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(A) INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS AND AGREEMENTS

1. Notification by Canada to the United States concerning payment for the construction of airfields and ancillary facilities in northwestern Canada, December 18, 1943.

(B) OFFICIAL STATEMENTS AND RELEASES CONCERNING EXTERNAL RELATIONS

1. Statement by the Prime Minister on the Cairo Conference - press release of December 1, 1943.
2. Announcement of the opening of a Canadian Civil Administration Staff Course at the Royal Military College, Kingston, for candidates selected from the three services, to train officers to deal with the functions of local administration in liberated areas of Europe until civilian authorities assume control - press release of December 2, 1943.
3. Announcement by the Prime Minister that arrangements have been completed with the governments of the Soviet Union, China, and Brazil for the elevation of the Canadian Legations in those countries to the rank of Embassy, and for the elevation of their Legations in Canada to the same rank - press release of December 10, 1943.
4. Presentation of letters of credence by the Argentine Minister - press release of December 14, 1943.
5. Announcement of agreement for the elevation of the Belgian Legation in Canada to the rank of Embassy - statement made personally by the Prime Minister at a press conference of December 17, 1943.
6. Appointment of Mr. Arthur Slaght, K.C., M.P., as Honorary Counsel to the Canadian Government on war crimes questions - press release of December 30, 1943.

(C) COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES IN CANADA

1. On December 2, the Norwegian Legation informed this Department of the appointment of Commander Per Scott-Hansen, R.N.N., as Naval Attache in succession to Commander H.T. Eriksen. Commander Scott-Hansen is to be stationed at Halifax.
2. On December 14, the Hon. Dr. Eduardo L. Vivot presented his letter of credence to the Governor General as Minister of the Argentine Republic.
3. Dr. Raul Rodriguez Araya, First Secretary at the Argentine Legation, and Charge d'Affaires ad interim until the arrival of Dr. Vivot, left Ottawa on December 31, to take up the duties of his new office of Director of Political Affairs in the Argentine Foreign Office at Buenos Aires.

(D) VISITS BY COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN DIGNITARIES AND OFFICIALS

1. The Hon. J.J. Llewellyn, M.P., Minister of Food of the United Kingdom, paid a brief visit to Ottawa early in December.
2. Mr. Paul Henri Spaak, Belgian Foreign Minister, accompanied by Mr. Jean Rens, Counsellor of the Belgian Government, visited Ottawa from December 7 to 9.

(E) APPOINTMENTS AND CHANGES IN THE CANADIAN EXTERNAL SERVICE

1. Late in December, Wing Commander Jean Paul Desloges was appointed Air Attache to the office of the Canadian Representative to the French Committee of National Liberation in Algiers.

(F) PUBLICATIONS

1. Diplomatic List, with which is included the list of British Commonwealth Representatives, and of Consuls General in Ottawa, December 15, 1943.