

Canada Is Reported Ready To Aid Non-UN Peacekeeping

By DAVE McINTOSH
OTTAWA (CP)—Canada now is prepared, at least in principle, to take part in military peace-keeping operations other than those under the United Nations flag, informed sources say.

An example could be participation in a Common wealth peace-keeping force designed to help protect, say, Australia or India.

Informants say the Canadian Army's 4,000-man special airborne force with headquarters at Camp Petawawa, Ont., is designed for peace-keeping operations, not necessarily under the UN.

External Affairs Minister Martin has said a new type of Communist aggression — subversion — is occurring in South Viet Nam and, if allowed to succeed, might be employed elsewhere in Asia, in Latin America or in Africa.

Prime Minister Pearson has suggested creation of a peace-keeping force provided by the "international community" to guarantee any political settlement in Viet Nam.

LITTLE SUCCESS
Canada has had little success in promoting formation of an international force for UN service, partly because many UN members are opposed to the principle of collective financial responsibility for UN peace-keeping operations.

For instance, the UN force in Cyprus is financed by the seven countries providing contingents to it—Canada supplies the largest contingent, 1,120 men—and

by a "voluntary fund" at UN headquarters which has fallen short of need since it was established a year ago.

Thus policy-makers here have been casting around for some new method to promote international peace-keeping efforts which could be carried on outside the UN.

A few years ago, Canada declined to participate in a Western air defence system for India, under attack then by Red China.

Officials now suggest that under similar circumstances today, Canada would be more likely to join in than stay out.

New Building In Montreal Is Tallest In Commonwealth

MONTREAL (CP)—A towering green-black structure cornered by four long white columns has made its appearance on the skyline over the last two years—and is now the tallest building in the Commonwealth.

Rising 47 storeys over the city's financial district on St. James Street West, Place Victoria's \$45,000,000 stock exchange tower forms a connecting link between the old and new sections of the city—caught between the two.

The 624-foot building—six feet taller than Place Ville Marie in Montreal, the previous record holder—is the tallest reinforced concrete structure in the world, its four immense white concrete cornerposts set off against the anodized aluminum exterior.

Officially opening at the beginning of May, the tower will provide the financial district with a 40-storey shopping centre, five restaurants and bars, a 530-seat convention auditorium, and will become the heart of the district when the Montreal and Canadian stock ex-

changes move in at the beginning of October.

The new skyscraper is the first phase of an identical twin-tower project estimated to cost \$90,000,000. It is backed by European and American interests including Eram Corp., the Italian Economic Corp., and National Handelsbank.

"We've rented over 50 per cent of the 1,461,700 square feet of office space and should reach 60 per cent by May and 80 per cent by the end of October," said a spokesman for Place Victoria - St. Jacques Inc., a company set up by developers to handle construction and leasing.

Brinco Head Silent On Power Route

MONTREAL (CP)—The chairman of British Newfoundland Corp. has declined to speculate about which route the company might use to carry power from Churchill, formerly Hamilton Falls in Labrador to customers.

Robert Winters, who also is chief executive officer of Brinco, said, "We are now in a position to examine the various transmission alternatives on their merits."

He made the statement at the company's annual meeting. The company has two alternatives—by an undersea-overland route through Newfoundland and the Maritimes to the United States or through Quebec by an overland route.

The company examined the feasibility of an alternate route to transmit the power to U.S. markets following a breakdown in talks with Quebec last July. The talks were concerned with the possible sale of power from the falls to Hydro-Quebec, the provincially-owned power distribution company.

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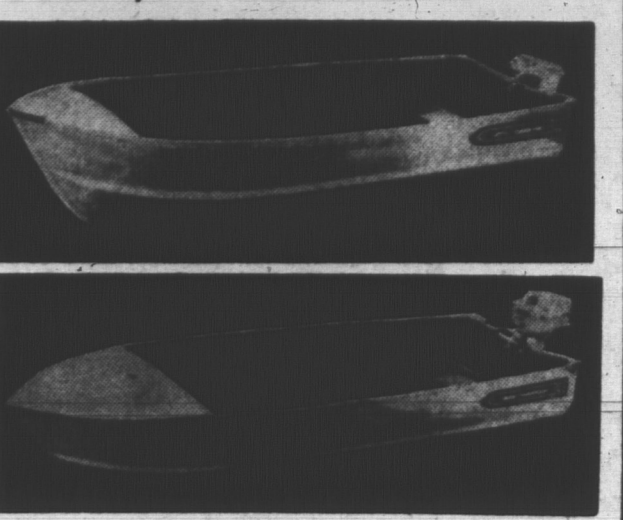
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Eviction Notice Is Served On Press Gallery Members

OTTAWA (CP) — Commons Speaker A. I. Macnaughton has served what amounts to an eviction notice on the parliamentary press gallery.

In a letter to gallery president James Stewart, Speaker Macnaughton set July 1 as the deadline for vacating a corridor in the centre block of the Parliament buildings where some 35 of the gallery's 128 members have their desks.

The corridor is an overflow from the gallery's main working room which Speaker Macnaughton proposes turning into a "hot room" with common facilities for writing and filing urgent news.

The letter marks the culmination of intermittent negotiations over several years with successive Speakers about space for the gallery whose members are newspaper, radio, TV and periodical reporters.

Last October, Speaker Macnaughton suggested that the gallery switch its main quarters to the North Building, a seven-storey government-owned structure on Wellington Street just across from Parliament Hill.

Two general meetings of the gallery on this offer resulted in a decision to find out whether the government could make more space available in the centre block.

REJECT PROPOSALS
In previous years, general meetings had rejected proposals for moving to the west block of the Parliament buildings.

The present gallery quarters are just off a second-floor corridor that runs between Commons and Senate chambers. There is a large common room and two smaller ones, one of which serves as a library-lounge.

These quarters have been occupied by the press since the centre block was reconstructed after fire in 1917 destroyed most of the original building. At that time, the gallery had about 30 members during parliamentary sessions and about 12 at other times.

Since then gallery membership has mushroomed, particularly in the last 10 years with the addition of broadcasters and more representatives of various Canadian publications. They spilled out into the corridor, now jammed with desks, filing cabinets and partitions.

Despite use of the corridor, about 50 gallery members have no desk space.

DON'T PAY RENT
Gallery members pay no rent. Desks, filing cabinets, office supplies and telephones are provided free. Speaker Macnaughton has estimated annual cost to the government at about \$100,000.

In his letter to Mr. Stewart Tuesday, the Speaker reported he had received a letter from Works Minister Cardin saying occupation of the corridor by the gallery constituted a serious fire hazard.

"I feel that we have reached a stage where a decision must now be made to eliminate this fire hazard and that a definite date must be set for such action."

Speaker Macnaughton said: "I am left with no alternative but to direct that the corridor be cleared without delay."

He was ready to give the gallery until July 1 to do so.

With his notice, Speaker Macnaughton copied three proposals for accommodating the gallery off Parliament Hill.

1. He renewed his offer of last October to arrange space in the North Building. Gallery members would be expected to pay rent, probably \$3.25 a square foot a year, exclusive of cleaning costs.

2. Hanover Estates Limited, a Canadian company, had acquired property on Sparks Street, one block from Parliament Hill, and was prepared to erect a modern building to be called the National Press Centre. Rental would be \$3.75 a square foot a year, exclusive of cleaning costs. If enough firm rental commitments were obtained, the firm would be ready to start work at once and the building would be ready by 1967.

3. FP Publications, which owns seven Canadian papers including the Ottawa Journal, was interested in the possibility of constructing a downtown building and would be prepared to reserve space for the gallery. MUST ARRANGE DEAL.

Speaker Macnaughton stressed that in the case of the Hanover Estates and FP Publications proposals it would be up to gallery members to work out arrangements with the principals.

Some press gallery members already rent private offices in downtown Ottawa for permanent desks and files, using gallery facilities only for fast-breaking news.

Gallery membership has been divided over the idea of moving from Parliament Hill.

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