

NON-PROLIFERATION SAFEGUARDS

The following statement was issued by the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Paul Martin, on December 8:

Canada welcomes the constructive statement of President Johnson of December 2 reiterating United States support for the non-proliferation treaty. More particularly, we welcome President Johnson's announcement that, when such safeguards are applied under the non-proliferation treaty, the United States will permit the IAEA to apply safeguards to all nuclear activities in the United States, except those with direct national-security significance. On December 4, a corresponding announcement was made by the British Government, which declared that, once non-proliferation treaty safeguards are put into effect, Britain will accept similar safeguards on its nuclear activities, subject to exclusions for national-security reasons only.

FAIR BALANCE OF OBLIGATION

These announcements are significant for a number of reasons. First, they will contribute to a fair balance of obligations as between the nuclear and the non-nuclear parties to the non-proliferation treaty and will help to carry forward the current negotiations. The non-nuclear countries now have public assurances that, in accepting safeguards on their own peaceful nuclear activities, they will be joined by two of the three major nuclear powers.

These announcements also mean that another step has been taken in extending international acceptance of the IAEA safeguards system. The purpose of that system is to ensure that nuclear materials and equipment intended for peaceful purposes are not diverted to military uses. For some time, Canada's policy has been to apply international safeguards to all exports of Canadian nuclear materials.

Finally, they confirm the Canadian view that the safeguards envisaged in the treaty will not interfere with the peaceful nuclear activities of any country party to the treaty.

We hope the United States and British examples will soon be followed by other nuclear powers.

AID TO NIGERIA

A \$1,750,000-technical-assistance programme has recently been announced to bring into operation a large new dam in northern Nigeria.

A team of experts from the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission is being supplied through the External Aid Office to the Niger Dams Authority to train personnel for the new Kainji dam 300 miles north of Lagos. The team will also provide the technical advice required for the commissioning of the plant and will assume initial responsibility for the operations of both the plant and its transmission system.

An advance group of experts is now on its way to begin recruiting Nigerians for the training pro-

gramme, and another group will be sent out in January, which will bring the total team strength to 16.

The three-year training programme will include initially approximately 100 Nigerians. It is hoped that by the time the experts leave, about 200 fully-trained Nigerians will occupy senior positions.

The project was undertaken after Ontario Hydro completed a feasibility study and prepared a detailed plan of operations which was accepted by both the External Aid Office and the Nigerian Government. The company is now implementing the project as the executing agency for the External Aid Office.

The new facilities, which are expected to be completed in 1968, are being built at a cost of some \$168 million. About 20,000 persons, including Canadians, Italians, Dutch, English and Nigerians, now dwell on the site.

The objective is to build a dam and a 960,000-kilowatt power plant as well as locks for navigation, since the Niger River is a navigable waterway. Eventually there will also be an irrigation scheme and a fishing industry based on the new head lake 80 miles long and four miles wide.

The dam is the first of its kind on the Niger river and will bring electricity to a power-starved northern Nigeria where most electricity is at present obtained through costly diesel-generating operations. The area has a great potential for textile production industries.

NEW ROLE FOR STRATFORD COMPANY

The Stratford Festival Company which, for the past 15 summers has entertained players from all parts of the world, is to become the Stratford National Theatre of Canada. The Company will be based for six months in Ottawa and six months in Stratford.

At a recent meeting in Montreal, representatives from the Stratford Festival and the National Arts Theatre (now being built in Ottawa) decided that the Stratford Festival Company should become Canada's national English-language theatre company and, in addition to performing in the National Arts Centre, should, during the winter months, go on tour and accept television and film engagements.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Jean Gascon and John Hirsch, artistic directors of the Stratford Festival, will, under the new dispensation continue as directors for the summer and winter seasons. A joint planning committee has been established from both boards of directors to shape the Company's programme for 12 months.

SUMMER FESTIVAL 1968

Next June 10, the Stratford Festival will open its sixteenth summer season with Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*.

During the ensuing 18 weeks, until October 12, seven productions embracing some of the greatest drama and music of four centuries will be mounted on the stages of the Festival and Avon Theatres.

Following *Romeo and Juliet*, there will be on successive nights, openings of Moliere's *Tartuffe*,