

and other members of the staff of the Consulates, I have requested the Consul General of Switzerland to take these likewise into his custody as per attached letter of today. I trust that the Canadian Government will accord adequate protection for these goods.

I have etc.

E. WINDELS

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September 10, 1939

PROCLAMATION OF WAR

Effective Date

After discussion between Mr. Read and Mr. Coleman, it was agreed that the date of publication was to be taken as the date of delivery of copies of the Proclamation in the Department of External Affairs. None would be given to anyone else before then. Mr. Coleman would see immediately to delivery to all Departments.

Mr. Read arranged to speed up the delivery from the Printing Bureau. The copies of the Proclamation reached my office at 12.40 noon today. The first copies were sent to the Governor-General and to the Prime Minister's Office. The United States Chargé d'Affaires was immediately advised by telephone, and copies were sent by special messenger to the British, South African and Irish representatives and the French, Belgian and Japanese as well as the United States Legations in Ottawa. The Canadian offices abroad were notified by telegraph and copies of the Proclamation sent by mail.

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Le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures au secrétaire aux Dominions
Secretary of State for External Affairs to Dominions Secretary

TELEGRAM 72

Ottawa, September 10, 1939

IMMEDIATE. SECRET. Your telegram Circular B. 330 of 4th September paragraph three, Consular employees. We should be grateful to be advised immediately whether in fact action has already been taken to hold under control or to arrest Consular employees of German nationality irrespective of any reciprocal arrangement which may be made concerning Consuls de carrière and honorary Consuls.

We should be glad to learn at the same time whether any distinction is being made between ordinary employees and such persons described as Consular secretaries and attachés.

¹ De/by O. D. Skelton.