

POWER, RALSTON CANADA CHIEFS AT AIR PARLEY

Plans Take Shape for United Nations Meeting in Ottawa Next Week

Ottawa, May 14 (CP).—Preparations for the United Nations air conference next week went forward today, and it was announced Air Minister Power and Defense Minister Ralston will be joint heads of the Canadian delegation, while Major Power will be chairman of the conference.

Air Vice-Marshal H. Edwards, Air Officer-in-Chief, R.C.A.F. overseas, will be one of the delegates.

The formal opening sitting has been set for Tuesday, but it is expected the delegations will get together informally on Monday. At the Tuesday sitting speeches by Prime Minister Mackenzie King and some heads of delegations will be broadcast.

Senior officers of the Royal Canadian Air Force as well as a representative of the Department of External Affairs and civilian officials of the Air Department will attend the conference as members of the Canadian delegation.

Apart from the wider aspects of the conference and its prospects of achieving greater air co-operation among the United Nations, the gathering will provide an opportunity for the first full-dress review of the measures of co-operation already under way among the nations of the British Commonwealth.

Training Plan Paramount.

The chief of these is the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan. Next week will bring representatives of the four countries participating in the plan together for the first time since the early months of the war, when the plan was drawn up.

After the main conference ends it

is expected representatives of the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand and Canada will work out arrangements for extension of the air-training plan agreement beyond its nominal expiry date, March 31, 1943.

Other problems connected both with the training of air crew in Canada under the plan and their service overseas after completing their training are expected to occupy the attention of the Empire delegations for several days.

These include the granting of commissions to all air crew personnel, which Canada favors, but has not yet been able to achieve, the grouping of Canadian air crew serving overseas in all-Canadian squadrons, and the relationship of the Royal Air Force schools now functioning in Canada to the plan schools which are wholly administered by the Royal Canadian Air Force. **Canadian Delegates.**

Other members of the Canadian delegation are: S. L. de Carteret, Deputy Air Minister; Air Marshal L. S. Breadner, Chief of Air Staff; Air

Marshal G. O. Johnson, Deputy Chief of the Air Staff; A. D. P. Heeney, Clerk of the Privy Council; L. B. Pearson, Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs; H. A. Dyde, Special Assistant to the Air Minister; Air Vice-Marshal R. Leckie, Air Member for Training.

Air Vice-Marshal H. Edwards, Air Officer-in-Chief, Royal Canadian Air Force Overseas; Air Commodore A. T. N. Cowley, Air Member for Organization; Air Commodore K. G. Nairn, Air Member for Accounts and Finance; Air Commodore G. V. Walsh, Air Attache, Washington; T. Sheard, Air Member for Supply; Group Captain E. E. Middleton, Acting Air Member for Personnel; H. G. Norman, Financial Adviser for the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan.

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