

17. The Minister of Transport suggested that, in the circumstances, it appeared desirable to withdraw the exemptions from provisions of the Canada Shipping Act enjoyed by these vessels.

18. The Cabinet, after further discussion:

(a) noted the report of the Secretary of State for External Affairs regarding new allegations concerning the activities of Canadian-registered ships of the Ming Sung Industrial Company; and,

(b) deferred decision as to further action to be taken pending clarification of the said allegations and receipt of a report from the Minister of Finance on transfer of the ships to U.K. registry.

Parliament; debate on world situation

19. The Secretary of State for External Affairs, referring to discussion at the meeting of October 17th, 1951, said it was possible that, in the course of the special debate on the world situation, the question of Canadian-registered Ming Sung ships and other controversial matters would be raised. It appeared desirable, therefore, for a member of the government to deal with any such questions at the end of the debate.

20. The Prime Minister said that he had discussed this matter with the leaders of the Opposition in the House of Commons and that they had indicated that they would have no objection to Mr. Pearson taking up, at the end of the debate, questions raised at earlier stages.

21. The Cabinet, after discussion, noted the report of the Prime Minister that it was acceptable to the leaders of the Opposition in the House of Commons for the Secretary of State for External Affairs to take up at the end of the debate on the world situation, questions raised at earlier stages.

U.N. General Assembly; Canadian delegation

22. The Secretary of State for External Affairs, referring to the discussion at the meeting of October 13th, 1951, reported recent developments in the appointment of Parliamentary advisers to the Canadian delegation to the forthcoming United Nations General Assembly.

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