

sion, the Programme of Advisory Services in the Field of Human Rights, International Control of Narcotic Drugs, and the Annual Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

The chairman of the Canadian Delegation is Wallace B. Nesbitt, M.P. Dr. G.F. Davidson, Deputy Minister of Welfare, has been elected President of the Economic and Social Council for 1958. He will preside over the Session and will be the Canadian Representative to the Council. The Delegation also includes M.H. Wershof, Q.C., Permanent Representative of Canada to the European office of the United Nations, Geneva; S. Pollock, Director, International Programmes and Contributions, Department of Finance; and L.A.D. Stephens, Counselor, Canadian Embassy, Bonn.

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### MESSAGE TO GENERAL DE GAULLE

Prime Minister Diefenbaker last week sent the following message to General de Gaulle, of France:

"I have been following recent events in France which have led to the formation of the new Government under your leadership with the concern and attention you would expect from the Government and people of Canada. We in Canada have a special place in our hearts for the great traditions of France from which we have drawn so much in the past and in the bonds of friendship and alliance which have linked our two countries for many years. It is my hope that the future may bring new means of cementing these associations in the wider context of our North Atlantic Community.

"I send you my congratulations on your accession to the premiership of the French Republic and my fervent wishes for success in the solution of the difficult problems which confront you. If my Government can, in any way, be helpful in the solution of some of these problems with which we are concerned, I trust you will rely on our desire to co-operate.

"While I realize that you are faced with immediate problems to which you will have to devote your attention, I hope that before long it may be possible for you to visit Canada. Apart from the great pleasure it would give me and the Canadian people to welcome you here, you might feel that your presence in Canada would serve to emphasize and give expression to the important role of France in the Western World, in North America as well as in Europe.

"In the complex and difficult world situation which confronts us all, I feel that the leadership of France can be of supreme importance in developing the basis for co-operation and concerted policy between Europe and North America, which I regard as fundamental to the solution of broader problems.

"I look forward to the time when I may have the honour of meeting you and of discussing some of these problems with you. In the mean-

time, I would reiterate my good wishes and those of the Canadian Government and people on your accession to the premiership of the French Republic."

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### PROTEST EXECUTIONS

Prime Minister Diefenbaker read to the Commons June 24 the diplomatic note to the Hungarian Government protesting against the execution of Imre Nagy, former premier of Hungary, and his associates. The note read:

"The revulsion and shock manifested throughout the world at the news of the execution of Imre Nagy, former premier of Hungary, and his associates, is shared by the Government and people of Canada.

"The fact that the victims were taken into custody after assurances were given by the Hungarian Government that no sanctions would be taken against them and that they could proceed freely to their homes makes their execution the more reprehensible.

"It is greatly to be regretted that the Hungarian Government has seen fit to carry out these harsh reprisals which flout the principles of justice and worsen the international climate.

"In 1956 and 1957, world opinion expressed itself unmistakably on the tragic events in Hungary through debates in the United Nations and in the report of the Special United Nations Committee of Investigation.

"These executions are, therefore, considered by the Canadian Government as part of an unjustifiable terrorist policy which is abhorrent to the people of Canada and which makes it difficult to maintain the hope that the Hungarian Government, along with other Governments of Eastern Europe, will be able to move forward toward a more liberal dispensation for their peoples."

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### WHEAT EXPORTS

Overseas export clearances of Canadian wheat in the week ending June 11 amounted to 7,950,000 bushels, sharply greater than the year-earlier total of 3,124,000 bushels, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. August 1-June 11 clearances climbed 30 per cent to 232,919,000 bushels from 178,563,000 a year ago.

Prairie farmers marketed almost 18 per cent more wheat in the week at 15,323,000 bushels compared to 13,024,000 a year earlier, but 1.8 per cent less in the cumulative period at 272,795,000 bushels versus 277,824,000. Visible supplies of Canadian wheat in all North American positions at June 11 totalled 353,663,000 bushels, up 1.4 per cent from 347,678,000 bushels a week earlier but down 6.3 per cent from 376,475,000 bushels a year ago.