

(B) COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN REPRESENTATIVES IN CANADA

1. Dr. Izidor Cankar presented at noon today to His Excellency the Governor General at Government House the Letter of Credence by which His Majesty the King of Yugoslavia accredits him as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Canada.

Dr. Cankar, who is the first diplomatic representative of Yugoslavia in Canada, graduated in the Faculty of Letters and has studied in Vienna and in Belgium. He was for a long period Editor-in-Chief of the leading Slovene newspaper, "Slovenac". In 1923, he was appointed Professor of the History of Art in the University of Ljubljana. Before coming to Canada, he occupied the post of Minister of Yugoslavia in the Argentine Republic.

Mr. Norman Robertson, Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, presented Dr. Cankar to His Excellency, the Governor General. The new Minister delivered a short address to which His Excellency replied. The Minister's Address is appended hereto. Mr. W.H. Measures of the Department of External Affairs, was also present and members of the Governor General's staff were in attendance. Dr. Cankar is accompanied to Ottawa by his wife. The address of the Yugoslav Legation is: 292 Laurier Avenue East, Ottawa.

Copy of speech by Dr. Isidor Cankar when presenting to His Excellency the Governor General his Letter of Credence as Minister of Yugoslavia, May 15, 1942.

Your Excellency,

When the Royal Yugoslav Government, headed by His Majesty the King Peter II, left our conquered Country to continue abroad the struggle against the foe, and when it settled, for a short time, at Jerusalem, one of its first decrees published there was the decree concerning the opening of the Yugoslav Legation at Ottawa, where my Country was not represented till then. The reason by which my Government was moved when requesting from the Government of Canada the agreement to create our diplomatic representation here, is obvious. The role of Canada in this war is so important, her help is so essential for the final victory, that the attention of the whole world, and especially of all the Nations which lost their liberty, is directed to this Country, with feelings of admiration, love and hope.

Your Excellency,

My August Sovereign designated me as His first Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the Government of Canada. I shall do my duty. In the few days I have spent at Ottawa, I have seen some of the sacrifices which the Canadian people are making for Canada, for the world, and consequently