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Mr. Garson's Address At UN Assembly: Paris, January 16 (CP) -- The Minister of Justice, Mr. Stuart Garson, today warned Russia that if she tries to Sovietize the rest of the free world--as she has done to much of Europe--it will prove "an exceedingly unprofitable and unhealthy venture."

In one of the most forthright speeches heard in the United Nations Political Committee, the leader of Canada's U.N. delegation denounced arguments by Soviet Foreign Minister Vishinsky as not those of an intelligent man.

Mr. Vishinsky's "fairy story" about American plans to dominate the world is a piece of "colossal impudence that insults the intelligence of every delegate in the United Nations," Mr. Garson said.

In the fourth day of debate on the Soviet "peace plan," Mr. Garson said Mr. Vishinsky's arguments had not changed his opinion that the Soviet leaders are intelligent men. He added:

"The purpose of our defence preparations is to convince this intelligence that we shall defend ourselves with unshakeable resolution against any possible Soviet aggression.

"If you want peace, good: so do we. You say you fear our aggression: well, quite frankly, we fear yours. Let us see what we can do to banish these fears on both sides."

Mr. Garson said that on the surface there is nothing new in Mr. Vishinsky's concession Saturday to western demands for atomic control to indicate that this Soviet agreement was made in good faith.

He asked Mr. Vishinsky whether he wants an effective system of international control coming into operation at the same time that the prohibition of atomic weapons comes into operation. He wanted to know whether Mr. Vishinsky would agree that the system of international control should be permanent, and would inspectors of the international control authority be able to go wherever and whenever they wished in the exercise of their functions.

Mr. Garson said he would support the western resolution to refer the Russian proposals to the newly established disarmament commission.

Three More Nations To Receive Canadian Arms: Ottawa, January 16 (CP) -- Three more European countries will receive Canadian arms and ammunition.

The Defence Department said today that shipments will be made this month to France, Norway and Denmark under the mutual-aid provisions of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Eight 3.7 anti-aircraft guns together with radar, predictors and ammunition will be sent to France. Denmark will get 100 two-inch mortars and 45,000 rounds of ammunition. Norway will receive 30 artillery sighting instruments. The equipment will be shipped from Halifax.

To date, Canada has supplied military stores to Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and Belgium under NATO.

Mr. Pat Comroy Labour Attaché: The Minister of Labour, Mr. Gregg, and the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Pearson, announced on January 16 that Pat Conroy of Ottawa, formerly Secretary-Treasurer of the Canadian Congress of Labour, had been appointed to the staff of the Department of Labour and will take over duties as Labour Attaché at the Canadian Embassy at Washington, D.C.

In commenting on the appointment the Minister said that in view of the growing importance of trade union activities and labour relations in the international field, the Government considered it important to make provision for closer contacts in this field of international activities.