

for the reunification of their country which could result only in their becoming one more Communist satellite. We of the NATO alliance welcome free Germany to our association and we look forward to the time when she will be reunited in dignity, freedom and in safety.

In Asia and the Middle East, while there has been no armed conflict during the year—except sporadically but dangerously on the border of Israel—difficult and complicated problems remain to be solved. Korea and Vietnam remain divided while the two Chinese regimes continue to face each other with implacable hostility; at one point with only a few miles of water between them. No one can be other than anxious about the prospects for peace in the Far East while this situation continues, especially when each of these Chinese regimes has power and support behind it from outside.

The Soviet Union, in pursuance of its policy of "all conflict short of war" is fishing—and

scattering bait—in these troubled Asian and Middle Eastern waters. This is not reassuring in assessing the prospects for peace.

Turning closer to home, we in Canada rejoice in our continued friendly relations with all countries of the world whose motives we can trust, whose policies do not threaten peace, and who use language in a sense which seems to us intelligible and sincere. Particularly with the nations of the Commonwealth and the United States are those relations very close and very important. We will do our best to keep them so, and also to improve relations with those who have given us heretofore more cause for fear than friendship.

1956 will certainly have its problems, but these need not cause any despair. We must be resolute but not provocative; patient, but not indifferent. If we can, and if the free governments can work together for good purposes, it may be possible a year hence to report real progress toward peace and security in the world.

APPOINTMENTS AND TRANSFERS IN THE CANADIAN DIPLOMATIC SERVICE

- Mr. H. G. Norman, CMG, appointed Consul General of Canada, New York. Proceeded to New York December 2, 1955.
- Mr. J. A. Chapdelaine appointed Minister to Sweden and Finland. Departed Ottawa November 30, 1955.
- Mr. P. R. Jennings posted from the International Supervisory Commissions, Indochina, to the Canadian Embassy, Dublin, effective October 17, 1955.
- Mr. F. G. Ballachey posted from the International Supervisory Commissions, Indochina, to Ottawa, effective November 22, 1955.
- Mr. J. D. Foote posted for the Office of the High Commissioner for Canada, Colombo, to Ottawa, effective December 5, 1955.
- Mr. P. Dumas posted from the International Supervisory Commissions, Indochina, to Ottawa, effective December 12, 1955.
- Mr. R. H. Jay posted from the International Supervisory Commissions, Indochina, to Ottawa, effective December 14, 1955.
- Mr. C. S. Gadd posted from the Canadian Embassy, Havana, to the Canadian Embassy, Bogota, effective December 21, 1955.
- Mr. J. R. Barker posted from home leave (Moscow) to Ottawa, effective December 27, 1955.
- Mr. J. J. Dupuis posted from Ottawa to the Canadian Embassy, Ankara, effective December 28, 1955.
- Mr. G. E. Logan appointed to the Department of External Affairs as an Administrative Officer, Grade 3, effective December 1, 1955.
- Mr. J. Timmerman appointed to the Department of External Affairs as an Administrative Officer, Grade 7, effective December 16, 1955.