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Mr. Pearson On World Affairs: Ottawa, Jan. 11 (CP) -- Mr. Pearson said tonight the Western nations should go ahead with President Eisenhower's atomic pool plan with or without Russia.

The door could always be left open for Russia to come in later, he added during the CBC programme "Press Conference" recorded for broadcast on the Dominion network.

Mr. Pearson said he is encouraged by the fact Russia has agreed to discuss the President's proposal for pooling atomic resources for peaceful purposes. But it would be wrong to "go overboard with optimism" about Russian intentions.

The Soviet's agreement to discuss the plan and attend a Big Four Foreign Ministers' Conference at Berlin might indicate a change in the Russian attitude, but it would be better to wait and see what happens at these meetings.

He said the West and Russia are closer to agreement on an Austrian peace treaty than on Germany. Therefore, the Foreign Ministers might discuss Austria first and that might be a test of Russia's willingness to work with the West.

If the Soviet really was anxious to make a gesture of friendship to the West, one possibility would be Russian agreement to a unified Germany, which would decide its own fate in free elections.

He reiterated that if France does not ratify the European Defence Community, "then we will all have to reappraise our policies - and all reappraisals are agonizing".

It would be a mistake to think that EDC, which would provide for 12 German divisions in a supranational European Army, is the only way to incorporate Germany in Western defence.

Other possibilities might be German membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization or a series of bilateral treaties between Germany and NATO countries.

However, these would mean a separate German army under a German general staff.

He was commenting on the statement by Mr. John Foster Dulles, U.S. State Secretary, that if France does not ratify EDC the U.S. will have to make an "agonizing reappraisal" of its foreign policy....

Canada To Accept About 168,000 Immigrants In 1954: St. Thomas, Ont., Jan. 11 (CP) -- Canada will accept about 168,000 immigrants in 1954, including the 1,000,000th post-war immigrant, Citizenship Minister Harris said tonight.

The Government believes there are still many opportunities for newcomers and plans to take in "about the same number" as last year's 168,000, he said.

There was evidence that Canada could have placed "at least another 20,000" during 1953, Mr. Harris said in a speech at a church meeting here.

"But it is better to under-estimate than to over-estimate your ability to find employment or settlement for the newcomer."

By the end of 1953, Canada had taken more than 958,000 post-war immigrants.

"We are looking forward to the 1,000,000th immigrant some time in the next few months, a post-war record equalled only by that of the U.S.A."

British immigrants, totalling 295,000, were the largest single racial group. There were 115,000 Germans, 92,000 Netherlanders, 70,000 from the United States and 386,000 of other racial groups.

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