

# EXTERNAL AFFAIRS IN PARLIAMENT

## Statements of Government Policy

### Speech from the Throne

In the Speech from the Throne, read at the opening of the 5th Session of the 21st Parliament on October 9, 1951, announcement was made of the intention of the Government to introduce into the debates of the Houses the following matters of external policy:

- (1) Canada's contribution to the United Nations cause in Korea.
- (2) Measures taken by Canada to fulfil its obligations under the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.
- (3) Ratification of a protocol to enable an invitation to be sent to Greece and Turkey to join the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.
- (4) Construction by Canada alone of the St. Lawrence Seaway.

Mr. Cauchon (L, Beauharnois), the first speaker to discuss any of these topics, opened the debate on the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne on October 12. He was followed the same afternoon by Mr. J. A. Simmons. During the ensuing week, the following speakers discussed the same subjects:

- October 15 – Mr. Drew (PC, Carleton)  
Mr. Coldwell (CCF, Rosetown)  
Mr. McIvor (L, Fort William)  
Mr. Gillis (CCF, Cape Breton South)
- October 16 – Mr. Brooks (PC, Royal)
- October 17 – Mr. Bruneau (L, Prescott)  
Mr. Dinsdale (PC, Brandon)  
Mr. Wright (CCF, Melfort)  
Mr. LaCroix (L, Quebec-Montmorency)
- October 18 – Mr. MacLean (L, Huron-Perth)  
Mr. Green (PC, Vancouver-Quadra)
- October 19 – Mr. Campney (L, Vancouver Centre)  
Mr. Riley (L, Saint John-Albert)  
Mr. Argue (CCF, Assiniboia)
- October 24 – Mr. Gibson (Ind. Comox-Alberni)  
Mr. Boivin (L, Shefford)
- October 29 – Mr. Boisvert (L, Nicolet-Yamaska)

### External Affairs Policy

On October 22, Mr. St. Laurent made the following motion:

That this House approves the continuation of Canada's participation in the efforts being made through the United Nations to establish international peace, and in particular to defeat aggression and restore peace in Korea, and by the North Atlantic Treaty nations to deter aggression and promote stability and well-being in the North Atlantic area.

The Prime Minister next reviewed the developments that had occurred during the previous Session in Canadian policy regarding the Korean war and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, and continued:

While there is nothing specifically new in our programme, and while hon. members are not being asked to approve any change or any expansion of existing policies