

## CANADA AT THE UNITED NATIONS

**PALESTINE TRUCE STATEMENT:** Following is the text of a statement given by General McNaughton in Committee 1 of the United Nations on May 3. This followed a statement by Mr. Creech-Jones who proposed that priority be given not only to a truce in Palestine but also a temporary provisional regime under the United Nations.

"I should like on behalf of the Canadian delegation to emphasize the importance of the statement just made by the distinguished representative of the United Kingdom.

"The march of events in Palestine and the trend of the discussions, which have taken place in this Committee and the Trusteeship Council, show, I think conclusively, that for the moment we must leave the longer-term aspect of the problem of Palestine in order that we may concentrate our attention at this time on those features of the matter to which an immediate answer is now absolutely necessary.

"In this Committee we have had a valuable discussion of the proposal initiated by the delegate of the United States for a temporary trusteeship. This discussion has shown that the conditions do not now exist for a useful consideration of the specific terms of even such an intermediate settlement. The reason for this is the evident continued disagreement between the parties on fundamental principles.

### PARAMOUNT NECESSITY

"These discussions have brought out the paramount necessity of focussing attention on the problem of bringing the parties to agree to a suspension of the fighting. It is clearly evident that until this can be brought about it is not practicable to expect them to give consideration to the many matters which must be negotiated.

"Events are moving at such a pace that, as the honourable representative of the United States has said, we here find great difficulty in keeping currently informed of what is going on so that we can relate our actions to the practical needs of the changing situation. I agree that this will be remedied at least to some extent by the action announced by the Chairman this morning, calling on all concerned to keep us promptly informed. This will help us materially, Mr. Chairman.

"The parties in Palestine, both in Jerusalem and elsewhere, have been called upon to accept a truce by the Security Council which has established a Commission on the spot to supervise its implementation by the parties, whose grave responsibilities have been clearly set out in the Security Council's resolution of April 19th.

"It appears to the Canadian delegation that we should now consider what further measures can be taken by the United Nations in helping the parties to make this truce effective.

"We must also consider what we can then do

to provide what the distinguished representative of the United Kingdom has called a 'stabilizing authority', a neutral and continuing body, which might at least fill the needs of a provisional authority after May 15th, to be available to undertake to assume, as opportunities permit, the administration of essential common services."

**\$1,000,000 FOR W.H.O.:** An additional amount of \$1,000,000 has been made available by UNRRA to the World Health Organization for the first half year of its activities in 1949. Dr. Brock Chisholm, Executive Secretary of the W.H.O. Interim Commission, announced April 29 at a conference given for press and radio correspondents at the United Nations Headquarters at Lake Success. Further funds will be furnished by UNRRA, he added, if necessary.

Dr. Chisholm expressed his hope that the U.S. will finally ratify its participation in W.H.O. The United States, he declared, has been playing a leading part in the preparatory work of the W.H.O. Its representatives--as the representatives of the U.S.S.R., which is a member of the organization--have regularly attended the meetings of the preparatory committees at which highly controversial issues were settled and compromises reached without vote.

In reply to questions concerning membership of other nations, Dr. Chisholm said that the Charter of the W.H.O. has already been ratified by the lower house in France, that the Council of the Republic is expected to take a similar step sometime next week and it can be assumed that France will become a full member of W.H.O. in the beginning of May.

### INSULIN DISCOVERY

In connection with the extensive work conducted by W.H.O. in the field of biological standardization, Dr. Chisholm declared that an important discovery was made recently in Germany which allows hopes for a considerable increase of world production of insulin. The new discovery, if it actually proves practicable, would make it possible to produce insulin without refrigeration of the animal pancreas glands during transportation to the processing centers.

Referring to the preventive measures under study by W.H.O. to control the international spread of communicable diseases, Dr. Chisholm mentioned that steps already are being taken to forestall a repetition of the influenza pandemic which had such fatal repercussions for humanity after the first world war.

Commenting on the forthcoming International Congress on Mental Health to be held in London this summer, the Executive Secretary of W.H.O. pointed out that recommendations from the Congress to the World Health Organization were anticipated.