

Soviet agrément to the appointment of Wilgress as Minister at Kuibyshev was given to the British Ambassador at Kuibyshev on October 22nd.

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*Mémorandum du sous-secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
au Premier ministre*

*Memorandum from Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs
to Prime Minister*

Ottawa, July 2, 1943

The Swedish Consul General saw the Prime Minister this afternoon on instructions from his Government. He informed him that the Swedish Government is desirous to change its Consulate General in Canada into a Legation and to request, in the near future, agrément for a Minister, the Swedish Parliament having granted the necessary appropriations. Mr. Wijkman wished to make it clear that, though his Government would very warmly welcome the appointment of a Canadian Minister to Stockholm, they were not raising the question of reciprocity. The Prime Minister assured him that we would be glad to receive a Swedish Minister and that he hoped we would eventually be able to accredit a Canadian Minister in Sweden. In the meantime, there were a number of other countries, among which he mentioned Mexico, to which we were under some obligation to accredit a Minister before undertaking an exchange of diplomatic representatives with Sweden.

I told Mr. Wijkman that I hoped it would be convenient for the announcement of the Swedish Legation to be made simultaneously here and in Stockholm, and it was desirable that the announcement be planned for 3 p.m. on a weekday afternoon so that the announcement from Ottawa could be made on the Orders of the Day.³⁸

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³⁸Voir Canada, Chambre des Communes, *Débats*, 1943, volume 5, p.4820. Le consul général, Per Wijkman, fut nommé ministre.

³⁸See Canada, House of Commons, *Debates*, 1943, Volume 5, pp.4686-7. The Consul General, Per Wijkman, was appointed Minister.