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The Department of External Affairs announced today, that Mr. Leslie Godwin Chance, C.B.E., M.C., is being granted leave of absence to take up the position of Chief of the Department of Administration in the Provisional Intergovernmental Committee for the Movement of Migrants from Europe (PICMME), with headquarters at Geneva.

Mr. Chance, who entered the Government Service of Canada in 1919, joined the Department of External Affairs in October 1946, after war service in the United States as Secretary of the British Supply Council in North America, and Secretary of the British Merchant Shipping Mission. He was the first head of the Consular Division which was established in the Department of External Affairs in January 1947 and has served as its head until the present time.

Mr. Chance attended the first session of the United Nations Ad Hoc Committee on Statelessness and Related Problems as Canadian Representative and was elected Chairman. He also represented Canada at the United Nations Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Status of Refugees and Stateless Persons in Geneva in July 1951.

Mr. Chance, who will be accompanied by his wife, will leave Ottawa about the middle of June to take up his post in Geneva on July 1, 1952.
