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Canadian Military Observers: The nomination of three Canadian military observers to the United Nations Commission for India and Pakistan was announced on July 14 by the Minister of National Defence, Mr. Claxton, and the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Pearson.

The three Canadian Army officers selected are: Lt.-Col. A. G. Wygard, Ottawa; Maj. W. T. Thompson, M.C., Toronto and Maj. C. D. Ives, Charlottetown, P.E.I. They will leave Ottawa for New Delhi, India, via New York, on July 16, to replace Brig. A. V. Tremaine, CBE, Ottawa; Maj. W. H. L. Sellings, Winnipeg and Maj. M. F. P. Vallee, Quebec City who were appointed to the Commission last January. Lt.-Col. H. H. Angle, DSO, Kelowna, B.C., who was also appointed to the Commission at that time is remaining in India. Major Sellings and Major Vallee returned to Canada recently and Brig. Tremaine will return within the next few weeks.

Eight countries, including Canada, were invited to nominate observers on the Commission. They are the Argentine, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Mexico, Norway, Sweden and the United States. The requirements were that all such observers should be English-speaking officers and from countries not immediately concerned with the differences between Pakistan and India. Further, they were selected from countries having no colonial possessions in the Far East.

Supplementary Reserve: The Supplementary Reserve, immediate source of additional specialists and technicians for the Canadian Army in the event of war, is to be better organized and progressively built up to required strength, the Minister of National Defence, Mr. Claxton, indicated on July 13.

The Army, apparently, wants to know just how many "experts" it can call upon in an emergency, and wants to list their peculiar qualifications and specialties. Just as important, it wants to know where they can be located in a hurry.

In the event of a national emergency, the Supplementary Reserve is expected to provide the basic administrative and directing personnel of units not included in the existing Reserve Force but required to complete mobilization. Its trained officers and men will also fill gaps in Reserve Force units, bolster instructional staffs, and provide technical experts for specialized work as it develops.

Commonwealth Finance Conference: The Canadian Press reported in part from London on the Commonwealth Finance Conference as follows:

London, July 13 (CP) -- Commonwealth ministers today formally opened their crisis conference with a broad discussion of long-term and fundamental aspects of the dollar problem.

It was understood the 60-odd delegates -- representing all the Commonwealth countries and Southern Rhodesia -- expressed general agreement with the principles outlined in a communique issued last Sunday after talks among the United Kingdom, Canada and the United States.

The communique pledged the three countries to review their economic and trading policies with the aim of attaining a world trade pattern within one multilateral system....

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