

4. Mr. H. Neethling informed the Department on October 21 of his appointment as Acting Accredited Representative of the Union of South Africa in Canada.

(D) VISITS OF COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN DIGNITARIES AND OFFICIALS

1. Commonwealth air officials met in Montreal in the latter part of October, beginning on the 23rd, to hold discussions on operational and technical problems connected with the establishment of air routes between the countries of the Commonwealth. As the Montreal discussions were purely on an official level, members of the Commonwealth parties of ministerial rank, who led the delegations at Chicago on November 1, did not attend them. Those who were present included:

(1) for the United Kingdom, Sir Arthur Street, Permanent Under Secretary of State, Air Ministry, Mr. W.C. Cribbett, Assistant Permanent Under Secretary of State, Air Ministry, Viscount Knollys, Chairman, British Overseas Airways, Air Chief Marshall Sir Frederick Bowhill, Commander-in-Chief, R.A.F. Transport Command.

(2) for Australia, Mr. E.C. Johnson, Assistant Director-General of Civil Aviation, Col. W.R. Hodgson, Secretary, Department of External Affairs.

(3) for New Zealand, Air Commodore A. de T. Nevill, Vice-Chief of Air Staff, Foss Shanahan, Department of External Affairs.

(4) for the Union of South Africa, Dr. S.F.N. Gie, Minister to the United States, Mr. John Martin, former Head of South African Supply Mission in the United States.

(5) for India, Sir G. Bewoor, Sir F. Tymms.

(6) for Newfoundland, Sir George London, Commissioner for Public Utilities and Supply, A. J. Walsh, Commissioner of Education and Home Affairs.

(7) for Southern Rhodesia, Wing Commander J. Davison. The Canadian delegation in Montreal was headed by Mr. H. J. Symington, President, Trans-Canada Air Lines, and Mr. R.A.C. Henry, Chairman Air Transport Board. The Hon. C.D. Howe later led the delegation to Chicago.

(E) APPOINTMENTS AND CHANGES IN THE CANADIAN EXTERNAL SERVICE

1. On September 15, Mr. J.R.M. Walker was appointed to the Office of the High Commissioner in New Zealand from the Department in Ottawa with the rank of Second Secretary.

2. Major General V.C. Odium, Canadian Ambassador to China, arrived in Canada on September 29, having returned for a period of leave.

3. Mr. Yves Lamontagne closed the Office of the Canadian Representative in Algiers on September 29 and proceeded to Paris.

4. Mr. C.G.G. Sicotte assumed his duties at the new Canadian Embassy to Peru on October 1.

5. In London Captain J.K. Starnes was discharged from the Canadian Army and appointed Third Secretary at the Legation to the Allied European Governments in the United Kingdom as of October 6. Previously he had been seconded from the Army for the same duty.