

REPRESENTED CANADA: Mr. George A. Drew, High Commissioner for Canada in the United Kingdom, represented Canada at the funeral of His Majesty King Haakon VII of Norway, which took place in Oslo on October 1.

Upon receipt of the news of King Haakon's death messages of condolence were sent by His Excellency the Governor General to His Majesty Olav V, and by the Prime Minister to the Prime Minister of Norway.

ATOMIC TALKS END: The Department of External Affairs has announced the completion of the negotiations which have been held in Ottawa during the past few days with representatives of the Federal Republic of Germany on the terms of a proposed inter-governmental agreement for co-operation on the peaceful uses of atomic energy. A text has been prepared for consideration by the governments of both countries with a view to the early conclusion of the proposed agreement.

While recognizing that no commercial contract covering the sale of uranium by Canada to Germany can be concluded until the inter-governmental agreement is signed, the representatives of the Federal Republic of Germany took the opportunity during their stay in Ottawa to have exploratory talks with Eldorado Mining and Refining Limited concerning the purchase of 500 tons of uranium for delivery during the next five years.

They were informed that 500 tons of uranium could be made available by Eldorado under the inter-governmental agreement in the next five years from deliveries to be obtained under existing contracts with Canadian producers.

It is expected that Canada will be entering into similar negotiations with other countries in the near future. Such negotiations, directed towards the conclusion of bilateral agreements for co-operation in the peaceful uses of atomic energy, are consistent with Canada's membership in and support of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

GUARDS HONOURED: In a colourful and historic morning ceremony at Camp Petawawa, Ont., Saturday, October 5, His Excellency, The Right Honourable Vincent Massey, C.H., Governor General of Canada, and Commander-in-Chief of Canadian Armed Forces, presented the Queen's Colour and Regimental Colour to the 1st Battalion, The Regiment of Canadian Guards.

The Queen's Colour is symbolic of the regiment's loyalty to the sovereign and the nation and the Regimental Colour, symbolizing the corporate life of the regiment, was historically, the rallying point of a unit in battle. In the Canadian Guards the colour bearing the Union-Jack becomes the Regimental Colour and the other colour, the Queen's. This is in accordance with Guards tradition and the reverse of custom in other infantry regiments.

"OVER THE BORDER": Seventy-five kilted bandmen, members of the regimental brass band and pipe bands of the Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada, will take part in the official ceremonies during the visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to Washington, D.C.

The 33 pipes and drums from the 1st and 2nd Battalions and the 42-man regimental brass and reed band will face a strenuous programme in the United States Capital. On Thursday, October 17, the bands will participate in a two-mile parade down Constitution and Pennsylvania Avenues as part of the reception ceremonies. The Heads of Missions of the Commonwealth countries will hold a reception and garden party in honour of H.M. The Queen on Friday, October 18, and the bands will be in attendance. The bands will play at a staff reception and investiture at the British Embassy and participate when Her Majesty places the cornerstone for the new British Embassy building on October 19.

Their final appearance will be at a United States Army retreat review at Fort Myer on October 20.

ON SECURITY COUNCIL: Canada was named last week to fill for a two-year period one of the three non-permanent posts on the Security Council of the United Nations which will be left open December 31 when the terms of the present occupants expire.

Seventy-two votes were cast in Canada's favour when the General Assembly of the UN decided, on the first ballot, on the three countries to fill Security Council seats. Panama, with 74 votes, and Japan, 55, were the other nations elected to Council membership.

Canada was previously a member of the Security Council in 1948 and 1949.

SECURITIES TRADING: Net inflow of capital from trading in outstanding securities rebounded in July from the low level of \$1,300,000 in June to reach \$29,600,000. There were net sales of \$7,100,000 to residents of the United States, contrasting with net purchases of \$15,700,000 in June. Net sales to the United Kingdom, amounting to \$10,300,000, were down slightly from \$11,800,000 recorded in June, and net sales to other overseas countries more than doubled to total \$12,200,000.

SMALL HOMES LOANS: Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation reports that in the first two weeks of the Government of Canada loans for small homes programme, loans amounting to \$4.3 million were approved for 442 dwelling units.

The Corporation said that the programme to encourage low-cost housing for lower-income families was estimated to have a potential, in addition to approvals, of 5,360 dwelling units indicating a total possible loan amount of approximately \$50,000,000.