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RCAF Yukon transport for the Dark Continent. He will lead a seven-man RCAF team to make final arrangements for Canadian support of a British airlift of oil products to Zamb

bia. The party will go to Leopoldville, The Congo, en route to Zambia where they will set up liaison with the RAF commander. (CP Wirephoto from National Defence)

Erhard Displays No Haste In Pushing Nuclear Aims

By JOHN HEFFERNAN
WASHINGTON (Reuters) — Chancellor Erhard has ended his talks with President Johnson without getting firm U.S. commitment to do anything about helping West Germany play a bigger role in wielding the nuclear power of the Atlantic Alliance.

This did not seem to disturb Erhard and the West German delegation.

In contrast to the urgency displayed in the past, Erhard was agreeable to Johnson's suggestion that decisions be postponed and that the issue be thoroughly aired in the special NATO com-

mittee formed at last month's ministerial conference. **APPEARS DEAD**
The U.S.-proposed multilateral nuclear force of surface ships (the MLF appears kaput, and no other solution is in sight.

Among the ideas with which Erhard came to Washington was a proposal for co-ownership of a fleet of Polaris submarines, which would be provided by Britain and the U.S.

West German sources Tuesday put much less emphasis on this particular idea than had been reported from Bonn before the delegation left. Erhard gave public expres-

sion to his flexible approach by stressing to a National Press Club luncheon that he is not tied to any specific project, and wants to work towards a common solution that would satisfy West Germany's desire for a "say" in nuclear affairs.

The problem of nuclear sharing no doubt will be discussed further when the defence ministers of Britain, the United States, West Germany, The Netherlands and Italy meet here next month as members of the working group on nuclear planning of the special NATO defence ministers committee. No other NATO countries seem interested.

WILL BE MAIN FORUM

The committee, formed in Paris last month at the suggestion of Robert McNamara, the U.S. secretary of defence, is expected to be the main forum for the future nuclear discussions. When and whether these dis-

cussions will lead to any decisions is uncertain.

West German sources were unwilling to commit themselves even to saying that their government wants an actual physical share in a nuclear weapons system, although that still is alleged to be Bonn's desire.

It is the U.S. hope that somehow, the nuclear arrangements

NATO eventually makes will satisfy the Soviet Union that they are not in violation of any agreement to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons.

In this regard, Erhard's spokesman said that a U.S. veto over the use of nuclear weapons is explicit in any of the projected schemes.

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