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Canada Asks Fair Sharing of U.N. Costs: Speaking for the Canadian delegation, Progressive Conservative Leader John Bracken told the United Nations General Assembly yesterday that "we cannot ask the taxpayer in any country to pay more per head than the taxpayer in the United States."

"No one can deny that, in this field of financial burdens to be borne by our member states, we may risk a reaction among the public and the governments which might jeopardize the stable and progressive development of our entire world organization," Mr. Bracken said. "In these matters the United Nations must have the whole-hearted and continued support of our respective legislatures and peoples at home." He said the United States delegate, Senator Arthur Vandenberg, had "argued very forcibly" that capacity to pay could not safely be made the "only criterion" for distributing the U.N. financial burden when the result places practically 50 per cent on one nation alone. However, Senator Vandenberg's proposal to place a ceiling on the amount to be contributed by any one nation would create "difficulties" for other states. Mr. Bracken said the United States has the largest national income per capita and the individual taxpayer was concerned with "the relation which his personal contributions will be as to the contributions of taxpayers in other countries where the capacity to pay is equal to or greater than his own."

If a ceiling, substantially below the present percentage, were placed on the percentage to be contributed by the United States, "it will be necessary to extend that ceiling to all the member states whose per capita contribution would otherwise exceed that of the United States taxpayer."

Atomic Commission Sets Deadline: A resolution, sponsored by the United States and Canada, has been passed by the United Nations Atomic Energy Commission setting December 31 as the deadline for at least an interim report on methods of controlling the manufacture and use of atomic energy. The vote was 10 to 0, with Russia and Poland abstaining.

Canada's delegate, Gen. A.G.L. McNaughton, seconded the resolution put by Bernard M. Baruch, the United States delegate, saying that it was particularly desirable because three members of the commission will be retiring at the end of the year as their original terms as members of the Security Council will expire. The Commission consists of the 11 members of the Council and Canada.

Gen. McNaughton said the Commission had been in session five months "and it is appropriate that before the end of the year we should convey to the public, which is naturally concerned, a statement of the ground we have covered." He commented that scientists had "attained a better understanding of the difficult problems before us," but he realized that "we have been considering various forms of safeguards from a technical standpoint; the same methods may not be appropriate when we come to discuss political aspects of the problem." (CP)

Premier Drew Again Asks For Dominion-Provincial Conference: Premier George Drew of Ontario said yesterday after a caucus of Progressive Conservative members of the legislature that his government still believes the Dominion-Provincial Conference, adjourned indefinitely last Spring, should be reconvened.

"Unless there is a resumption of the Conference which adjourned last May, the course we propose to follow will be announced in the Ontario Legislature," he said. "There will be no session until the New Year and the exact date will be decided later."

In Nova Scotia a Liberal Party caucus is being held today. Premier Angus L. Macdonald told a political meeting last night that he hoped a new tax agreement between Nova Scotia and the Dominion would be reached soon. (CP)