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WEEK'S EVENTS IN REVIEW

SPECIAL FORCE PARTY TO KOREA: It was announced on October 23 that the advance party of 345 officers and men of the Canadian Army Special Force who sailed on October 21, in a United States transport are proceeding direct to Korea. This is a working party to prepare the way for the Special Force should any part of it be later sent to Korea.

With respect to the disposition of the Special Force, the Minister of National Defence, Mr. Claxton said: "The Force was offered to the United Nations for combat service in Korea and until information received from the United Nations makes it clear that it is not needed in Korea, it is not possible to decide that all or part of the Force shall not go there. The Government has from day to day been waiting for the information which will enable it to take its decision".

In reply to enquiries as to where the force would be if it did not go to Korea, Mr. Claxton said that this had been dealt with in the Prime Minister's statement of October 6, 1950. Mr. St. Laurent said: "It may be that circumstances will make it expedient to employ this Special Force in some other area and, if circumstances make such a course seem advisable in the interest of increasing the common security of ourselves and of our allies, the Government will not hesitate to recommend to Parliament that this force be employed elsewhere.... That might well mean its employment in Europe if that is what best fits into the joint plans when those joint plans have taken definite shape".

CANADA-U.S. ECONOMIC ACCORD: The Department of External Affairs released on October 26 the text of an exchange of notes, giving formal effect to the "Statement of Principles for Economic Co-operation" between Canada and the United States. The statement sets forth general principles for guidance of the two Governments in achieving a co-ordinated economic programme for their common defence.

The notes were signed in Washington by Mr. H.H. Wrong, Ambassador of Canada, and Mr. Dean Acheson, Secretary of State of the United States. The two chairmen of the Joint Canada - United States Industrial Mobilization Planning Committee, Mr. C.D. Howe, Minister of Trade and Commerce, and Mr. W. Stuart Symington, Chairman of the United States National Security Resources Board, were present at the signing.

The exchange of notes reaffirms the practice of the two countries followed during the Second World War when they co-operated closely under the terms of the Hyde Park Agreement of 1941. That agreement enabled officials of Canada and the United States to co-ordinate for mutual benefit their efforts in such matters as military procurement, economic controls and the use of raw materials.

The arrangements worked out under the Hyde Park Agreement proved so successful that when international conditions again appeared threatening, the Joint Canada - United States Industrial Mobilization Planning Committee was established on April 12, 1949, to exchange information in case joint action should again

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