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Mr. Bradette on the Holding of Third Session of General Assembly: Following is text of statement on the holding of the Third Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations Organization in Europe, delivered Saturday, November 15, in Plenary Session by Mr. J.A. Bradette, Representative of Canada.

"Members of this Assembly will recall that at the First Session of the Assembly in London, Canada was one of the states which urged strongly that the United Nations permanent headquarters be fixed in Europe. This viewpoint failed, by a very few votes, to carry the day. The remarks I am about to make should therefore be judged against that background.

"I can see a number of arguments for holding the Third Session of the Assembly in Europe: the rules of procedure foresee this possibility; delegation costs will not require to be paid in dollars; Europe is more readily accessible to many States. There are also other arguments, whether expressed or implied.

"These are, however, equally valid reasons for not holding the Third Session of the Assembly in Europe: the additional United Nations costs which all members must pay in dollars, the grave dislocation of the Secretariat over a period of about four months, and the transfer to Europe of well over 2,000 people who will add to the strain upon the resources of Europe.

"While appreciating the motives of the States which have proposed that the Third Session of the Assembly be held in Europe, the Canadian delegation feels, on balance, that the weight of the arguments militates against the holding of the Third Session in Europe.

"In view, however, of the fact that, because of the proximity of Ottawa to the headquarters of the United Nations, our own convenience would be better served by a decision to remain in New York, we consider that Canada should abstain on this vote."

Treasury Statement: A surplus of \$541,673,240 was reported by the Federal Treasury Saturday for the first seven months of the current fiscal year which ends next March 31. The surplus in the corresponding period of 1946 amounted to \$166,720,354.

From April 1, 1947, to October 31, revenues amounted to \$1,611,-282,904. Expenditures were \$1,069,589,744. In the 10-month period of 1946, revenues were \$1,581,398,404 and expenditures \$1,414,678,-050. (CP)

Further Gain in Industrial Employment: Industrial employment in Canada at the beginning of September, as reported to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, showed a further slight dvance over the high level reported at the beginning of August, with the working forces of 18,072 reporting employers totalling 1,989,302 as compared with 1,985,944 at August 1.

Argos Defeat Roughriders: Toronto Argonauts defeated Ottawa Roughriders
21 to 0 in Toronto Saturday to win the two game total-point series
for the Interprovincial Rugby Union championship. Argos, last year's
champions, took the round 24 to 0 and play Ottawa Trojans in the
Eastern Canada final next Saturday in Toronto.