

MR. HOWE AT CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION OPENING

CALLS FOR PREPAREDNESS: The following is the partial text of the address by the Minister of Trade and Commerce, Mr. Howe, at the opening of the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto, on August 25:

"...While we are here to enjoy ourselves for the moment, we cannot forget that the world is faced with a grim struggle between two opposing ways of life. If that struggle should be lost, the Canadian National Exhibition, and all it stands for, would be surrounded by a very different atmosphere than exists here today....

PEACE AND SECURITY

"I am sure that all of us heartily wish that the ambitious men who are directing the international Communist movement would leave the rest of the world in peace. It would be better for us, and far better for the unhappy people under their control, if the governments of Communist dominated lands would turn their energies to the tremendous task of trying to raise the standard of living of the people in the countries which they control. If they would do that, there would be some hope of giving to these countries a measure of peace, happiness and security, which the rest of us would like them to have, if only because it would also mean peace and security for us.

"There are still good grounds for believing the totalitarian Communist leaders are not prepared to risk a general war to achieve their ends. But we cannot be sure. And we know they have stepped up their efforts by aggression in one part of the world, and by their tactics of infiltration in other parts.

"If the Communists ever succeed in dominating Europe and Asia, the danger to this continent would be very great, and the difficulties of successful defence almost insuperable. That is why we are literally acting in our own defence when we stand with those in Asia and Europe, who are resisting, or preparing to resist Communist aggression, and give them what assistance we can....

"What is our part in this tremendous strug-

gle to save the world from Communist domination? Despite the size of our country and our great resources, our part will necessarily be relatively modest since, after all, we are a nation of only some 14 million people. The larger portion of the load must inevitably be carried by the great powers and particularly by the United States and the United Kingdom. But no people are quicker than Canadians to appreciate that we have a moral duty to assist our larger friends and neighbours. And we recognize that our great resources and the endowments of our people enable us to make an effective contribution.

"Our most immediate task is to strengthen our defences. The Communist aggression in Korea has shown us that we must have larger trained forces in being, available to assist in countering outbreaks there and elsewhere.

DEFENCE PROGRAMME

"In the last two months, our whole defence programme has been accelerated. We are discussing with our friends in the United States and other countries signatory to the North Atlantic Pact how we can best step up production to provide equipment and weapons of war for our allies, as well as our own forces. We must be prepared to do our part under the terms of the United Nations Charter and the North Atlantic Treaty.

"First place must be given to re-armament and to all its implications. In doing this, however, we must not neglect the general strength of our economy and the welfare of our people....

"All of what I have been saying is no short-term programme. It is something to which we must bend our intelligence and energy for years ahead. It will not be easy. Furthermore, we can expect to be living constantly in a period of tension and unrest as no doubt the Communists wish us to do. There will be further unpleasant incidents; there will be threats; there will be disruptions in what we have considered our ordinary peaceful way of living...."

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PHOTOGRAPHING THE ARCTIC: While most Canadians are sweltering in the summer temperatures, a group of Rockcliffe airmen are longing for a little of that sunshine and warmth. They are officers and airmen of the RCAF Photographic Detachment now based on an Arctic Island situated in the midst of Canada's Arctic Archipelago.

This Detachment of 408 Photo Squadron from Rockcliffe Airport have been flying from this northern air base since the middle of June and are carrying out a photographic survey of the islands for the production of aerial maps.

Their task is not an easy one. The hazards of flying over an area lying north of the

Magnetic Pole are great as here the usually-reliable compasses refuse to operate efficiently due to their proximity to the pole.

Maintenance of the aircraft presents a problem in itself. Early in July the air base was still digging itself out from under four-foot-deep snow drifts. The ground crews must carry out the normal aircraft maintenance in temperatures hovering around the freezing mark which is difficult for men accustomed to the balmy climate of southern Ontario.

It is expected that most of this job of photographing the Arctic Islands will be completed before the snow begins to fall again.

When poor weather conditions prevent fly-