

'Arm Before It's Too Late,' Acheson Warns

North Atlantic Treaty Organization Also Told Belgian Envoy's Fear War May Come

OTTAWA, Sept. 15 (AP)—Secretary of State Acheson was reported tonight to have called on the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Council in blunt words to get to the business of arming against aggression or run the risk of being too late.

An informed source said Acheson told a secret meeting of the 12-nation council "the time is running short."

Acheson's was the second grim warning sounded to the council today. At the opening session this morning, Council President Paul van Zeeland of Belgium cautioned that war may come before the Atlantic defense force is ready unless delays and deficiencies are eliminated quickly.

Night Session Called

The disclosure of the Acheson talk came as the council decided to have a night session in an effort to conclude its review of the world situation on its opening day here.

It will be in position then to begin discussion Monday morning on an eight-point agenda adopted this afternoon.

British Foreign Secretary Herbert Morrison and French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman also spoke at the afternoon closed session. Acheson gave the Council a review of the American-British-French talks held in Washington.

Greece, Turkey Taken In

The Council agreed to take up a U.S. proposal that Greece and Turkey be brought into the defense alliance to safeguard the Eastern Mediterranean against aggression.

Meanwhile it was learned that a committee report which is expected to be placed before the Council next week contains

a statement by Gen. Eisenhower, supreme commander of NATO forces, outlining his requirements and urging a speed-up of delivery.

The initial declarations this afternoon were regarded as so top secret that the Council's briefing officers were not permitted to give reporters even a hint of what the speakers said.

Keep Door Open

But a source close to Morrison indicated he, too, had joined in the plea for more speed.

Informed quarters said the British, although urging expansion of the arms program and broadening of the general aims of the NATO, are insisting that nothing be done here that might close the door to a possible settlement with Russia.

These quarters called attention to a speech made by Morrison in Washington Thursday stressing a belief that the Russian people want peace just as much as do the people of the west.