

6. Since the departure of Dr. Brull,⁴ the Cubans have not approached us regarding a successor. It is conceivable that they are awaiting a reply from us on this question before appointing either a Minister or an Ambassador, as these ranks in the Cuban foreign service are not interchangeable as in ours.

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*Note du sous-secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures
pour le premier ministre*

*Memorandum from Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs
to Prime Minister*

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[Ottawa], January 24, 1950

As instructed by Cabinet Minute of January 18,[†] I called in the Czechoslovak Chargé d'Affaires this afternoon in connection with the recent expulsion of two members of the Canadian Air Attaché's staff in Prague.

I outlined to Mr. Klima, who knew little or nothing about the whole matter, the incidents which had already taken place in which the locally engaged staff of our Legation had been arrested or prevented from working and have now led to the laying of unsupported charges against the two Canadian N.C.O.'s, Danko and Vanier. I informed Mr. Klima that I was instructed by the Government to say that the situation at our post in Prague was highly unsatisfactory. It was obviously impossible to conduct the legitimate business of the Legation under such conditions, which did not reflect relations between our two countries as we hoped them to be.

I went on to say that the Government wished an answer to the question as to whether or not it was the intention of the Czech Government by their interference with our staff to make it impossible for the Canadian Government to maintain diplomatic relations with the Government of Czechoslovakia. As to what steps the Government would be prepared to take with regard to the present situation, this would be a matter for further consideration.

Mr. Klima told me, what I did not know, that he was ordered to return to Prague some two weeks ago and was leaving next Tuesday. I asked him if he was returning to work with the Foreign Ministry and he rather carefully did not confirm this but said he was returning to Prague. He said, however, that he would telegraph at once to his Government for the required information. On his departure Mr. [Zdeněk] Roškot, Second Secretary, would be Chargé d'Affaires in Ottawa. Mr. Klima

⁴ Le ministre de la légation de Cuba, Dr. Mariano Brull.
Dr. Mariano Brull, Minister of Legation of Cuba.