCED BY THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT, THE HON. GEORGE HEES, IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS TODAY DISCUSSIONS HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN OTTAWA BETWEEN THE AERONAUTICAL AUTHORITIES OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND CANADA WITH A VIEW TO BRINGING THE AIR AGREEMENT SIGNED IN AUGUST 1949 BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES UP TO DATE.

THE PROBLEMS CONFRONTING THE TWO GOVERNMENTS ON THE NEXT PHASE OF INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT WERE EXAMINED, AND IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE TRAFFIC RIGHTS UNDER THE PRESENT BILATERAL SHOULD BE BROADENED TO MEET THE NEW SITUATION.

THE UNITED KINGDOM GRANTED CANADA THE RIGHT TO ORIGINATE FLIGHTS IN TORONTO DESTINED FOR HONG KONG; TO ORIGINATE FLIGHTS IN WESTERN CANADA DESTINED FOR THE UK; AND RIGHTS IN EUROPE BEYOND LONDON TO BRUSSELS, DUSSELDORF, ZURICH AND VIENNA. CANADA GRANTED THE UNITED KINGDOM RIGHTS IN TORONTO ON THE NORTH ATLANTIC SERVICE.

THE AIRLINES OF BOTH COUNTRIES WILL BE ABLE TO EXERCISE THE NEW RIGHTS ON MARCH 1, 1960. MR. HEES STATED HE WAS VERY PLEASED WITH THE OUTCOME OF THE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM AND EXPECTED THAT THE NEW SERVICES WOULD GREATLY CONTRIBUTE TO THE CONVENIENCE OF THE TRAVELLING PUBLIC.