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The Department of External Affairs announced today that a communication had been delivered to the Italian Ambassador here regarding the interpretation of the preamble and certain articles of the Italian Peace Treaty. The message, which was in reply to an approach from the Italian Government, expressed the agreement of the Government of Canada that certain clauses of the Peace Treaty are not consistent with Italy's position as an equal member of the democratic family of nations and released Italy from its obligations to Canada under a number of articles in the Treaty. The Governments of the United States, the United Kingdom, France and certain other signatories of the Italian Treaty have taken similar action.

Following is the text of the Canadian Note:

"I have the honour to refer to your Note 2585/69 of December 8, 1951 and to inform you that my Government welcomes the proposals of the Government of Italy concerning the preamble and certain clauses of the Italian Peace Treaty.

"The Government of Canada agrees that the spirit reflected by the preamble of the Peace Treaty no longer exists and has been replaced by the spirit of the United Nations Charter and that the political clauses of the Treaty, articles 15-18, are superfluous. The Government of Canada also agrees that the military clauses of the Treaty are not consistent with Italy's position as an equal member of the democratic and freedom-loving family of nations and hereby releases Italy from its obligations to Canada under articles 46-70 and annexes relevant thereto."

*Military  
naval &  
air* expenses.

1. *Foot-packets now funded.*  
*no battleships more ships - size*  
*no 1 battles in one form*

*21 signatures*

*air*  
*line to 200* *150* *1000 + 1000*  
*150* *1000 + 1000*  
*1000*

*5% Army budget to \$50,000*  
*+ 600000000*  
*only for machine guns &*  
*horse defense.*

*no battleships*  
*no carriers*  
*no submarines*  
*no 1/2*  
*annexed 40%*

*1500000000*