

It is with the keenest interest that I have followed the steady growth of friendly relations between China and Canada. With the appointment of General Odlum another link in the chain of our friendship is forged. We are now allied in the fullest sense of the word, fighting shoulder to shoulder against the forces of evil until victory is won, and when peace comes I trust that we shall continue to work together then as now in that spirit of closest cooperation for the making of a new world which will secure freedom and equality for all."

From Mr. Joseph V. Stalin, Chairman of the Council of People's Commissars of the U.S.S.R.:

"I thank you for your cordial greetings and also for the warm reception and welcome in your country for the Soviet Minister Feodor Gousev. You may be assured that Mr. Dana Wilgress in the capacity of the first Canadian Minister will meet in the U.S.S.R. with a most cordial reception. I fully share your belief that the establishing of diplomatic relations between the Soviet Union and Canada will bring about a close understanding between the people of our two countries."

From Mr. Juan Antonio Rios, President of Chile:

"It is with the greatest satisfaction that I have received your telegram of greeting in which you have informed me that the Hon. Warwick Chipman has been appointed first Minister of Canada to our country. What you have had to say in your telegram corresponds with the affection we feel for Canada, for her history and for her ceaseless struggle towards a better way of life. The new bond which has been established between the most distant American nations demonstrates that physical separation no longer constitutes an obstacle to the growing cordiality of our relations, nor to a growing cooperation between both our peoples, nor to the strengthening of our common ideals of democratic solidarity between the extreme north and south of the continent."