

(C) COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES
IN CANADA.

On July 13, 1945 Hon. Alfred Stirling, O.B.E., arrived to take up his duties as High Commissioner for the Commonwealth of Australia.

On July 20, H.E. A. Paternotte de la Vaillee, the Belgian Ambassador, presented his Letter of Credence to the Governor General. (Press Release No.48, July 20.)

The following changes have taken place at the French Embassy:

Mr. Bernard de Menthon arrived to take up his duties as Counsellor on May 11; Mr. Michel Dumont of the Information Office of the French Committee of National Liberation, was appointed as Attache on May 11; Mr. G. Paul-Boncour left on July 13 for a visit to France and in his absence, Mr. Bernard LeChartier will be acting Commercial Counsellor; Mr. Raoul-Duval, First Secretary, left on July 19 for Salonika where he has been appointed Consul-General for France.

On June 28 Mr. William Fry arrived to assume his duties as First Secretary at the Peruvian Embassy.

Changes at the United States Embassy include the following:

Mr. Edward A. Dow took up his duties as Second Secretary on June 19; Mr. Robert W. Rinden was appointed in the same capacity on July 12; Miss Katherine E. O'Connor, Second Secretary, left Ottawa in July to take up her duties at the United States Legation in South Africa.

(D) VISITS OF COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN DIGNITARIES
AND OFFICIALS.

On May 1, the Hon. H.A. Winter, Commissioner of Justice and Defence for Newfoundland, accompanied by Mr. H.G. Puddester, Secretary of Justice, and Mr. H.A.L. Pattison, Director of Civil Aviation, visited Ottawa, and were guests at a luncheon given by Colonel the Hon. Colin Gibson, Minister of National Defence for Air.

On June 28, the Rt. Hon. Jan C. Smuts, Prime Minister of the Union of South Africa, visited Ottawa as the guest of His Excellency, the Governor-General. Field Marshal Smuts attended an official dinner at Government House and a Canadian Club Luncheon at the Chateau Laurier, inspected a Guard of Honour at the War Memorial, and after laying a Wreath on the Memorial, presented South African Medals to a number of Canadian Army nursing sisters who served in South Africa during this war. Mr. Robert Jones, Acting Accredited Representative for the Union of South Africa, held a reception in honour of the Field Marshal at the Chateau Laurier. (Press Release No.43, June 27.)

On June 28, the Regent of Iraq, Prince Abdul Ilah arrived in Toronto at the beginning of a seven-day visit to Canada. He came to Ottawa on June 29 and was a guest at Government House. On June 30 the Prime Minister gave a dinner at the Country Club on behalf of the Government of Canada. On July 2, the Regent proceeded to Montreal where he was taken on a tour of the city and the harbour by Hon. Ernest Bertrand, Minister of Fisheries. Mr. Gilles Sicotte of the Department accompanied the Regent's party from the time of his departure from Ottawa until he left by air for the United Kingdom. (Press Releases No.41, June 18, No.44, June 27.)