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Canada-U.S. Atom Information Agreements: Ottawa, June 20 (CP) -- Atomic power stations may generate the electricity required to operate the DEW (Distant Early Warning) radar chain to be built in the Canadian Arctic by the United States.

Construction of atomic power plants for this purpose will be possible under two Canada-U.S. agreements tabled today in the House of Commons. The agreements provide for a wider exchange of information between the two countries on defence against atomic attack and for development of atomic energy for peaceful purposes, especially in the field of power plants.

Under the agreements, signed in Washington June 15, the United States also will provide Canada with enriched uranium and heavy water for use in the current power reactor programme in this country. . . .

The agreement dealing with the exchange of information of a peaceful nature says:

"...Information pertaining to military nuclear power plants in furtherance of the joint Canada-United States defence effort in the development of an early warning radar network may be exchanged."

A Government official said the provision is contained in the agreement in case the U.S. decides to produce electricity for the \$25,000,000 DEW line with atomic power stations.

"The cost of transporting conventional types of fuel into the area will be high", the official said. "The agreement provides for U.S. construction of atomic power plants, if such a decision is made by the U.S. The section also means that information on the construction of such plants will be made available to Canada".

The U.S. now provides Canada with natural uranium metal and heavy water for use in experimental reactors at the Chalk River project, operated by Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd., a Crown company.

Under the agreements, the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission also will supply these products for the power reactor programme. Canada will continue to furnish the United States with plutonium, energy source of atom bombs, which is produced as a by-product in experimental reactors at Chalk River.

Mid-May Employment Sets Record: Ottawa, June 20 (CP) -- The federal Government reported today mid-May employment hit a Canadian record for the month.

Unemployment fell sharply from April and was under the estimated figure for May 1954. It was the first time in two years in which monthly unemployment estimates were below those of the corresponding month of a year earlier.

"It was clear that the continued upswing in business activity now was having a marked effect on employment generally," the Government said in a statement accompanying its monthly employment review.

With the spring setup in employment going faster than usual, the Bureau of Statistics reported an estimated 5,324,000 persons had jobs at mid-May, up 201,000 from a month earlier for a Canadian record.

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