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NOTES FOR THE PRESS

Department of External Affairs

Department of National Defence

WORKING LEVEL MEETING ON
UNITED NATIONS PEACE-KEEPING OPERATIONS

Programme and Arrangements for the Press

Monday, November 2

1000 hrs.

INAUGURAL SESSION

Opening meeting in Room 200, West Block, by the Chairman, Commodore R.W. Murdoch.

Address by the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. L.B. Pearson. Advance text to be distributed to the press. A section of the room will be reserved for the press on the occasion. Television cameras and sound equipment may be set up at 900 hrs. It would be appreciated if they could be removed expeditiously at the end of the ceremony as the meeting is to be continued in restricted sessions in the same room.

1015 to 1300 hrs.

PLENARY SESSION

1430 to 1700 hrs.

Meetings of Working Groups.

1730 hrs.

Press briefing in Room 232 of West Block.

Tuesday, November 3

0900 to 1230 hrs. and
1430 to 1730 hrs.

Meetings of Working Groups.

Wednesday, November 4

0900 to 0930 hrs. and
0930 to 1230 hrs.

Demonstration by Canadian Standby Battalion, Uplands Airport.

(See attached separate announcement from the Department of National Defence.)

1430 hrs.

Free afternoon.

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Thursday, November 5

0900 to 1230 hrs. and
1430 to 1700 hrs.

Meetings of Working Groups.

2000 hrs.

Dinner for the delegates offered by the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Text of Mr. Martin's address will be distributed to the Press Gallery.

Friday, November 6

1030 to 1300 hrs.

PLENARY SESSION IN ROOM 200.

(Reports by the Chairmen of the Working Groups.)

p.m.

Press briefing in Room 232 of West Block (to be confirmed).

NOTE: All Plenary meetings and Working Group meetings are restricted except the Inaugural Session.

Press Enquiries

During the meeting, press enquiries will be answered on behalf of the Secretariat of the Conference at Room 235-5835 Room No. 217, West Block.

Additional Press Briefings

If the need should arise for additional briefings, these will be announced through the Press Gallery office in the usual manner.

Background Papers (attached)

- (a) Extract from the Lecture on Peace-keeping by the Rt. Hon. L.B. Pearson in the Dag Hammarskjold Memorial Series, Carleton University, May 7, 1964.
- (b) Text of Statement on Peace-keeping Meeting by the Hon. Paul Martin in the House of Commons on October 26, 1964.
- (c) Notes for the Statement on Peace-keeping at Press Conference by the Hon. Paul Martin on October 26, 1964.
- (d) List of countries participating with names of Heads of Delegation.
- (e) List of Canadian Delegation.

OTTAWA, Oct. 29 -- A company group from the 1st Battalion, Queen's Own Rifles of Canada will put on a demonstration for the United Nations Conference on Peacekeeping Operations next Wednesday morning, Nov 4, it was announced today by Canadian Forces Headquarters. Part of Canada's standby battalion, the company will stage the demonstration at Uplands R.C.A.F. Station beginning at 9.30 a.m.

The demonstration will include a series of short presentations on the organization of the Canadian standby force for United Nations roles and the organization of an advance base. It will also illustrate the activities at the advance base and the type of training conducted by the standby force for peacekeeping tasks. Sample loads of men, weapons and equipment on Yukon and Hercules transport aircraft will be seen by the delegates from the many nations attending next week's conference.

Officer commanding the standby battalion which is stationed at Victoria, B.C. is Lt.-Col. H.C.F. Elliot.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: you are invited to attend this demonstration at which there will be opportunity to take pictures or make recordings. Arrangements are being co-ordinated with the Department of External Affairs. A bus will leave for the demonstration site from the Press Gallery at 8.30 a.m. Wednesday. In order to reserve a commodation you are requested to inform Maj TE Sailman at either 992-3454 or 992-8176 by noon, Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Extract from Lecture on Peace-Keeping by the Right Honourable Lester B. Pearson, Prime Minister of Canada, in the Dag Hammarskjold Memorial Series, at Carleton University, May 7, 1964.

....I believe that, if a group of middle and small powers could be persuaded to work together.....an effective stand-by arrangement could be brought into being.

I do not expect that even the most modest of such arrangements could be accomplished quickly. Nevertheless, the Canadian Government is determined to push ahead toward this goal. We have been considering plans for confidential discussions with certain other governments, primarily of military problems arising out of past and current peace-keeping operations. As a first stage, such discussions would be confined to countries which have taken steps to establish stand-by units for United Nations service. Later they might be extended.

Out of these discussions may come suggestions for improving the United Nations ability to conduct peace-keeping operations and for strengthening and co-ordinating arrangements for national participation in these operations. That is what I intended when I suggested at the eighteenth General Assembly that there should be a "pooling of available resources and the development in a co-ordinated way of trained and equipped collective forces for United Nations Service".

We shall be following up these exploratory talks with a more formal approach to the other governments concerned. We have reason to hope that they share Canadian views on the need to improve on the present improvised and haphazard approach to peace-keeping.....

PEACE-KEEPING MEETING

Text of Statement by the Minister
to the House of Commons on Monday,

October 26, 1964

I wish to make a statement to the House on the peace-keeping meeting which will be held in Ottawa from November 2 to 6.

This meeting is the outcome of a suggestion made by the Prime Minister in his address before the General Assembly of the United Nations on September 19, 1963. At that time the Prime Minister stated that Canada would welcome the opportunity to share its experience with other states which have participated in United Nations peace-keeping operations. To this end he proposed that there should be an examination by interested governments of the problems and techniques of peace-keeping operations.

One of the main tasks confronting the United Nations is to find ways of strengthening and improving the peace-keeping capacity of the Organization, to learn from the experience gained in previous operations, and to seek more effective ways to perform this function in the future. The present meeting is a first step in that direction.

As I explained to the Standing Committee on External Affairs on July 9, the aim is to review the past experience of United Nations peace-keeping operations and to exchange views on the practical and technical problems which have been encountered in the course of these

operations. The meeting will provide an opportunity for an informal discussion of these problems among representatives of those countries which have made major contributions in men to United Nations peace-keeping operations; or have formed stand-by units for possible service with the United Nations, or announced their intention to do so.

Given the nature of the meeting it is intended that representation should be at the working level and drawn from persons, mainly military experts, with a practical knowledge of the problems. The exchange of views would be informal, confidential and without commitment.

The points for discussion cover such questions affecting the work of United Nations peace-keeping forces as:

Composition, command, control and liaison;

Training and operational problems;

Environmental operating information;

Logistic support;

Personnel administration;

Public relations;

Accounting procedures; and

Legal problems.

Members will note that all of these are practical and technical problems, the kind that must be faced whenever a United Nations peace-keeping force is organized. This is the first attempt to organize a meeting of this kind. Thus the meeting will be exploratory in nature and the discussions will concentrate on the practical and technical

problems involved in United Nations operations with a view to strengthening the capability of the participating governments to serve and support the United Nations.

The wider political issues surrounding the authorization, control and financing of United Nations operations are to be discussed at the United Nations. This meeting will not deal with how future peace-keeping operations are established or how they are financed. Nor will it attempt to set up a permanent United Nations force or to form co-ordinated stand-by arrangements.

We believe that the exchange of views will be fruitful and should prove of great value to the participating governments. No formal steps will be taken to draw conclusions and it will be for participating governments to decide what use to make of the information gained at the meeting.

We have already had informal assurances from the following governments that they are prepared to participate: Brazil, Colombia, Denmark, Finland, Ghana, India, Iran, Ireland, Italy, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Sweden, Tunisia and the United Arab Republic. Formal invitations have been extended to these and other governments and we are hopeful that a number of other countries will accept. The response has been most encouraging.

I have instructed our Permanent Representative at the United Nations to transmit the text of this statement to the Secretary-General of the United Nations this afternoon.

PEACE-KEEPING MEETING

Notes for Mr. Paul Martin's Statement to
Press Conference on Monday, October 26, 1964

As you know a meeting will be convened in Ottawa next week to consider the practical and technical problems of peace-keeping operations, such as those which the United Nations organized in the Middle East in 1956, in the Congo in 1960 and, most recently, in Cyprus.

We in Canada have long believed that there are a number of practical steps which could be taken, in the light of past experience, to strengthen and improve the peace-keeping capacity of the United Nations. It would be helpful, for example, if those countries which have participated in the major peace-keeping operations, and who may expect to be called upon for assistance in future United Nations peace-keeping activities, were to sit down together and exchange views on the practical and technical problems encountered in United Nations operations and to pool ideas based on their actual experience.

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This was the thought behind the Prime Minister's suggestion to the General Assembly in September, 1963, that interested governments should examine the problems and techniques of peace-keeping operations.

This is the purpose behind the Ottawa meeting. Most of the participants will be military men with experience of United Nations operations. Some will be civilians with an interest in the practical problems of peace-keeping. They will meet informally for a frank and confidential discussion of these problems - the kind that come up and have to be resolved on every occasion when the United Nations undertakes a peace-keeping operation.

We anticipate that the discussions will take place in three working groups. They will discuss such questions affecting the work of United Nations peace-keeping forces as:

- Composition, command, control and liaison;
- Training and operational problems;
- Environmental operating information;
- Logistic support;
- Personnel administration;
- Public relations;
- Accounting procedures; and
- Legal problems.

You will understand, I am sure, that since the discussions are planned as an informal and confidential exchange of views, the talks will take place in closed sessions. The press will, however, have an opportunity to be present at the opening meeting, when the Prime Minister will welcome the attending delegates. We have also planned for a demonstration by the Canadian stand-by battalion, to take place at Uplands Airport on the morning of Wednesday, November 4. There will be an opportunity for the press to be present at this demonstration.

As I emphasized in my statement to the House of Commons this afternoon, this meeting will not deal with any of the political problems of peace-keeping, such as the respective spheres of competence of the Security Council and the General Assembly or the problem of financing United Nations operations. These have to be decided in the United Nations itself. Nor is this meeting intended to lay the ground work for a permanent United Nations force.

We have already had informal assurances from the following governments that they are prepared to attend: Brazil, Colombia, Denmark, Finland, Ghana, India, Iran, Ireland, Italy, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Sweden, Tunisia and the United Arab Republic. Formal invitations have been extended to these and other governments and we are hopeful that a number of other

countries will accept. The response to our proposal has been most encouraging.

We are convinced that the meeting will serve a valuable purpose. It will enable representatives of many countries to exchange views on the special military and technical problems of peace-keeping. This has never been attempted before. This pooling of our common or shared experience in peace-keeping operations will serve to identify the problems; it may help to indicate how they can be dealt with more efficiently in the future, and it should have the practical benefit of improving the ability of the countries concerned to prepare on a national basis for participation in United Nations peace-keeping operations. In our view these are very worthwhile objectives and we have every confidence that the meeting will be a success.

PARTICIPANTS IN MEETING OF MILITARY EXPERTS TO
CONSIDER UNITED NATIONS PEACE-KEEPING OPERATIONS

NOVEMBER 2 - 6, 1964

(NOT INCLUDING CANADA)

NOTE

The attached names known as of noon, October 30th.

Names of delegates from Morocco, Pakistan, Senegal,
and Sierra Leone not yet received.

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Gen. Oswaldo de Araujo Motta (Mil. Advisor, Brazilian Mission to the United Nations)
Col. Flavio Souza Castro -(Air Attaché, Brazilian Emb.)
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Mr. P. Nogueira Batista (First Sec. Brazilian Emb.)
Mr. J.F. Lopes (Third Sec. Brazilian Emb.)

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Col. Jesus Velasquez
Lt. Col. José Robledo
Lt. Col. Augustin Angarita
Lt. Col. Federico Rincon

DENMARK

Maj. Gen. O. Blixenkrone-Moller (Chief of Army Staff - Hd of Del)
Lt. Col. M. Sund (Minister of Defence)
Maj. S.E. Eriksen (Army Command)
Mr. Ole Espersen (Assistant Professor International Law, University of Copenhagen)

FINLAND

Aarno Karhilo (Counsellor PMNY)
Col. Lauri Sutela (Minister of Defence)
Lt. Col. Uolevi Kettinen (General Staff)
Maj. A. Salin (General Staff)
Maj. L. Koho (Assistant M.A., Finnish Embassy, Washington)

GHANA

Ambassador Quaison-Sackey (Hd of Del)
Maj. Gen. J.A. Ankrah
Brig. N.A. Afari
Mr. Afari Assam (Secty)
Mr. E.P.K. Seddoh
Lt. Col. D.K. Addo (Ministry of Defence)

INDIA

~~Brig.~~ ^{Col.} D.S. Sidhu (Army) (Hd of Del)
Col. Dastur (MA Permis NY)
Mr. B.C. Mishra (1st Sec. Permis NY)

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(Chief of Mission Operations Committee)
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Col. Mohammad Madani (Strategical Intelligence Officer Supreme
Lt. Col. Manouchehr Khosrodad (Commanding Officer Army Special Forces)
Major Sadjadi Mehdyun (Air Force Operations Officer)
Dr. Ziaeddine Ghahary (Counsellor, Embassy of Iran)

IRELAND

(Hd of Del)
Mr. S. Ronan (Asst. Secretary, Department of External Affairs)
Col. E.D. Shortall (Director of Plans and Operations)
Col. T.L. O'Carroll (Deputy Quartermaster-General)
Lt. Col. J.J. Caseley (Adjutant - General's Branch)
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Mr. Stephen Kearney (Assistant Secretary, Department of Defence)

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Col. (air) G. Amati
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Col. Fabio Moizo
Dr. V. Tornetta (Minister - Counsellor NY)

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Col. Mazlan Bin Yunus
Mr. Zein Azari (Permanent Mission of Malaysia to United Nations)
Mr. Ismail Ambia (Malaysian Embassy, Washington)

NEW ZEALAND

Lt. Col. L.W. Wright (Army Attaché - New Zealand Embassy, Washington)

NIGERIA

Mr. E.O. Sanu (Nigerian Mission, United Nations, New York)

NORWAY

Maj. Gen. R. Kaldager (Hd of Del)
Lt. Col. G.C. Bowitz
Lt. Col. Bjørn Egge
Lt. Col. Arne Sørensen (Ministry of Defence)
Major Odd Øyen, M.D.
Mr. Per Ravne (Hd of Section MFA)

SENEGAL

Mr. Abdou Ciss (Chargé d'Affaires, Permanent Mission of Senegal to the United Nations)

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