

Mr. Woodward On St. Lawrence Seaway: Ottawa, December 20 (CP) -- Stanley Woodward, United States Ambassador, said yesterday he hopes Parliament's action in authorizing the Canadian Government to build the St. Lawrence seaway will stimulate action by the U.S. Congress on a joint project.

Mr. Woodward issued a press release as he left for Washington to report to the White House and the State Department on the passage of seaway legislation at the current session of Parliament.

The legislation empowers the Government to build, without U.S. aid, the navigation section of the project and authorizes Ontario to join with the appropriate U.S. authority in developing power in the river's international rapids section.

Mr. Woodward expressed pleasure at the passage of the two measures and added: "Canada is going ahead while leaving the door open for us." "I still think the joint (Canada-U.S.) project is the best one, but the most important consideration is an early start," he said.

Anti-Price Fixing Debate: Ottawa, December 19, (CP) -- Mr. George Drew, Progressive Conservative leader, charged today that the Government was trying to distract attention from its lack of action against the high cost of living by pushing through legislation to prohibit resale price maintenance.

The Prime Minister, Mr. St. Laurent and his supporters had admitted, said Mr. Drew, that the legislation would have little effect on the cost of living. He suggested that if the Government really wanted to tackle the cost-of-living problem it would reduce taxes, cut expenditures and remove some credit restrictions.

Mr. Drew spoke as debate on the bill to prohibit the fixing of retail prices by manufacturers and suppliers was carried through its third day mainly by Progressive Conservative and Liberal members.

With no end of the debate in sight, the Prime Minister, Mr. St. Laurent, served notice that unless the work of the session is completed by adjournment hour Friday, members will be asked to return December 27 to handle the remaining business.

Army Identification Not Good As Passport: Ottawa, December 19, (CP) -- The Minister of National Defence, Mr. Claxton, revising a statement he made yesterday, said today identification certificates issued to members of the Canadian 27th Brigade are not accepted as passports when the men go on leave in various countries of Europe.

In his earlier statement, Mr. Claxton had said he understood the certificates were accepted.

The certificates are accepted by European countries when the men move in formation or on duty, but "so far we have not succeeded in making arrangement for them to accept the identification cards when they are on leave."

"We are continuing to make efforts to secure that acceptance. They have agreed in principle but have not put it into effect."

Across Canada: Bona Arsenault (L-Bonaventure) said yesterday he plans to introduce at the next session of Parliament a bill to change the name of Dominion Day-- July 1--to Confederation Day....Lt.-Col. Jacques Dextraze, who has led the Royal 22nd Regiment through its long bitter battles in Korea, is scheduled to arrive in Vancouver by plane on December 20, from Tokyo....Storms whipped the east coast yesterday, mountainous waves flooding a village on Newfoundland's west coast and endangering shipping. No loss of life was reported....The Prime Minister is to open a new \$750,000 armory at Sault Ste Marie on January 19.