

6. Announcement by the Prime Minister that the Hon. E. Stuart McDougall, Judge of the Court of the King's Bench in the Province of Quebec, and Brigadier H.G. Nolan, C.B.E., M.C., Vice Judge Advocate General at N.D.H.Q., had been nominated to represent Canada as judge and associate prosecutor, respectively, at the trial of major Far Eastern war criminals by an International Military Tribunal in Japan. January 19.
7. Announcement by the Prime Minister that General A.G.L. McNaughton had been appointed as Special Ambassador to represent Canada at the inauguration of the newly elected President of Brazil, His Excellency, General Eurico Gaspar Dutra. January 21.
8. Announcement by the Prime Minister that the Canadian Government had agreed to receive an Italian representative in Ottawa. The Italian Government has appointed Count Carlo Fecia di Cossato, who will have the personal rank of Consul-General. His assistant will be Count Roberto Riccardi.
9. Announcement that an agreement had been reached between the Governments of the United Kingdom and Canada to transfer all German prisoners of war from Canada to the United Kingdom. January 29.
10. Announcement by the Prime Minister that Canada would be represented at a North American Regional Broadcast Engineering Conference to be held in Washington on February 4. The Chairman of the Canadian delegation will be Mr. F.H. Soward, Department of External Affairs. January 29.
11. Announcement by the Prime Minister that the Government of Canada had observed with satisfaction the steps recently taken in Austria resulting in the re-establishment of an autonomous Austrian state and of an independent Austrian Government. January 30.

(b) Other Announcements.

On January 2 the Minister of Finance announced the formation of an informal committee under the Chairmanship of Mr. Hector B. McKinnon, Chairman of the Tariff Board and President of the Commodity Prices Stabilization Corporation. The committee is composed of the following officials:

M.W. Mackenzie,	Deputy Minister of Trade and Commerce
David Sim,	Deputy Minister of National Revenue (Customs and Excise)
W.A. Mackintosh	Acting Deputy Minister of Finance
W.J. Callaghan	Commissioner of Tariff
J.G. Taggart	Department of Agriculture
S.D. Pierce	Department of External Affairs.

Dr. C.A. Annis will act as secretary, and Mr. R. Cousineau as associate secretary.

This committee was formed to afford to those wishing to do so an opportunity to make representations to the Government on matters affecting trade and tariffs. During recent years it has been impossible for Ministers to hear extended representations with regard to such matters. In the present circumstances interest extends beyond the question of tariffs as such and touches the tariff and trade-regulation treatment of Canadian exports by other countries. In these matters several Ministers are concerned and it would be impossible to arrange opportunities for those desiring to make representations to do so in the presence of all the Ministers responsible for these matters. It was for this reason that it was felt desirable to appoint the committee.