

COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN REPRESENTATIVES IN CANADA

1. Mr. George S. Depasta on June 5th presented to His Excellency the Governor General at Government House the Letter of Credence by which His Majesty the King of the Hellenes accredits him as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Canada. Mr. Depasta, who is the first diplomatic representative of Greece in Canada, obtained his degree of Doctor in Law from the University of Athens. He took a supplementary course in political science and entered the diplomatic service of his country in 1909, serving in Turkey, Rumania, France, England, Egypt and Italy. Mr. Depasta was Consul General of Greece at Chicago from 1924 to 1933 when he was transferred to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Athens, being promoted to the rank of Minister in 1935. Prior to his present appointment as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Greece to Canada, Mr. Depasta was Minister-Counsellor of the Royal Greek Legation in Washington.

Mr. Norman Robertson, Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, presented Mr. Depasta to His Excellency the Governor General. The new Minister delivered a short address to which His Excellency replied. Mr. Howard Measures of the Department of External Affairs was present, and members of the Governor General's staff were in attendance.

2. The Prime Minister of Norway, the Hon. Johan Nygaardsvold, arrived in Halifax on June 15th and paid brief visits to Montreal, Toronto and Ottawa. The Prime Minister was accompanied by Mr. Sven Nielsen, Norwegian Minister without Portfolio, and Mr. Hans C. Berg, Counsellor of the Norwegian Legation in London. The party was accompanied by Mr. Daniel Steen, Norwegian Minister in Canada, during their visit to Ottawa, at which time they were received by the Prime Minister and members of the Cabinet. During their visit to Canada the party was taken to inspect the Norwegian naval training unit and the Norwegian manning pool in Halifax and Lunenburg and also to the Norwegian air training establishment at Little Norway, in Toronto.

3. The following press statement was issued on June 16, 1942, following the arrival in Canada of Her Majesty the Queen of the Netherlands:

Her Majesty The Queen of the Netherlands has arrived in Ottawa prior to proceeding with Her Royal Highness Princess Juliana to the United States.

His Excellency the Governor General and Her Royal Highness Princess Alice have invited Her Majesty The Queen, and the members of her party, to stay at Government House. His Excellency and Her Royal Highness are at present on a tour of Western Ontario.

Her Majesty The Queen was met on her arrival at the airport near Ottawa by Her Royal Highness Princess Juliana, by the Prime Minister of Canada, and Major Geoffrey Eastwood, Comptroller of the Governor General's Household, and by Count W. van Rechteren Limpurg, Charge d'Affaires of the Netherlands Legation and Mrs. F.E.H. Groenman.