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**Canada Belongs to No U.N. Bloc:** Senator Wishart McL. Robertson, speaking for the Canadian delegation before the United Nations trusteeship committee, said yesterday that "we belong to no bloc, unless indeed it be a bloc of men of good will, in which cause we make no apologies."

Senator Robertson, appealing for speedy establishment of the trusteeship council, said the Canadian delegation represented what was once a "non-self-governing territory, today a self-governing nation, a member of the British Commonwealth of Nations as free, and in fact as completely master of our own destinies, as any nation that is represented at this council table."

While a member of the Commonwealth, Canada was a nation, "the majority of whose people have other racial origins than those of the British Isles," which had not been entrusted with the responsibility of administering non-self-governing territories and which "has not secured, and does not desire to secure additions to its territory as a result of war."

He said establishment of the trusteeship council was "by far the most urgent and pressing task" and urged the Assembly to avoid "lengthy and acrimonious discussion." If members took advantage of the phraseology of the Charter to "debate the countless questions that can arise, we will simply make no progress whatever."

Senator Robertson said there now were enough negotiated trusteeship agreements before the Assembly to bring the trusteeship council into existence. "Let us proceed to approve them or recommend such alterations... as would make them likely to receive the approval of the Assembly."

Canada was "in the main, disposed to accept in good faith the proposals of member states who will be charged with the responsibility of administering these territories."

"It is our task to build, not tear down," he said. "It is so easy to attribute false motives to those with whom we differ, in race, religion, ideology or economic philosophy. Yesterday, some delegates sought to portray deplorable conditions which are said to exist in a mandated territory in Africa that has been administered by the United Kingdom."

"I have never been in Africa, but I do know that I am a citizen of a country that was once a non-self-governing territory under the administration of the United Kingdom and I can testify to this assembly that in my humble opinion no nation on earth has a prouder record in the field of human relations than has the United Kingdom."

**Sweden Favors PICAO Becoming Permanent:** Dr. Edward Warner, president of the Provisional International Civil Aviation Organization, has announced from PICAO headquarters at Montreal that Sweden has formally indicated she wants the organization to become a permanent body. He said Sweden was the 14th state of the 26 necessary to approve permanent establishment of the organization and other countries now are passing similar legislation. (CP)

**Half R.C.A.F. Post-war Force Recruited:** To date 8,494 Canadians have volunteered for Canada's post-war R.C.A.F. of 16,000 men, while recruiting in Canada for the R.A.F. has brought 1,731 applications, far beyond expectations. Wing Cmdr. K.J. MacDonald, R.A.F. recruiting representative at Ottawa, said at least two thirds of the applicants would be disappointed as positions would be available for only 400 to 500 Canadians. (CP)

**Formal Polish Note on Missing Treasures:** The Polish Minister to Canada, Dr. Alfred Fiderkiewicz, has forwarded to the External Affairs Department a formal note asking for aid in recovering missing Polish art treasures which were stored privately in Canada during the war. The note is said to cover the same ground as a verbal request by the Minister to L.B. Pearson, Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, last Tuesday. (CP)

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