



#### REPORT PRESENTED

The Report of the Committee of Three on non-military co-operation in NATO was presented at the Ministerial Meeting held in Paris December 11-14, 1956. Committee members are, from left to right above, Mr. Halvard Lange, Foreign Minister of Norway; Mr. Gaetano Martino, Foreign Minister of Italy; Mr. L. B. Pearson, Secretary of State for External Affairs of Canada.

### Committee of Three Report

The report prepared by the Committee of Three Ministers, Mr. Martino of Italy, Mr. Lange of Norway and Mr. Pearson, was generally well received by the other governments, and considered as an important landmark in the development of NATO activities in the non-military field. The report was not only approved in principle by the Ministers, but all its recommendations were accepted; in that sense, therefore, the recommendations in the report are now binding on the Permanent Council which has been invited to consider them in the light of comments made by governments. The Secretary-General has also been invited to draw up for consideration by the Council such further specific proposals as may be required for the implementation of these recommendations. The Canadian delegation welcomed the Council's decision that the report be made public.

In the report the three Ministers attempted to deal with all the non-military fields in which NATO can make a useful contribution. The most important, of course, is that of consultation among NATO governments and the report stressed the need for members of the Alliance in present circumstances to develop common policies by full and timely consultation on issues of common concern. The report recognizes that new institutional arrangements or organizational changes would not in themselves meet this need, nor are they necessary; what is needed is sustained political willingness to form policies through consultation, in order to develop courses of action which will