

The Governor General then replied:-

Mr. Minister,

It affords me great pleasure to receive in the name of His Majesty The King the Letter of Credence by which you are accredited as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Canada by the President of the Czechoslovak Republic.

The establishment in Canada of a Czechoslovak Legation is cordially welcomed by the Canadian Government and I am pleased that your relations with Canada are to continue as the first diplomatic representative here of the Czechoslovak Republic.

I deeply appreciate your reference to present-day Canada and to the historical connection between our two peoples, extending from the early days of our history.

I am particularly interested in your happy reference to Prince Rupert, for both Princess Alice and I are descended from Prince Rupert's family. It, therefore, gives me great pleasure personally as well as officially to welcome here a representative of the country of Prince Rupert's birth.

To-day our countries are linked in making common cause with the other United Nations in the struggle for the preservation of the ideals we all hold of Christianity, freedom and democracy.

The Canadian people have seen with sympathy and admiration the courageous resistance offered by your people to the cruel invader and are proud to have our armed forces associated with yours in Great Britain in the great task of restoring freedom to the world.

Your faith in your national motto, "The Truth Will Prevail", has carried your nation through the troublous past and we are convinced, with you, that this faith will not be in vain in the present struggle.

The Canadian Government welcome this occasion of further strengthening the friendly ties which bind our countries together and you may rely upon their wholehearted co-operation in the discharge of your important mission.

3. Dr. Caio de Mello Franco, new Brazilian Minister, arrived in Ottawa on August 21. He presented his Letter of Credence and the Letter of Recall of his predecessor, Mr. Joao Alberto Lins de Barros, to the Deputy Governor General, Sir Lyman Duff, P.C., G.C.M.G., on August 28th.