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COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN REPRESENTATIVES IN CANADA1. Appointment of Ministers to Canada from Norway, Poland and Yugoslavia, Statement by Prime Minister, February 9, 1942

Perhaps I might say a word with respect to legations to be opened shortly in Ottawa. I notice in the press of this morning reference to Norway opening a legation in the city. I might say that there have been requests from Norway and from Poland and Yugoslavia to have legations established in Ottawa. Requests have been received from other countries, but I mention these three in particular. Careful consideration has been given to the requests, and the government has decided to accept them. We are pleased to have in the capital of Canada diplomatic representatives of these countries which have been playing such heroic parts in the present great world struggle.

The first legation to be opened will be that of Norway. The Norwegian minister will be Mr. Daniel Steen who has been consul general of Norway in Canada for many years. The first Polish minister will be Mr. Victor Podoski, who came to this country as consul general of Poland at the outbreak of the war. Both these gentlemen, now raised to the rank of minister plenipotentiary in the service of their respective countries, are held in high regard and esteem by the Canadian government and all those who have had the pleasure of meeting them. I may add that the first minister of Yugoslavia to Canada will be Doctor Isidor Cankar, who has had a distinguished career in the diplomatic service of his country and is at present Yugoslav minister to the Argentine republic.

Perhaps I should mention also that Greece has indicated a desire to have a minister resident at Ottawa and that request is being considered at the present time. With respect to the reciprocal appointments of ministers to other countries, it is understood that the matter of reciprocation will stand over until the end of the war.

2. Presentation of Letter of Credence by Dr. Liu Shih Shun, Minister of China, February 26, 1942.

Dr. Liu Shih Shun, the first diplomatic representative in Canada of China, this morning presented to His Excellency the Governor General at Government House the Letter of Credence by which the President of the National Government of the Republic of China accredits him as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Canada.

Dr. Liu was introduced to the Governor General by the Under Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Norman Robertson.

The new Minister presented to His Excellency the Governor General the members of his staff:

Mr. Li Chao, Counsellor
 Mr. Houang Ke-Louen, Second Secretary
 Mr. Liu Te-yen, Attache
 Mr. Chan Chung-yuan, Attache
 Mr. Mao Yun-an, Attache