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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, today announced the publication of Documents on Canadian External Relations, volume 11 (1944-45, Part II). This volume, which concentrates on the Canadian contribution to planning for peace, completes the published documentary record of Canadian foreign policy during the Second World War. Volume 10, which appeared in 1989, deals with other aspects of foreign policy in 1944-45, especially as it related to the conduct of the war.

Among the subjects dealt with in volume 11 are the Bretton Woods Conference and the creation of the International Monetary Fund and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the reduction of trade barriers, the regulation of civil aviation, the establishment of the United Nations, and the control of atomic energy. The Commonwealth receives considerable attention, since the only Commonwealth Prime Ministers' meeting during the war was held in 1944. Also dealt with are the return to peacetime relations with the United States and other countries. Relations with France were normalized as a result of her liberation from the enemy, and those with the Soviet Union were affected by the defection of Igor Gouzenko from the Soviet Embassy in Ottawa.

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