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A. A. Yasikoff, Official Agent of the U.S.S.R., telephoned on June 30 asking for an interview with the Prime Minister to pay his respects before leaving for Russia. An hour was set for the afternoon of Thursday, July 2, but the Prime Minister was engaged in Council, and instructed me to see Mr. Yasikoff.

Mr. Yasikoff stated that he was sailing from Quebec for Cherbourg and Hamburg, and that he would probably meet Rakovsky, who is returning to take charge of the Soviet Legation in London, before he went on to Russia. He expected to be away for several months, and said there was a bare possibility that he might be replaced, but hoped that he would be sent back. During his absence Kulik would be in charge.

I asked him how the orders for Canadian goods supplied to Russia during the past year had been placed and financed. He stated that the orders had been placed through his office, but that the financing and the settlement of the terms had been handled through "Antorg," which is the agency of the Russian Government in the United States for financial purposes. Credits have been secured from the Chase National Bank and the Equitable Trust Company. In some purchases, I think of United States rather than Canadian goods, a guarantee had been given by "Arcos", the Russian bank, in England. He added that it was the intention next year to establish an incorporated company on the same basis as the English and United States companies, for buying and selling in Canada. It would be called "Cantorg", which means "Company for Trade between Canada and Russia," and would probably have an initial capitalization of \$50,000, with whatever

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