

Later Mr. Heeney had reported that Mr. Ball had later stated that if and when Foreign Assets Controls were applied to Cuba, there would be a simultaneous announcement that a complete waiver would be given for firms located in Canada which were subsidiary to or controlled by U.S. companies. This procedure would not involve an application by Canada for a blanket waiver. The State Department had asked for an immediate reaction to this suggestion.

25. *Mr. Diefenbaker* said that, during his meeting with President Kennedy in February of this year, he had made it clear that Canada would not assent to any arrangement that would involve the application of U.S. law in Canada. The subject had been discussed in some detail in relation to the bunkering of ships carrying grain to Communist China, and the substance of these discussions had previously been made known to the Cabinet. The following month the Canadian members of the Canada-U.S. Joint Ministerial Committee had reaffirmed Canada's position on foreign assets control. In actual fact, no difficulty had arisen in connection with the bunkering of the grain ships, and 35 ships had already sailed from Canadian ports to Communist China.

26. *The Cabinet* agreed that the Canadian Ambassador to the United States should be instructed to inform the U.S. State Department that the government of Canada was in agreement with their suggestion,

(a) that, if and when the United States should apply Foreign Assets Controls to Cuba, the U.S. would make a simultaneous announcement that a complete waiver would be extended to firms located in Canada which were subsidiary to or under the control of U.S. companies; and,

(b) that this procedure would not involve an application by Canada for a blanket waiver.

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CANADA IN CUBAN PRESS

All Havana newspapers today published front page *Prensa Latina* report datelined Oslo May 9 stating United States Secretary Rusk consulting Canadian Foreign Minister Green concerning latter position on Cuba. Rusk's intervention in NATO Council May 8 reported criticized by France, United Kingdom, Canada and others. Rusk said irritated by unexpected criticism from Green in Council.

2. Mr. Green reported to have stated Canadian Government "could not be in agreement" with United States allegation; that Prime Minister Castro "has converted his country into a Communist satellite" latter appreciation "is doubtful" Mr. Green reported basing his opinion on great support Cuban people for their government. Canadian Foreign Minister reported to have specifically censured United States attitude of not discussing its differences with Cuba on basis of equality mutual respect and open agenda.