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The Department of External Affairs Bulletin was last issued for the month of November, 1942. Thereafter staff shortages and pressure of other work made its suspension necessary. It was intended, however, to resume publication whenever this was practicable and it has now been possible to do so. The new series of Bulletins will begin with the issue of November, 1943.

The Bulletin is intended as a convenient reference guide to international agreements in which Canada participates, to official statement issued by the Department or by the Prime Minister concerning External Affairs, and to appointments and changes among the diplomatic representatives in Ottawa and within the Canadian External Service. It is not primarily intended to provide a full news and information account in any way. In almost all cases full accounts of international agreements and official statements are available from other sources. It is hoped that as a record the Bulletin will be useful and relatively complete.

In order that there may not be a total gap between the Bulletin of November, 1942, and that of November, 1943, the events of the intervening period which would ordinarily have been recorded in monthly issues of the Bulletin have been very briefly catalogued in two shortened instalments covering the period December, 1942, to May, 1943 and June, 1943 to October, 1943. It is realized that the "news value" of these will be nil, but they may be useful for completing reference records.

Beginning with the issue of November, 1943, it is intended that the Bulletin will continue to appear regularly each month.