

This telegram was sent on June 1st. Mr. Holler informed the Under-Secretary, Dr. Skelton, on June 5th, that he had received a reply, dated June 4th

by which the Governor of South Greenland, Mr. Aksel Svane, and the Governor of North Greenland, Mr. Eske Brun, have requested me to inform the Canadian Government that they appreciate highly the proposed temporary establishment of a Canadian Consulate in Greenland, and they are ready to give provisional recognition to the Canadian Consul and Vice Consul.

On June 4th the "Nascopie", from Canada, carrying A.E. Porsild, and the Danish vessel "Julius Thomsen" from Kirkwall, Scotland, carrying K.P. Kirkwood, arrived in Ivigtut.

These steps having been completed, and the supply ship "Nascopie" and the Consul and Vice-Consul having arrived at Ivigtut, an announcement was made in Canada, partly on Keenleyside's suggestion,<sup>(1)</sup> to offset the Canadian interest in the more publicized activities of the United States Government respecting Greenland. Dr. Skelton immediately drafted a statement which, on June 11, 1940, Mr. Mackenzie King made in the Commons:

Members of the House are aware that the seizure of Denmark by the Germans created a problem for Canada as the nearest neighbour of the Danish possession of Greenland. The situation was given immediate attention. The local authorities in Greenland are continuing to administer its affairs. The German-controlled government in Copenhagen is exercising no authority. In view of the fact that the people of Greenland normally obtain most of their

(1) File 267-J-40. Keenleyside's Memorandum, June 11.