

That is why the Government recommends this protocol to the House of Commons at this time.

Asked by Mr. Graydon (PC, Peel) for an explanation of Article II of the protocol, Mr. Pearson said:

Article II, which I shall put on the record, and explain as I go along, reads as follows:

If the Republic of Turkey becomes a party to the North Atlantic Treaty, Article 6 of the Treaty shall, as from the date of the deposit by the Government of the Republic of Turkey of its instrument of accession with the Government of the United States of America, be modified to read as follows (and this would be the new Article 6 on the accession of Turkey):

For the purpose of Article 5, an armed attack on one or more of the parties is deemed to include an armed attack—

(i) on the territory of any of the parties in Europe or North America, on the Algerian Departments of France, on the territory of Turkey or on the islands under the jurisdiction of any of the parties in the North Atlantic area north of the Tropic of Cancer.

The reason that Turkey is mentioned specifically, while Greece is not, is that Greece is a European country and will be covered by the words "territory of any of the parties in Europe". As most of the territory of Turkey is not in Europe, Turkey had to be mentioned specifically. The second part of this Article II of the protocol reads (and I shall repeat the governing phrase):

For the purpose of Article 5, an armed attack on one or more of the parties is deemed to include an armed attack—

(ii) on the forces, vessels or aircraft of any of the parties, when in or over these territories or any other area in Europe in which occupation forces of any of the parties were stationed on the date when the Treaty entered into force or the Mediterranean Sea or the North Atlantic area north of the Tropic of Cancer.

The change in that paragraph is to be found in the words "or any other area in Europe in which occupation forces of any of the parties entered into force". While that has no strict reference to the accession of Greece and Turkey, it was included to take into consideration the possibility of the present occupation statute in Germany being replaced by a peace treaty or a peace contract. If that took place and this change had not been made in the North Atlantic Treaty, the obligation to come to the help of the forces in Germany of the member powers would not exist because the Treaty as we have it now applies only to occupation forces in Germany. After the German peace treaty or peace contract they would not be occupation forces and so the words are used as they appear in this Article II of the protocol.

The following members took part in the ensuing debate:

Mr. Graydon (PC, Peel)
Mr. Coldwell (CCF, Rosetown-Biggar)
Mr. Low (SC, Peace River)
Mr. Pouliot, (L, Temiscouata)
Mr. Macdonnell (PC, Greenwood)
Mr. Drew (PC, Carleton).

Mr. Pearson himself closed the debate with answers to a number of specific questions asked by the previous speakers.

Staff Privileges and Immunities

On December 29 Mr. Pearson moved that the House go into committee to consider Bill No. 15, "to provide for privileges and immunities in respect of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization". The motion was agreed to and the House accordingly went into committee. After a few words by Mr. Graydon and Mr. Pearson, the Bill was reported, read the third time, and passed.