

bring to your Excellency best wishes from the Government and people of Canada to the Government and people of Chile. A new link will then have been forged between the northernmost nation and the southernmost nation of the Americas. We are confident that this will be but one of many steps which in the years ahead will serve to remove our common interests and bring our two democracies more closely together in the bonds of international friendship and good-will.

The following telegram in reply was received from Mr. Juan Antonio Rios, President of the Republic of Chile:

"It is with the greatest satisfaction that I have received your telegram of greeting in which you have informed me that the Hon. Warwick Gribble has been appointed first minister of Canada to our country. What you have said to say in your telegram corresponds with the affection we feel for Canada, her past history and for her ceaseless struggle towards a better way of life. As you have so happily said, the new bond which has been established between the most distant American nations demonstrates that physical separation no longer constitutes an obstacle to the growing cordiality of our relations, nor to a growing cooperation between both our peoples, nor to the strengthening of our common bonds of friendship and solidarity between the extreme north and south of the continent."

Agreement for Allocation of Dried Fruits, press statement issued in Ottawa and Washington by the COMBINED FOOD BOARD, November 16, 1945.

"An agreement has been reached between the United States, United Kingdom and Canada regarding the movement of dried fruit from the United States during 1945-1946 marketing season, the Combined Food Board announced today.

"In addition, arrangements have been agreed upon for an equitable allocation to the various United Nations of the world supplies of all dried fruits. Taking into consideration the availability and shipping. The actual allocations will be made as the crops are harvested, and the supplies are known in the various producing regions of the northern and southern hemispheres.

"Following this agreement, the Fruit and Vegetable Committee of the Combined Food Board investigated the needs of the dried services and civilians of the various United Nations, and established priority and non-priority requirements. The principle of equitable treatment for each of the nations concerned, between their priority and non-priority needs, was used as a basis for the Committee's allocation. Provision is made in the allocation plan to meet