

In addition, there were 512 locally-engaged employees on strength abroad at the end of 1959, compared with 504 last year.

Two heads of post retired from the foreign service in 1959—Mr. P. E. Renaud, Canadian Ambassador to Chile, and Mr. L. Dana Wilgress, who served as the Permanent Representative of Canada to the North Atlantic Council from 1953 until 1958. On August 1, 1959, Mr. Wilgress was appointed Chairman, Canadian Section, Canada-United States Permanent Joint Board on Defence.

The first round of the programme of visits to posts abroad, initiated by the Inspection Service in 1956, was completed in November 1959. During the year a total of twenty centres in Europe, Asia and Africa were visited. In continuation of past practice the inspection teams included, when possible, representatives of Trade and Commerce, Finance, Treasury Board and the Civil Service Commission.

The Department acquired new chancery quarters in Prague and Copenhagen, while additional office space was leased in Beirut and Tel Aviv. The congestion in the chancery in New Delhi was relieved by the leasing of an annex. Rental increases for office space were approved at Pretoria, Santiago, Wellington and Copenhagen. The lease of the existing chancery in Mexico was renewed.

Leases for official residences of heads of post have been re-negotiated or renewed at San Francisco, Santiago, Seattle and Tel Aviv. Official residences have been established in new premises at Athens, Cairo, New York (Permanent Representative to the United Nations), and Rome. An increased rental for the official residence in Manila has been approved. An official residence has been purchased in Mexico.

Accommodation for staff was leased at Beirut, Belgrade, Bonn, Djakarta, Moscow (2), New Delhi (2), Tehran (4) and Ankara (2). At three posts—Ankara, Belgrade and New Delhi—leases of staff accommodation were renewed, while three staff accommodations in Accra were relocated.

Furnishings schemes, in full or in part, were undertaken at the following:

- (a) Chanceries: Brussels, Paris (Permanent Delegation to the North Atlantic Council), Copenhagen, Lagos;
- (b) Official Residences: Athens, Stockholm, Seattle, New York (Consul General), New York (UN), Washington, Belgrade, Cairo;
- (c) Staff Quarters: Ankara, Beirut, Belgrade, Bonn, Djakarta, Moscow (2), New Delhi, Prague (2), Tehran (5), Tokyo, Warsaw.