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THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED TO-DAY THAT NEGOTIATIONS HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN OTTAWA DURING THE PAST WEEK WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SWISS GOVERNMENT ON THE TERMS OF A PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR CO-OPERATION IN THE PEACEFUL USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY. SUCH AN AGREEMENT WILL PERMIT ARRANGEMENTS TO BE MADE FOR THE SUPPLY OF URANIUM FROM CANADA FOR PEACEFUL USES IN SWITZERLAND. BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS OF THIS NATURE ARE CONSISTENT WITH MEMBERSHIP IN AND SUPPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY.

THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH SWISS REPRESENTATIVES HAVE NOW CONCLUDED WITH THE PREPARATION OF A TEXT FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE TWO GOVERNMENTS WITH A VIEW TO THE EARLY CONCLUSION OF THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT.

SIMILAR NEGOTIATIONS ARE BEING UNDERTAKEN WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS DESIROUS OF ENTERING INTO SUCH AGREEMENTS.

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