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Italy Released From Military Limitations: Ottawa, December 26 (CP) -- Canada has released Italy from certain obligations under the Italian Peace Treaty, including military limitations, because they are "not consistent with Italy's position" as a democratic freedom-loving nation.

The External Affairs Department disclosed this tonight in releasing the text of a note delivered to the Italian Ambassador here. The note was in reply to an approach by the Italian Government on the subject of interpretation of the preamble and political and military articles of the Treaty, signed by 20 nations at Paris in February, 1947.

The Governments of the United States, Britain, France and some other treaty signatories have taken similar action to ease the obligations of the four-year-old Treaty now that Italy has cemented her lot with the West by becoming a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Canada's note said this country agrees that the spirit of the preamble of the Italian Treaty "no longer exists, and has been replaced by the spirit of the United Nations charter." The preamble cited Italy as joining in a Fascist war of aggression and being partly responsible for it.

It agreed also that political clauses of the Treaty "are superfluous." These imposed on Italy the obligation to maintain certain human rights and fundamental freedoms within the country, but these rights have since been written into the Italian Constitution.

The Canadian note said "the Government of Canada agrees that the military clauses of the Treaty are not consistent with Italy's position as an equal member of the democratic and freedom-loving family of nations, and hereby releases Italy from its obligation to Canada under articles 46 to 70 and annexes relevant thereto."

Parliament Reassembles: Ottawa, December 26 (CP) -- Parliament, after a brief five-day holiday, goes to work again tomorrow (December 27) in an extraordinary post-Christmas sitting.

In recess since Friday, the House of Commons and Senate are convening to resume consideration of the controversial anti-price-fixing bill that got bogged down in the lower chamber during the late stages of the fall session.

A few other items of business are on the order paper -- at least one of them contentious -- but the main debate was expected to centre about the Progressive Conservatives' continuing attempt to have the prices bill put over until the regular 1952 session.

There has been no indication of how long the sitting will go on, though an expected thin attendance may tend to cut down the length of the debate. Membership from outside Quebec and Ontario may be thin. Only 17 Western members took up an R.C.A.F. offer to be airlifted in by a North Star plane today.

A further damper on extended debate will be a Government threat to apply closure -- a shutdown of discussion -- if the prices debate strings out much longer.

The Prime Minister told the House Thursday he was planning closure in the resumed sitting. He had not given the necessary notice by the time the Commons arose, but the shadow of the drastic move still hung over the House.

Mr. Gordon On Canada's Progress: Montreal, December 27 (Gazette) -- Donald Gordon, Chairman and President of Canadian National Railways, in a statement yesterday