

(I) PASSPORTS AND VISAS

1. CONFERENCE BETWEEN CANADIAN AND UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVES ON PASSPORT AND VISA REGULATIONS

A series of meetings were held at Ottawa on the 11th and 12th of November, 1940, between officials of the Governments of Canada and the United States for the purpose of discussing revisions in the existing regulations governing movement across the Canadian-United States border. The Canadian representatives were headed by the Hon. T. A. Crerar, Minister of Mines and Resources, and the United States representatives by the Hon. Robert H. Jackson, Attorney General of the United States.

The following Joint Press Release was issued on November 12, 1940:

"Canadian and American delegations, headed respectively by Hon. T. A. Crerar, Minister of Mines and Resources, and Hon. Robert H. Jackson, Attorney General of the United States, met yesterday and to-day in an attempt to work out methods of speeding up and simplifying the formalities necessary for border crossing, while at the same time arranging for closer co-operation between the two countries with regard to protecting the frontier against passage of subversive elements. With regard to the speeding up and simplification of border crossing, alternative plans were suggested which will be considered in further detail by the competent services of the two countries and subsequently by the Governments themselves, but they will in any event include provision for a simplified crossing where the Immigrant inspectors are satisfied of an emergency which admits of no delay.

With regard to the policing of the border, arrangements have been made for extension of the co-operation between the police and immigration services of the two Governments which has already been very close. Details as to policing arrangements are not to be announced."

2. SEAMEN'S IDENTIFICATION CERTIFICATES

The Department of Transport has completed arrangements to issue an official Seamen's Identification Certificate to Canadian citizens or other British subjects legally landed in Canada who are employed as merchant seamen on vessels registered in Canada. This Certificate contains full details regarding the individual seaman, his name, address, height, dis-