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Mr. Massey Expected to Preside At Opening of Parliament: Ottawa, January 31 (CP) -It now is expected authoritatively that Rt. Hon. Vincent Massey will preside at
the opening of Parliament February 28 a few hours, perhaps even minutes, after
his swearing in as Canada's first native-born Governor-General. Cabinet, which
met today, has the subject of this double ceremony under active consideration
at present, and decision is expected shortly on the timing of the two events.

The indications now are that Mr. Massey will take up his new office February 28 in a solemn public ritual in which Chief Justice Thibaudeau Rinfret, will

swear him in the Senate.

Mr. Massey will return to Canada shortly from England and will go first to his home at Port Hope, Ont.

Mr. Chevrier On Seaway: Ottawa, January 31 (Journal) -- Canada fully intends to go ahead with the St. Lawrence Seaway project, the Minister of Transport, Mr. Chevrier, said today. The Minister was commenting in an interview, on an editorial in today's New York Herald Tribune. The newspaper was critical of some aspects of the Canadian Government's plan for all-Canadian construction of the navigation works and joint international works for electric power from the river.

The Herald Tribune said President Truman's insistence in his annual budget statement that Congress must consider Canada has passed legislation to go ahead with the seaway alone "almost pure poppycock." "The Herald Tribune's statement is 'pure poppycock'", Mr. Chevrier replied. "We have passed legislation and we do intend to go ahead."

Dealing with the newspaper's statement that it is no part of the Canadian intention to build the seaway alone since that is physically impossible, the

Minister said:

"If that refers to the navigation canal, we certainly can do it alone. If it refers to power, we have said all along it must be a joint undertaking."

He also denied a statement in the editorial that there could not be a seaway without an international dam. "Certainly the seaway could be built without a dam", he said. He described as "silly" the Herald Tribune's statement that Canadians are "not sure" whether they have the money for the project.

Mr. Lesage On Catis Case: Mr. Jean Lesage, M.P., delegate to the United Nations,
was quoted in the press this morning as having referred to the trial of William
N. Catis in Czechoslovakia as. "a travesty of justice."

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Speaking in a UN committee in reference to Czech charges that Oatis was

trying to secure forbidden information, Mr. Lesage said:

"When we discover uranium in Canada, you can read about it in the newspapers. It is perhaps that we do not intent to use uranium for atom bombs."

Mr. Lesage also was quoted as saying that Oatis was accused of having watched the Prague Airport "to determine when gentlemen from Russia came to give orders. I'm glad to have that confession that this is a military secret."

Mr. Abbott Reported Grounded In Iceland: Montreal, January 31 (CP) -- A Trans-Canada Airlines plane carrying the Minister of Finance, Mr. Abbott, home to Canada from Commonwealth talks in London today was reported held up by a storm at Keflavik, Iceland, by airline officials.

The plane is expected here shortly before midnight. Also aboard is Chief

Scout Lord Rowallan.