(D) VISITS OF COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN DIGNITARIES AND OFFICIALS.

At the beginning of September Lord Keynes arrived in Ottawa to discuss with Canadian officials financial matters of mutual interest to the United Kingdom and Canada.

(E) APPOINTMENTS AND CHANGES IN THE CANADIAN EXTERNAL SERVICE.

- 1. The Rt.Hon. W.L. Mackenzie King, Prime Minister of Canada and Secretary of State for External Affairs, left Ottawa on September 29 for Washington to visit President Truman prior to his departure for England, where he will meet Prime Minister Attlee. Mr. King was accompanied by Mr. Norman Robertson, Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs and Mr. W.D. Matthews, Chief Administrative Officer of the Department of External Affairs. In their absence Hon. L.S. St.Laurent will be Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs and Mr. Hume Wrong will be Acting Under-Secretary.
- 2. Colonel L.V.M. Cosgrave, Military Attache at the Office of the Canadian High Commissioner in Australia, represented the Canadian military authorities at the signing of the Japanese surrender document on September 2. He then returned to Manila to take care of arrangements for repatriation of Canadian prisoners-of-war.
- 3. Major-General Georges P. Vanier, Canadian Ambassador to France, left Canada on September 11 to return to his post in Paris, having come to Ottawa for General de Gaulle's visit on August 29.
- 4. Mr. L.B. Pearson, Canadian Ambassador to the United States, arrived in Ottawa early in September en route to Washington after attending meetings of the UNRRA Council and the Executive Committee of the United Nations Preparatory Commission in London.
- 5. On September 8, it was announced that Mr. E.H. Norman would arrive in Japan within a few days. Mr. Norman is the head of the Canadian party sent to Manila to arrange repatriation of Canadian civilians. (Press Release No.72, September 8.)
- 6. On September 13 it was announced that Mr. Turgeon, Canadian Ambassador to Belgium, was then proceeding to London to replace Mr. Pearson as senior Canadian representative on the Executive Committee of the United Nations Preparatory Commission.
- 7. On September 13 it was announced that Mr. J.A. McCordick of the Department had proceeded to San Francisco to look after the reception and removal of Canadian civilian repatriates arriving from the Far East at United States ports. (Press Release No.77, September 21).
- 8. Brigadier O.M. Kay, Military Attache at the Canadian Embassy in China, was present at the signing of the surrender of Hong Kong on September 16.
- 9. Mr. J. Scott Macdonald, Canadian High Commissioner in Newfoundland, came to Ottawa in September for consultation with the Department.
- 10. Mr. H.F. Angus, Chief of the Economic Division, resigned on September 28, to return to his post at the University of British Columbia from which he was granted leave of absence in 1941 to become Assistant to the Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs.

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