

THE CONTINUING SEARCH FOR PEACE

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STEPS TO HALT A-ARMS SPREAD

Mr. Martin had the following to say about the urgency of stopping the proliferation of atomic weapons:

Throughout the international community, there is general agreement that the prevention of the further spread of nuclear weapons is the most urgent and important problem facing us at present. First among important measures, it will be essential to have a non-proliferation treaty under which the present military nuclear powers would undertake not to transfer control over nuclear weapons to other states, or groups of states, and not to assist others in the manufacture of such weapons. For their part, the non-nuclear powers would undertake not to acquire or to manufacture such weapons. Although there is already some meeting of minds on the main elements which should appear in such a treaty, a number of specific points,...of which I shall mention examples, require very careful consideration:

1. Discussions to date have underlined the importance of agreement on a clear definition of proliferation without which progress will scarcely be possible. We believe that the formula must prevent nuclear weapons passing into the control of additional states or groups of states. This should not be in-

consistent with legitimate measures of collective self-defence.

2. As an essential corollary to a non-proliferation treaty, we think that states which have foregone the right to nuclear weapons should have assurances for their security against nuclear threats or nuclear attack. In our view, the nuclear powers and the United Nations should give urgent consideration to ways of extending meaningful guarantees to such states.

3. It is Canada's view that, if a treaty is to be effective and to inspire confidence, some means of verification should be included. From the outset, Canada has participated actively in the working out of the international safeguards system developed by the International Atomic Energy Agency and has been a strong supporter of that Agency. At Geneva, we have taken a stand for the inclusion in a treaty of a clause which would provide assurance that the obligations undertaken by the signatories are being carried out....

In addition to a treaty on non-proliferation, the conclusion of a treaty banning nuclear tests in all environments remains a central objective of Canadian disarmament policy....

To these cogent - and still valid reasons - has now been added the effect which a comprehensive test ban would have on preventing the further spread of nuclear weapons....

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STRAITFORD COMPANY TOUR
Mr. Lachlan says that Henry W. will be presented on the CTV network from coast to coast early in January. The production will be directed by Mr. Lachlan himself, who also directed the play, "Shattered Destinies" by Desmond Healey. The programme will be telecast in full colour. The national tour, which will include most of Canada's ten provinces, will open on February 15 in Calgary. The Company will visit other Western Canada centres before extending the tour into the Atlantic provinces and other cities in Eastern Canada. Mr. Lachlan says that the tour will be presented during the six-week season beginning in February. In total sales, he says, the tour is expected to be a success.

NATIONAL FORESTRY CONFERENCE

Among the conclusions reached by the National Forestry Conference, convened earlier this year at Montebello, Quebec, by the Department of Forestry was that in order to meet future wood requirements in Canada, every acre of productive forest land must work to full capacity and forest losses by fire, insects, and diseases must be reduced. The conference, which brought together representatives of