

examples of ways in which the new Soviet proposals represent an advance over earlier Soviet positions; for instance, with respect to the prohibition of weapons of mass destruction in outer space; the control over launching of rockets for peaceful purposes; the provision for a joint study of the cessation of production of nuclear weapons and destruction of stock-piles; and the inclusion of measures for peace-keeping machinery in accordance with the United Nations Charter. In making this statement, General Burns emphasized that the Canadian delegation wished to approach the new Soviet proposals in the most constructive way. He chose the examples I have mentioned because they are among the measures to which the Canadian Government attaches special significance.

BALANCED CONCESSIONS

"It is my view that the time has come, perhaps through an examination of equivalent features of new Soviet proposals and the Western proposals, to begin a process of negotiation of balanced concessions. This was the sort of package approach to which I referred earlier in the House when I reported on the NATO Ministerial Meeting at Istanbul. I should like to emphasize, however, that, by 'package', I do not mean that the one side or the other should hold out for its present proposals on an all or nothing basis; the packages I have in mind, as I have tried to explain, are smaller and would contain provisions of equivalent significance to both sides. The goal would remain general and complete disarmament under effective international control, but it would be accomplished by a stage-by-stage process throughout which concessions would be balanced in such a way that neither side would obtain a temporary military superiority.

"For the first time in these negotiations the Soviet delegation has admitted that there will have to be some sort of international machinery to maintain peace in a disarmed world. The proposals are also considerably more detailed and therefore less obscure than the proposals Mr. Khrushchov made to the General Assembly of the United Nations in 1959. They also make some provision for the initiation of a process of study before measures of disarmament are actually taken. This is important, because no responsible government will agree to any disarmament proposal, much less a complex of disarmament measures, until it has reached a clear understanding with the other governments concerned of the exact implications of agreement.

"Therefore I believe that attention should now be given to the possibility of negotiating on parts, if not on the whole, of the two plans. In the course of the next few days in Geneva, General Burns will be making suggestions as to how this necessary process might be undertaken through joint studies."

NEW ISRAELI ENVOY

His Excellency Yaacov David Herzog recently presented to the Governor-General his Letter of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Israel to Canada. The ceremony took place at Government House. The Chief of Protocol of the Department of External Affairs, Mr. H.F. Feaver, presented the Ambassador to the Governor-General. Mr. Henry F. Davis, Acting Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, and Mr. Esmond Butler, Secretary to the Governor-General, were in attendance. The Ambassador was accompanied by Mr. Raanan Sivan, First Secretary.

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PEARKES SAFETY TROPHY

The Pearkes Trophy, a Department of National Defence award for traffic safety, has been won by the 4th Canadian Infantry Brigade Group in Germany.

The annual trophy was awarded to Canada's 5,500-man NATO Brigade for showing the greatest improvement in accident rate achieved by any Canadian military unit or formation during 1959.

Last year, Canadian Army trucks, jeeps and commercial pattern vehicles travelled 9,057,888 miles on German roads with 3.1 accidents every 100,000 miles. The accident rate for the year 1958 was 4.8 every 100,000 miles.

The annual improvement of 1.7 in the accident ratio was greater than for any other military unit or formation in the three armed forces or the Defence Research Board.

The Pearkes Trophy was presented to the Minister of National Defence by the Automotive Transport Association of Ontario in appreciation of the contribution made by the armed services through participation in the National Truck "Roadeo" competitions during the years 1948-57.

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WHEAT POOL ACCOUNT

In the absence of Mr. Gordon Churchill, Minister of Trade and Commerce, it was announced on June 15 by Mr. D.S. Harkness, Minister of Agriculture, that the 1958-59 Pool Account for wheat had been closed on May 20 and the final accounting completed.

Producers delivered 367 million bushels of wheat to the 1958-59 Pool, compared to 376.9 million bushels to the 1957-58 Pool. An interim payment was made last March in respect to the 1958-59 Pool, involving the distribution of \$36,699,415.19.

After providing for payment costs and the Prairie Farm Assistance Act levy, the final payment will amount to \$33,919,322.24. The average final payment will be 9.2425 cents a bushel, basis producers' deliveries.