

CANADA AT THE UNITED NATIONS

RESOLUTION ON SPAIN: At the Security Council meeting, June 25, in the discussion as to whether or not the Assembly's resolution on Spain should be placed on the agenda, Canada's Permanent Delegate, General McNaughton, spoke as follows:--

"I would like to say a few words to express the point of view of my delegation in this item suggested for our agenda. The resolution on Spain, adopted by the General Assembly, expresses confidence that the Security Council will exercise its responsibilities under the Charter as soon as it considers that the situation in regard to Spain so requires. In our view, the Council's responsibilities under the Charter, in this case, would not arise unless the Council were to determine that the situation were likely to endanger international peace and security. This situation, in our opinion, does not now exist in so far as Spain is concerned. I therefore believe that there is no present occasion for this matter to engage the attention of the Council. Moreover, should the situation in Spain at any time develop in such a way as to require the attention of the Council, it remains open for any member of Council, or any member of the United Nations, acting in accordance with the procedures given in the Charter, to bring the matter before us."

ASSISTANCE TO ICELAND: Nine nations whose air lines fly across the northern transatlantic route have pledged themselves to give Iceland financial support for those air navigation facilities which are essential for the safety of northern transatlantic flights, according to an announcement made June 29 at ICAO headquarters in Montreal. The decision came as a result of a conference of North Atlantic states held in Geneva recently under the sponsorship of the International Civil Aviation Organization.

The full details of the assistance to be given will be set out in an agreement to be concluded shortly between Iceland and ICAO. The Geneva conference has established the following percentages for reimbursement to Iceland for the cost of past services in the provision of air navigation facilities: Belgium 1.2%, Canada 9.3%, Denmark 1.85%, France 4.6%, Netherlands 5.6%, Norway 1.85%, Sweden 2.8%, United Kingdom 11.1%, United States 61.7%.

Contributions set for the year 1949, including that of Iceland itself, are: Iceland 17.5%, Belgium 1.8%, Canada 7.1%, Denmark 1.7%, France 4.1%, Netherlands 4.9%, Norway 1.7%, Sweden 2.6%, United Kingdom 9.9%, United States 48.7%.

These percentages, which are based in the main upon the amount of traffic of the various nations' air lines, may be revised in the future by the ICAO Council, although Iceland's proportion will remain unchanged. Any revision

will take into account the existing volume and distribution of traffic at such future date.

The air facilities, which are used overwhelmingly by foreign air lines rather than Icelandic ones, include an air control centre, and radio communications and meteorological services.

CANADIANS VISIT U.N.: Major General J.F.M. Whiteley, Commandant of the Canadian National Defence College, and members of the College and its graduating class on June 28 paid a visit to U.N. Headquarters.

Upon arrival the party was greeted by Mr. Andrew Cordier, Executive Assistant to the Secretary-General, who explained the organization and work of the United Nations, reports the U.N. Press Bureau.

The party then attended a demonstration of the simultaneous interpretation system and heard an address by Mr. Bruce Turner, Executive Officer of the U.N. Department of Administrative and Financial Services, who discussed U.N. Budgetary and Personnel problems.

After a luncheon attended by General A.G.L. McNaughton, Permanent Representative of Canada to the U.N., Dr. Ivan Kerno, Assistant Secretary-General in charge of the U.N. Legal Department, Mr. David Owen, Assistant Secretary-General in charge of the U.N. Department of Economic Affairs and other members of the Canadian Delegation and U.N. Secretariat, the party was shown the U.N. film, "Searchlight On The Nations", in which the activities of the organization and the methods for disseminating U.N. information to the peoples of the world are described.

General McNaughton, prefacing the showing of the film, declared that it was vitally important that the people in the three Canadian fighting services and all people connected with Government services be informed about the United Nations, as the work being done here was vitally significant for the future of the world. He said that the adverse propaganda that nothing was happening at Lake Success should be penetrated, as it was untrue.

MEDICAL SERVICES - EASTERN ARCTIC: Medical and dental work among the Eskimos of the Eastern Arctic will be carried on this summer by a small group travelling on the "Regina Polaris" which sails from Montreal early in July, Hon. Paul Martin, Minister of National Health and Welfare, announced June 30.

The "Regina Polaris" is one of several vessels being used this year to carry supplies to isolated outposts around Hudson Bay and on the Islands of the Canadian Arctic. In other years the medical party travelled on the R.M.S. "Nascopie", lost last year off Cape Dorset.