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## WEEK'S EVENTS IN REVIEW

**AMBASSADOR OF FRANCE:** The Department of External Affairs announces that Mr. Francisque Gay presented on Wednesday to the Deputy Governor General his Letter of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of France in Canada.

The Right Honourable L. S. St. Laurent, Secretary of State for External Affairs was present. Mr. Gay was presented to the Deputy Governor General by Mr. Howard Measures, Chief of Protocol, Department of External Affairs. Mr. Jean Basdevant, Counsellor, Mr. Bernard Le Chartier, Commercial Counsellor and Financial Attaché, and Captain Jacques Hervé, Assistant Military Attaché, of the French Embassy, accompanied the Ambassador.

In 1932 Mr. Gay founded l'Aube and remained its director until June 1940. He was a member of the Parti Démocratique Populaire and a collaborator of Mr. Georges Bidault in the Nouvelles Equipes Française. In 1940 he refused to publish his paper under the Vichy régime, and from 1941 he devoted himself to the underground work done by the General Council for Study.

In 1946 Mr. Gay was on the Executive Committee of the Mouvement Républicain Populaire. Since then he has been a member successively of the Consultative, the Constituent and the National Assemblies. He was a Minister of State without portfolio in the De Gaulle Ministry in November 1945, and Vice President of the Council without portfolio in the succeeding Couin Ministry in January, 1946.

**MINISTER OF POLAND:** The Department of External Affairs announces that Mr. Eugeniusz Jan Milnikiel presented on Thursday to the Rt. Hon. T. Rinfret, Deputy Governor General, his Letter of Credence as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Poland in Canada.

The Rt. Hon. L. S. St. Laurent, Secretary of State for External Affairs, was present. Mr. Milnikiel was presented to the Deputy Governor General by Mr. Howard Measures, Chief of Protocol, Department of External Affairs.

Dr. Z.R. Bielski, First Secretary, Mr. W.A. Zbik, Second Secretary, and Mr. E. Semil, Attaché of the Polish Legation, accompanied Mr. Milnikiel.

Mr. Milnikiel was born in 1905 in Czestochowa (near Warsaw). In 1927 he graduated from the Academy of Commerce of Warsaw, Faculty of Co-operatives. He was subsequently Principal of a High School of Commerce and held a post in the Ministry of Education.

Mr. Milnikiel served with the Polish Army in the Middle East. In 1945 he entered the Polish diplomatic service and was nominated Chargé d'Affaires of Poland in Teheran on September 1st of that year. He was appointed Chargé d'Affaires of Poland in Baghdad May 8, 1946.

**FREIGHT RATES DEBATE:** By a vote of 110 to 89 the House of Commons on Thursday, defeated a Progressive Conservative motion censuring the Government for failing to equalize freight rates before allowing the rate increases.