

Welfare, Mr. Paul Martin, made in the Ad Hoc Committee, December 1, 1955.

No. 56/1—*The Middle East*, statement by the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. L. B. Pearson, in the House of Commons on January 24, 1956.

No. 56/2—*Foreign Policy Statement*, statement made in the House of Commons on

January 31, 1956, by the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. L. B. Pearson.

No. 56/3—*The Economics of Peace*, address by Mr. L. D. Wilgress, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Canada to the North Atlantic Council, to a meeting sponsored by The English-Speaking Union at Edinburgh.

## TREATY INFORMATION

### Current Action

#### Bilateral

##### Norway

Exchange of Notes respecting loan by Canada to Norway of three Prestonian class frigates.  
Signed at Ottawa December 20, 1955.  
Entered into force December 20, 1955.

##### Finland

Exchange of Notes respecting the waiving on a reciprocal basis of non-immigrant visas fees.  
Signed at Ottawa, December 19, 1955 and January 9, 1956.  
Entered into force, February 1, 1956.

##### France

On January 3, 1956 France extended the terms of the Canada-France Visa Agreement of April 17, 1950 to include the French Departments in Tropical America of Martinique, Guadeloupe and Guyane.

##### Ireland

Agreement between the Government of Canada and the Government of Ireland for the avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income.

Instruments of Ratification exchanged at Dublin, December 20, 1955.  
In force for Canada with effect from January 1, 1955.

Agreement between the Government of Canada and the Government of Ireland for the avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Duties on the Estates of Deceased Persons.

Instruments of Ratification exchanged at Dublin, December 20, 1955.  
In force December 20, 1955.

##### Union of Soviet Socialist Republics

Trade Agreement between the Government of Canada and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Signed at Ottawa February 29, 1956.  
Entered into force provisionally, February 29, 1956.

Two exchanges of Letters relating to the Trade Agreement signed at Ottawa February 29, 1956.

Signed at Ottawa February 29, 1956.  
Entered into force February 29, 1956.