

(B) COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN REPRESENTATIVES IN CANADA

1. On October 21, 1942, Mr. Feodor T. Gousev, the first diplomatic representative in Canada of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, presented to His Excellency The Governor General at Government House the Letter of Credence accrediting him as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Canada.

Mr. Gousev was introduced to the Governor General by Mr. Norman Robertson, Under Secretary of State for External Affairs. The new minister delivered a short address, to which His Excellency the Governor General replied. Mr. Howard Measures of the Department of External Affairs was present and the Minister presented to the Governor General the following members of his Legation staff:

Mr. Gregori I. Tounkin, Counsellor
Mr. Sergei M. Kudriavtzev, First Secretary
Mr. Ivan I. Krotov, Commercial Attache
Mr. Vitali G. Pavlov, Second Secretary
Mr. Roman N. Ovsienko, Third Secretary
Mr. Feodor I. Vidiasov, Attache
Mr. Ivan I. Volenko, Attache
Mr. Nikolai P. Uspenski, Attache

Mr. Gousev was born on April 29, 1905 in the village of Zakropivenie, Leningrad district. After attending the local school and the pedagogical high school he worked as a school teacher. In 1932 he graduated from the State University of Leningrad and worked in the Executive Committee of the Soviets of the Leningrad district.

Mr. Gousev was appointed in 1937 to the People's Commissariat for Foreign Affairs of the U.S.S.R. For three years prior to his present appointment as Minister to Canada he was head of the Second European Department of the People's Commissariat for Foreign Affairs, which deals with affairs relating to the British Commonwealth of Nations.

Mr. Gousev is accompanied to Ottawa by his wife and small daughter. They are at present residing at the Chateau Laurier Hotel.

Address by Mr. Feodor T. Gousev, Minister of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics when Presenting his Letter of Credence to His Excellency The Governor General October 21, 1942.

Your Excellency:

I have the honour to present you with the Letter of Credence accrediting me as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to Canada.

I esteem it a high privilege to be the first Minister of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to Canada and I