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Monday, January 4, 1954.

Mr. Pearson Sees Less Danger Of Aggression: Ottawa, Jan. 3 (CP) -- Top NATO officials are agreed that international tensions have "somewhat diminished" but that Communism still menaces the security of the free nations, Mr. Pearson said in a year-end message.

The Minister spoke in an address over the CBC's International Service. At the December meeting of the NATO Council in Paris, Mr. Pearson said, it was agreed that the danger of open military aggression is "perhaps less than it was a year or two ago".

"It would be folly to allow ourselves to be lulled into a sense of false security," he added. "But it would also be wrong to so harden our hearts or close our minds to the point where we could not respond to any genuine peace move, to any sincere offer to negotiate, that might eventually come from behind the Iron Curtain."

In the Far East, he said, the Western nations must be careful lest differing views on Eastern problems should disrupt their unity.

"Anti-Communism or anti anything else will not be enough to hold us together," he said. "Our Asian policy must comprise much more than mere opposition to Communism. We must have a positive policy...."

In Europe, there had been progress towards security and stability, but the outlook gave no reason for complacency.

The relations of the Western democracies and Germany - particularly the question of the European Defence Community - demanded a solution in 1954.

"Some solution must be found," he said.

Gouzenko Interview: Montreal, Jan. 4 (Gazette) -- Senators William E. Jenner and Pat McCarran arrived in Montreal yesterday on their way to a secret rendezvous with Igor Gouzenko.

Apparently conscious of their obligations to the Canadian Government, which permitted this meeting with the former Soviet Embassy code clerk, the Senators were reticent when interviewed by reporters at Central Station.

For the sake of Gouzenko, who has been kept under wraps since the 1946 spy trials for fear of Russian vengeance, the time and place of the interview was kept completely secret....

2 U. of T. Students Reported Detained In Florida: Toronto, Jan. 4 (Globe & Mail) -- Two University of Toronto undergraduates, one of them a leader in Progressive Conservative groups on and off the campus, are being held by U.S. immigration officials in Florida for what detaining officers have told them are suspected Communist sympathies.

Edward Samuel Rogers, 20, of 405 Glenayr Rd., Forest Hill, and William M. Boulton, 21, of 89 High Park Ave., will appear Tuesday before a U.S. immigration board of special inquiry at West Palm Beach because they refused to sign, under oath, a statement they were not allowed to read.

Boulton has already received and Rogers expects to receive before the hearing an order temporarily excluding them from the United States under the provisions of the McCarran Immigration and Nationality Act dealing with Communist affiliations....

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