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To Make Official Protest On Mr. Boyer's Death: Ottawa, January 27 (CP) -- Canada will make an official protest against rioting which led to the death of Joseph Macleod Boyer, Canadian Trade Commissioner, killed in Cairo Saturday, diplomatic officials said today.

Since Canada has no direct diplomatic link with the Egyptian Government, the protest will be made through the United Kingdom, officials said.

But outside of the protest, no other action is being planned against Egypt, though officials here were deeply moved by the report that the 54-year-old Commissioner was a victim of anti-foreign demonstrations in Cairo.

H.W. Cheney, acting Director of the Trade Commissioner Service, said the report of the death was "a tremendous shock." Officials in Cairo had expressed confidence only a short while ago that they thought they could ride through the uprising without being molested.

It was believed to be the first such killing in Canadian Trade Commissioner history. There had been other deaths in the world-wide service, but none involved the same set of circumstances which saw a Canadian become a victim in a split between two other powers.

Veteran Of Two World Wars

Mr. Boyer was a veteran of Two World Wars.

Reports from Cairo said Mr. Boyer was among three men who died when the rioting mobs burned the fashionable British Turf Club in the centre of Cairo.

The body has been identified by C.E. Butterworth, 27, of Ottawa, Assistant Trade Commissioner at Cairo. He will take over the Trade Commissioner's duties until a new appointment is made.

Mrs. Boyer was in Cairo with her husband, but is reported here as being safe.

Mr. St. Laurent On Use Of Words "Royal" and "Dominion": Ottawa, January 25 (CP) --Mr. St. Laurent said with emphasis today that the official term "Royal" stands in no peril from his Government and added that he wouldn't object to seeing Canada called a Kingdom instead of a Dominion.

He championed the Commonwealth's monarchical-cabinet system of Government as the best yet devised, and struck back on three fronts at any suggestions that his Government is taking steps which might weaken Canada's ties with the Crown.

He said during a press conference:

1. It is beyond him how all the controversy grew up about alleged Government plans to eliminate the term, "Royal Mail". Nothing has been done, and nothing will be done to interfere with use of that term even though the Government still is trying to find out how it originated. The proper use of the term "royal" is an honour and a privilege, and it's "silly to think anyone could object to it."

2. The official name of Canada is Canada. Both the British North America Act of 1867 and the Westminster Statute of 1931 say so. In taking the term, "Dominion of Canada," from official laws and documents, the Government is simply "trying to correct an error" that has crept into official usage. But people who want to wipe out the term, Dominion entirely, are going too far.

3. Whether her people like it or not--and some Canadians think it implies inferiority, he said--Canada is a Dominion just as Ontario is a province and Ottawa a city. The Confederation law--the B.N.A. Act--specifically says the three Provinces existing in 1867 "shall form one Dominion under the name of Canada."

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