

installations are being constructed to discharge this role. The R.C.A.F. is building up a number of maritime squadrons for anti-submarine work.

### Civil Defence

Because of the possibility of direct attack, it is necessary for us to take precautions for civil defence. Military defence has as its objective the defeat of the enemy and the defence of the country against direct attack. The object of civil defence is to reduce the consequences of enemy action upon civilian population and property.

Because of the immense area of Canada and because of its constitutional structure, civil defence is a matter calling for the close co-operation of federal, provincial and municipal authorities. A large part of civil defence is the result of organizing the manpower and material resources already existing in each community. In the very nature of things the agency for action in civil defence, here as in other countries, must be the local municipal authority. That position was agreed to by the representatives of all the provinces at a conference held here last September.

Following that conference a pamphlet on civil defence organization was issued. It incorporates the main conclusions of our discussions as well as suggestions made by provincial representatives. Civil defence organizations have been set up by most of the provincial governments and many municipalities are taking action. The first staff course is now in progress in Hull. That is a nation-wide staff course attended by representatives of all ten provinces. We are arranging for co-ordination of civil defence activities with the United States. Orders are being placed for equipment of various types.

One question of concern is the division of financial responsibility for this special equipment and to deal with this and other matters relating to civil defence co-ordination, the representatives of the provincial governments have been asked to meet here on February 20 if that date is convenient to them.

### The support of the United Nations and North Atlantic Treaty

This is the second objective of our national defence.

Action taken by the Canadian armed forces to carry out the objectives of the Charter of the United Nations and the North Atlantic Treaty must be regarded as action taken for the defence of Canada.

To assist the United Nations forces in Korea Canada sent three destroyers and they have given a good account of themselves. They are being successively replaced by other destroyers.

The 426 heavy transport squadron gave great assistance in the arduous airlift to the Far East.

The Canadian army enlisted 10,000 men for an eighteen months term for the special purpose of carrying out any undertaking by Canada under the Charter of the United Nations and the North Atlantic Treaty. With 900 men