

6. *Ecuador*.—The IGCR signed an agreement with the Government of Ecuador on April 21 at the Ecuadorian Legation in London. It was signed by Mr. Patrick Murphy Malin, Vice Director of the IGCR, and Senor Honero Viteri, Minister of Ecuador in London. The Ecuadorian Commission of Immigration and Colonization will present to the IGCR lists of the immigrants required by Ecuador, classified by professions, and who should be able to enter Ecuador during 1947. IGCR has agreed to undertake the cost of transport, maintenance and care of the selected immigrants from place of origin in Europe to port of disembarkation in Ecuador. The reception of the immigrants and their transport to the places indicated for their employment will be the responsibility of the Ecuadorian Commission of Immigration and Colonization in accordance with the arrangements which may be made with employers. This agreement is the result of negotiations in Quito between the Ecuadorian Commission of Immigration and Colonization and the representatives of the IGCR, Mr. Arthur Loveday and Mr. Andrew Cordova.

7. *Peru*.—The IGCR agreement with the Peruvian Government calls for listing by the Peruvian Government of the numbers of persons needed according to various categories of occupations and skills. A Selection Mission, representing the Peruvian Government, has conferred recently in London with IGCR headquarters. It is expected that the Mission will present shortly a final list of Peruvian requirements for immigrants, so that the selection of displaced persons may begin immediately.

8. *Venezuela*.—A team of Immigration Commissioners, representing the Venezuelan Government, has been selecting displaced persons in Austria for admission to Venezuela. Several of the Commissioners have moved to Germany, and plans are made for the selection of refugees also in Italy. It is expected that the first group for emigration to Venezuela will sail from Bremerhaven on June 15, 1947 for La Guaira, Venezuela.

The CHAIRMAN: Honourable senators, we are rather rushed today I am afraid, and so if there are no objections I should like to call as our first witness—unless some member of the committee has another suggestion—Mr. Dubiensi, who is appearing on behalf of the Canadian Polish Congress.

Hon. MR. HAIG: Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, before Mr. Dubiensi says anything I should like to say something in the way of introduction. Mr. Dubiensi comes from my city. He is a member of the legal profession and he is the leading Polish representative in our whole country out West. He came to Canada in 1913 as a farm labourer. He attended the University of Manitoba and after graduation started to study law. He graduated in law in 1917 and was called to the Bar in 1918. In 1944 he was created a K.C. by the provincial government of Manitoba and thus became the first Polish lawyer in Canada to receive that distinction. If Mr. Dubiensi was not himself here I would say exactly what I think of him. He is one of our very best citizens and has indeed been a great credit to the Polish people. I could go on to tell the various offices that he holds. He holds most of those that can be held in the different Polish organizations. In fact, he helped to found some of the most important. Mr. Dubiensi has come down here on his own time to place the policy of the Polish people before the committee. The reason I am making this introduction is for two reasons. One, he comes from my own province and therefore I can speak of him in the very highest terms, not only of his policy but his character and of his family because I know them all; second, the Polish people have given a big contribution to the success of my own province.

D. B. DUBIENSKI, K.C.; May I first thank Senator Haig for the very kind introduction. Mr. Chairman and honourable senators, it is indeed a great pleasure and honour for me to be given the opportunity to present the views of the Canadian Polish Congress as such an all-important problem as immigration, a problem which you have been deliberating now for some time.