

DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

MR. PEARSON'S BROADCAST: In an address on "Human Rights Day," broadcast December 10, the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. L.B. Pearson, said that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations five years ago, "sets a common standard of achievement toward which peoples and governments throughout the world can strive". He then proceeded as follows:

"The road toward such achievement has not been easy. There have been disputes and disappointments in the discussions which have taken place concerning it at the United Nations. There have been differences and difficulties in our effort to translate into reality the high principles set forth in the Declaration. There have been disagreements and dissension over the best methods to be adopted and over the pace at which progress should be made.

"Some countries, like my own, consider themselves fortunate in possessing traditions and being able to build on experience which simplifies the task of ensuring broad acceptance and support of the principles in the Declaration. But all countries face real difficulties in devising precise legal forms which will fit in with the existing pattern of their constitutional systems. All member countries of the United Nations have not been able to agree upon the form of the international instrument which should codify human rights and be binding on all those signing it. There have been a multitude of suggestions, often cancelling each other out.

"It is not surprising, however, that we

have not found it easy to arrive at a formula which will provide even the necessary minimum of satisfaction for all. In this and in other problems in the United Nations, we are bringing together peoples with widely different legal, economic and social backgrounds; with varied philosophical and intellectual approaches; differing, even opposed ideologies.

"Without elation, then, but certainly without despair, on this fifth anniversary of Human Rights Day, we should pause and assess our progress. It should concern us deeply that there are large areas of the world where essential human rights have been eliminated, where personal liberty, freedom of expression, and freedom of religion have been stamped out.

"In other parts of the world, however, there has been real progress and we should be gratified that the very firmness and determination shown on this question in United Nations debates and elsewhere is a sign of the deep-rooted support these great principles have gained.

"Let us resolve, therefore, to press forward on the long and difficult road leading to the objective we set for ourselves in the Charter in 1945, and reaffirmed in the Declaration of Human Rights in 1948.

"There can, however, be no rights, without obligations; as there can be no freedom without law.

"In the last analysis, therefore, the manner in which we discharge our obligations as citizens of our countries, and as members of the international community, will determine whether we are to have and to keep - or whether we deserve to have - the rights of free men."

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RIFLES FOR FRANCE: The Canadian Army will ship 26,000 rifles and further quantities of other military supplies to the French Army in December under terms of the Mutual Aid Agreement of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Army Headquarters has announced.

With the rifles will go an equal number of bayonets, scabbards and slings; a quantity of vehicle repair kits, and spare parts for other military equipment previously shipped. The equipment will be shipped from Saint John, N.B. about mid-December.

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HEALTH DEPT. INFORMATION HEAD: Mr. Harvey W. Adams, of Toronto and Ottawa, has been appointed Director of Information Services for the federal Health Department, the Minister of National Health and Welfare has announced. For the past year Mr. Adams has been transportation officer in the Civil Defence Branch of the Department.

CANADIAN STATISTICAL REVIEW: The Dominion Bureau of Statistics released on December 15, its 1953 supplement to the Canadian Statistical Review. This 151-page report presents, from 1926 or the earliest year for which data are available, to the last complete year, the annual record of all statistical series carried in the regular monthly issues of the Canadian Statistical Review, and monthly or quarterly data for the period 1950-1952.

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Canada's hotels grossed \$391,936,000 in 1952, an increase of 10 per cent over 1951 receipts of \$357,282,000, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The number of hotels in operation increased from 5,092 with 146,441 rooms in 1951 to 5,157 with 149,615 rooms in 1952.

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Railway passenger car production rose to 20 last year from six in 1951.