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ICAO Canadian Delegation: The Department of External Affairs announced Thursday the composition of the Canadian Delegation to the Conference of the International Civil Aviation Organization to be held in Geneva, Switzerland, commencing on November 3.

The Canadian Delegation will be headed by Mr. J.R. Baldwin, Assistant Secretary of the Cabinet, while the other members will be: Mr. A.C. McKim, Vice-President of Trans-Canada Airlines and former Council Member for Canada on ICAO, and Mr. O.G. Stoner of the Department of External Affairs.

All member states of ICAO will attend this Conference during the course of which an attempt will be made to draft a Multilateral Agreement on Commercial Rights in the Air.

Misunderstanding Investigated: The attention of the Department of External Affairs has been drawn to the possibility that an employee of the Polish Legation in Ottawa was responsible for the decision of two Polish girls who came to Canada from displaced persons camps in Germany to leave their employment in Ottawa in order to take up positions in Toronto.

As such an action by an employee of a diplomatic or consular mission in Canada would be improper, particularly as one of the girls was engaged in a category of employment to which the Canadian Government is attempting to direct immigrant labour, the Department called this matter to the attention of Dr. Z.R. Bielski, Charge d'Affaires ad interim of the Polish Legation in Ottawa.

Dr. Bielski stated immediately that this was the first he had heard of the alleged activity of an employee of the Polish Legation. If the allegation were true, he agreed that the action of the employee was reprehensible and he would take steps to ensure that activities of this kind should not recur. He said that he would investigate the allegation at once.

Dr. Bielski looked into this matter and established to his satisfaction that, although a member of his staff had, in fact, visited the Polish girls, it was for an altogether different purpose from that alleged, and that at no time did his employee urge the girls to leave their present employment. The employee had heard that a Polish girl was in Ottawa and went to visit her to discover whether she could be of any assistance to the newly arrived girl. The two Polish girls had already decided to leave Ottawa for Toronto where jobs were being arranged, possibly by a Polish-Canadian association and this decision could not therefore have been the responsibility of the Legation employee.

Dr. Bielski has advised his employee that, in view of the public criticism which had been occasioned by this incident, actions of this sort should not be repeated. He added that he thought that part of the misunderstanding might have arisen because of language difficulties.

Moscow Appointment: The Department of External Affairs announced today that Mr. J.W. Holmes, First Secretary at the office of the High Commissioner for Canada in London, has been posted to the Canadian Embassy at Moscow as Charge d'Affaires, replacing Mr. R.A.D. Ford who has been transferred to the High Commissioner's office in London as First Secretary.

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