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WEEK'S EVENTS IN REVIEW

SEAWAY PROGRESS: Expressing pleasure with the decision of the Federal Power Commission to grant a license to the Power Authority of the State of New York in connection with the St. Lawrence Seaway project, the Minister of Transport, Mr. Lionel Chevrier, said on July 10:

"I am delighted with the decision of the Federal Power Commission to grant a license to the Power Authority of the State of New York. This is indeed good news for Canada.

"Two steps were required before the project could be finalized:

(1) The order of the International Joint Commission approving the application to develop power.

(2) The authorization of a United States entity to join with Ontario Hydro in the development of power.

Both steps are now complete. Subject to what litigation may ensue, we will proceed at once to consider.

(1) The appointment of the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority.

(2) The appointment of the St. Lawrence Board of Engineers as envisaged in the order of the International Joint Commission.

(3) The appointment by the International Joint Commission of a Board of Control.

"It may well be necessary for our officials to meet further with their opposites in Washington. In any event they will want to discuss the matter with Ontario Hydro, who in turn will undoubtedly wish to consult with the New York State Power Authority. We in the Department of Transport can proceed immediately and I am informed that such is the case with Ontario Hydro.

"All in all this is good news. It is the successful culmination of a long fight for the Seaway. I must add that this success could not have been possible without the full co-operation of the present administration in Washington."

ARMS FOR ALLIES: Two Canadian arms shipments will be made to Belgium and the Netherlands under the Mutual Aid Agreement of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization this month, Army Headquarters announced on July 9.

Belgium will receive 17, 20-mm. Polsen guns complete with mounts, carriages and spare parts, while 964 cases of vehicle spare parts are being consigned to the Netherlands. The shipments will be made from the Port of Montreal to Antwerp and from Hamilton to Rotterdam.