

(c) that, in the event of the U.K. government being unwilling to assume any share of the cost of treatment, it be assumed by the Department of Labour; and,

(d) that categorical instructions be given that a thorough physical examination be conducted in the case of all remaining Polish veterans intended to be brought to Canada under the government scheme.

External Affairs; appointments; general policy

24. The Secretary of State for External Affairs reported that it was proposed to appoint John Kearney, formerly High Commissioner to Ireland and presently Minister to Norway as Canada's first High Commissioner to India.

A number of other senior appointments would also be brought before the Cabinet for approval at an early date.

25. Mr. St. Laurent added that, during the coming session, the Parliamentary Committee on External Affairs would be asked to consider, in connection with their examination of the estimates, the general policy of gradually expanding Canadian representation abroad; specifically the Committee would be given an opportunity of expressing their views upon the acquisition of real property in foreign countries for the accommodation of our diplomatic missions.

26. The Cabinet, after discussion, noted with approval the Minister's report.

Oriental; position and rights in Canada

27. The Minister of National Health and Welfare, at the request of the Prime Minister, drew attention to the attitude taken by the recent United Nations Assembly upon the complaint by the government of India as to treatment of Indians in South Africa.

Growing international interest and tension on the subject of discrimination on grounds of colour or race made it apparent that early consideration should be given to the position of certain groups in Canada, notably the Indians and Chinese.

28. The Cabinet, after discussion, noted with approval the Minister's report.

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