

CANADA AT THE UNITED NATIONS

MR. IGNATIEFF RAPPORTEUR: The Interim Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations elected George Ignatieff, of Canada, rapporteur at its first meeting of 1949, at Lake Success, on January 31.

Alexandre Parodi, France, nominated Mr. Ignatieff and Nasrollah Entezam, Iran, seconded the nomination. The number of ballots cast was 41; one was blank. Mr. Ignatieff received 38 votes and was elected.

Mr. Ignatieff thanked the Committee for his election.

STUART GRAHAM APPOINTMENT: Following an announcement on February 3 by the International Civil Aviation Organization that an Air Navigation Commission has been established, the Minister of Transport, Mr. Chevrier, has announced the appointment of Stuart Graham, A.F.C., Superintendent of Air Regulations, as Canada's official delegate on that Commission.

The Air Navigation Commission has been formed from the air navigation committee which was established more than a year ago under the Council of ICAO. Mr. Graham has been the Canadian representative on this committee and was elected its Chairman. The Council is the executive body, which conducts all negotiations between the overall organization and the governments, the international organizations and other bodies.

Air Navigation Committee meetings have been held continuously over the past twelve months to determine the availability of air navigation facilities, and the requirements within the

regions served by the member states for the safety, regularity, and efficiency of international civil air traffic.

As a result of these meetings, and preliminary organization work in establishing a functioning group within the framework of the Council, a permanent Commission on navigation has been established and a full range of operating standards completed for future operations.

Canada's delegate, Stuart Graham, has been associated with aviation since the First World War when he served with the Royal Naval Air Service, later incorporated into the Royal Air Force. He was awarded the Air Force Cross for his operations in anti-submarine activity.

Born in Boston, Massachusetts, of Canadian parents, Mr. Graham spent his boyhood in Windsor and Wolfville, N.S. After the First War he pioneered in commercial flying, particularly in aerial photography, timber cruising, and later in passenger and freight transportation.

He joined the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1928 for photographic Survey work, and transferred later to the Civil Aviation Division, then under the jurisdiction of the Department of National Defence. This division was placed under the Department of Transport when the department was formed in 1936.

Mr. Graham has successively held the posts of District Inspector, Civil Aviation for Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, Chief Inspector of Airways, and Superintendent of Air Regulations.