



*At Colorado Springs, Colorado, three Canadian delegates to the Fifth Annual NATO Parliamentarians' Conference chat with Air Marshal C. Roy Slemon, RCAF, who is Vice-Commander of the North American Air Defence Command (NORAD) Headquarters. Left to right: Mr. Louis Fortier, Mr. J. Ferguson Browne, Air Marshal Slemon and Mr. George E. Dixon.*

Mr. Spaak gave a frank speech, dealing with the present state of the Alliance. After expressing appreciation for the work of the NATO Parliamentarians, he reviewed NATO's progress in its various fields of activity, expressing particular concern at the possible political consequences of any division of opinion between member countries on trade matters. He also gave his personal view that aid to under-developed countries both within and outside the Alliance should be better co-ordinated among the free world countries. As regards the role of the NATO Parliamentarians, Mr. Spaak emphasized that their influence on member governments would largely depend on the calibre of their studies and resolutions regarding current problems facing the Alliance.

In keeping with the interest of the Conference in economic affairs, Professor Hallstein and M. Sergent outlined developments in their respective organizations.

#### Political Affairs

Interest in the political field centred on a number of problems already discussed at the Atlantic Congress. Emphasizing the gravity and extent of the growing political and economic threat posed by the Communist Bloc, the conference stressed the need for continued unity and warned against the political conse-