

External Affairs in Parliament

STATEMENTS OF GOVERNMENT POLICY

The purpose of this section is to provide a selection of statements on external affairs by Ministers of the Crown or by their parliamentary assistants. It is not designed to provide a complete coverage of debates on external affairs taking place during the month.

Speech from the Throne

DELIVERING the Speech from the Throne at the opening of the First Session of the Twenty-Second Parliament on November 12, the Governor General said, in part:

... This is a time when, if peace is maintained, we have every reason to look forward to the continuing development of this prosperous and happy nation.

The coronation of our beloved Queen was an occasion for universal rejoicing. Her devotion to duty, her personal charm and her happy family life have assured Her Majesty of a warm place in the hearts of all her subjects and have strengthened our attachment to the Crown and to the traditions of our constitutional system of government.

Following the legislation enacted during the last Parliament, the changes in the Royal Style and Titles have been proclaimed by Her Majesty.

Much remains to be done before there can be a permanent and durable peace in the world. My Ministers therefore consider it would be unwise for the free nations to slacken our efforts to build up and maintain the necessary strength to deter aggression and they intend to continue to work to that end.

Armistice in Korea

We have every reason for satisfaction that through the use for the first time of collective police action the objective of the United Nations in Korea has been substantially achieved. The aggressors have been driven back, the fighting has ceased and an armistice has been concluded. My Government earnestly hopes that a political conference will ultimately succeed in restoring peace in Korea.

Canada has continued to contribute to those international projects which will promote human welfare and thereby remove some of the causes of unrest and dislocation. You will be asked to approve

further assistance for relief and rehabilitation, for technical assistance and for continued participation in the Colombo Plan.

The alliance of the North Atlantic nations has been effective thus far in preventing aggression in Europe. My Government continues to regard the Treaty as one of the foundation stones of Canada's external policy. The formation of the air division of the Royal Canadian Air Force in Europe is now completed. The Brigade group of the Canadian Army is performing its role effectively in the integrated force. Canadian naval strength is increasing.

Canada's total volume of external trade has reached record levels. But dollar shortages in many countries have persisted and continue to create problems for some of our exporters. Another Commonwealth conference with respect to financial and economic matters is to be held in Australia early in the New Year.

Tariff concessions negotiated at Geneva in 1947, at Annecy in 1949, at Torquay in 1950 and 1951 under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade have been extended for an additional period.

My Ministers are convinced that nations can best achieve economic strength and security through more liberal trade and overseas investment policies and they are continuing their efforts to bring about the progressive reduction of trade restrictions.

Power Development

... The New York State Power Authority has accepted a licence granted by the Federal Power Commission in the United States for the development of the United