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CANADA'S RESPONSE TO RHODESIAN UDI

The following statement was made by the Prime Minister on November 26:

The initial Canadian reaction to the unilateral declaration of independence by the Government in Rhodesia of November 11 was announced on that day. These Canadian measures were non-recognition, the withdrawal from Salisbury of the Canadian Trade Commissioner, the cessation of Canadian aid and export-financing facilities, an embargo on arms and military equipment and the withdrawal from Rhodesian goods of the preferential tariff rate. The Trade Commissioner left Rhodesia over a week ago. The nine Canadian teachers in Rhodesia, under our external aid programme, are being withdrawn by the end of the year, and offered other assignments in Africa.

On November 20, the Security Council of the United Nations passed a resolution recommending, among other things, that "all states refrain from any action which would assist and encourage in the illegal régime and, in particular, to desist from providing it with arms, equipment, and military material, and to do their utmost in order to break all economic relations with Rhodesia, including an embargo on oil and petroleum products".

SUGAR AND TOBACCO BANS

Canada is already implementing the arms embargo. In view of the Security Council recommendation, however, the Government has now decided to place a ban on the import of Rhodesian sugar and tobacco.

Sugar was much the largest item imported from Rhodesia in 1964, constituting more than half of all imports from Rhodesia. Canada does not normally import tobacco, but the ban is designed to prevent any attempts to sell it here. The Government implemented, on November 11, a decision to withdraw credit guarantee facilities under Section 21A of the Exports Credits Insurance Act. The Government has now decided that insurance for exports under that Act will also not be available for exports to Rhodesia.

THREAT TO COMMONWEALTH

These further measures, in response to the Security Council recommendation, reflect the Canadian policy of strong support for United Nations action in situations with grave international repercussions. The steps we are now taking are in line with those already taken by Britain. The illegal action in Rhodesia has created a serious threat to the unity of the Commonwealth. For these reasons, it is important that effective economic action be taken which will bring an end to the illegal situation in Rhodesia.

The Rhodesian situation is being kept under constant review by the Canadian Government in the light of United Nations recommendations and the developing situation. The embargo on oil and petroleum products recommended in the Security Council resolution of November 20 is of less concern to Canada, which has not been exporting oil to Rhodesia, than to the countries which are the principal suppliers.