

It was understood that the Mayor of Ottawa would request the Civic Council to declare a half holiday and it was recommended also that a half holiday for civil servants be declared.

4. The Cabinet, after discussion:

(a) authorized the Secretary of State to arrange for a State Funeral;

(b) noted with approval the arrangements for the State Funeral of the late Right Honourable W.L. Mackenzie King, P.C., O.M., as submitted by the Minister of National Defence;

(c) authorized a half holiday for civil servants;

(d) approved the release to the press of the funeral arrangements, through the office of the Secretary of State.

Colonial Airlines; stopover and transfer rights

5. The Minister of Transport said that, under the bilateral air agreement of 1945 between Canada and the United States, Colonial Airlines was granted four trans border routes, New York - Montreal, Washington-Montreal, New York-Ottawa, and Washington-Ottawa. An amendment in 1947 provided that Colonial Airlines might serve both Montreal and Ottawa on the same flights so long as no cabotage was carried.

Colonial Airlines shortly afterwards had requested that Colonial passengers between Ottawa and New York be allowed stopover rights in Montreal. This request had not been granted. Colonial, recently, had renewed the request and in addition had asked for transfer rights between flights to allow it to carry passengers from Ottawa to Montreal either on its slow DC-3 service from Ottawa to New York or on the last outward bound leg of its Washington-Ottawa-Montreal service, and in Montreal transfer them to its faster four-motor direct service to New York. The U.S. Government, at the instance of Colonial Airlines, had intervened formally to support these requests, arguing that, in a similar situation, the U.S. Government would grant transfer and stopover rights to a foreign airline, and in fact had done so in the case of a British airline.

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