

(D) VISITS BY COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN DIGNITARIES AND OFFICIALS

1. The Chinese Goodwill Mission visited Canada in early March. Dr. Wang Shih-Chieh, Chief Counsellor to the President of China, led the Mission, and its other members were Mr. Hu Lin, Director of TA KUNG PAO, China's leading daily newspaper, and Dr. Li Wei-kuo, Secretary of the Mission and Director of the General Affairs Department of the Chinese Ministry for Foreign Affairs. Dr. Wang and Mr. Hu were in Ottawa on March 5 and 6, and were entertained at a luncheon given by the Prime Minister on behalf of the Canadian Government.

(E) CHANGES IN THE CANADIAN EXTERNAL SERVICE

1. On March 20, the following appointments were made to the Canadian Embassy to Mexico:

- Hon. W.F.A. Turgeon, Ambassador
- Mr. H. Allard, First Secretary
- Mr. C.S. Bissett, Commercial Secretary.

2. The following were promoted in rank, effective as of January 1, 1944: from Second Secretary to First Secretary: Mr. Escott Reid, Mr. H. Allard, and Mr. C.S.A. Ritchie; from Third Secretary to Second Secretary: Mr. J.A. Gibson, Mr. Jean Chapdelaine, and Mr. E.B. Rogers. The following were promoted in rank, from Third to Second Secretary, effective as of February 1, 1944: Mr. E.H. Norman, Mr. G. Ignatieff, and Mr. S.F. Rae,

3. Mr. Escott Reid arrived in Washington on March 6 to assume his duties as First Secretary of the Embassy.

4. Mr. Vincent Massey returned to London on March 20 from his visit to Canada.

5. Mr. C.J. Burchell took over the High Commissionership to the Union of South Africa from Dr. Henry Laureys on March 27. Dr. Laureys will shortly return to Canada, pending a new appointment.

6. On March 24 Major H.G. Scott left the Department in Ottawa to return to the Department of National Defence.

7. Mr. D.S. Cole left the Consulate in New York on March 25 to return to the Department of Trade and Commerce in Ottawa.