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PRESS CONFERENCE
DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

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January 14, 1943.

A Press Conference was held in the Department this morning at which Mr. Wrong, Mr. Rae and the following press representatives were present:

Blackburn	-	Canadian Press
Marshall	-	Windsor Star
Arsenault	-	La Patrie
Langlois	-	La Presse
Zhiveynov	-	Tass
Richardson	-	Winnipeg Free Press
Hambleton	-	W. I. B.
Smith	-	W. I. B.

Mr. Ackand of the Prime Minister's Office was also present.

The following subjects were discussed:

1. Appointments to Canadian Offices abroad:-

The following appointments were announced:

Canadian Legation in Chungking

Minister	-	Major-General Victor W. Odlum
Counsellor	-	Dr. George S. Patterson
Assistant Military Attaché	-	Major Hiram Wooster
Third Secretary	-	Ralph E. Collins

Background information was provided on each of the persons appointed. It was also announced that Mr. Jules Leger of the Department of External Affairs had been appointed Third Secretary to the Canadian Legation in Chile.

With reference to the appointment of Major Wooster, it was stated that he would serve as Acting Military Attaché for the present. There was a possibility that Air Attachés might be appointed at a later date. Mr. Vechsler, former Canadian Government Trade Commissioner in Peru, would be attached to the Legation in Santiago as Commercial Attaché.

An announcement concerning General Vanier's staff was delayed for the present owing to the latter's illness.

2. Shackling of Prisoners of War:-

Attention was drawn to the following Canadian Press despatch with a date-line from Calgary: