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Six Diplomatic Appointments Announced: Prime Minister Mackenzie King today announced six important diplomatic appointments involving Canadian representation in Ireland, China, South Africa, Belgium, Luxembourg, Chile and the United States. The appointments follow:-

- Hon. W.F.A. Turgeon, formerly Ambassador to Belgium and Minister to Luxembourg, to be High Commissioner to Ireland.
- Hon. Mr. Justice T.C. Davis, formerly High Commissioner to Australia, to be Ambassador to China.
- E. D'Arcy McGreer, formerly Counsellor in the Canadian Embassy to Belgium, to be High Commissioner to The Union of South Africa.
- Victor Dore, C.M.G., formerly Superintendent of Education for the Province of Quebec, nominated by Canadian Government, subject to approval of the Prince Regent of Belgium, as Ambassador to Belgium and Minister to Luxembourg.
- C. Fraser Elliott, C.M.G., formerly Deputy Minister of National Revenue for Taxation, to be Ambassador to Chile.
- T.A. Stone, formerly Counsellor in the Canadian Embassy to the United States, to be Minister in the same Embassy.

Canada Supports U.N. Membership for Eire, Portugal: The Canadian delegation to the United Nations General Assembly has criticized the action of the Security Council in rejecting applications for membership from Portugal and Eire and supported an Egyptian motion to send the applications back to the Council for reconsideration. In the Council the Soviet delegate had exercised the veto to disapprove applications from Eire, Portugal and Trans-Jordan because they have no diplomatic recognition from Russia.

In making the Canadian presentation, Dana Wilgress, Canadian ambassador to Russia, said the Assembly could not be regarded "merely as a rubber stamp" for the Council's recommendations. The U.N. Charter "clearly" states in article 4 that the organization is open to "all other peace-loving states -- which accept the obligations contained in the present charter -- and in the judgment of the organization are able and willing to carry out these obligations." The Canadian delegation's opinion was that the ground on which the veto had been exercised was not in accord with "either the letter or the spirit" of the article.

Mr. Wilgress said that, while "many of us may not agree with the attitude of Ireland during the war," that attitude showed the Irish "placed a rich value on peace" and also that Eire is "fully able to carry out independently whatever policies are espoused by the Irish people." He added that Canada's delegation also believed Portugal is fully eligible and "moreover her entry into the organization is desirable..."

He said there was "some doubt" about the ability of Trans-Jordan to carry out charter obligations independently and, before advocating her membership, Canada would "like to have an opportunity of examining more closely" her position. (CP).

Canada Agrees to U.S. Trucking on Alaska Highway: Authorization has been given for shipment of goods in bond from points in the United States to points in Alaska and from Alaska to the United States over the Alaska Highway and connecting roads. "This action has been taken in implementation of undertakings of the Canadian government which were made at the time authorization was given to the United States government to construct the Alaska Highway," the announcement said.

The road has continued to be used only as a military highway except by special permit. The action was "taken in anticipation of the time when facilities on the Highway will be such as to warrant opening the road to general civilian traffic."

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