

synthetic resins; thermostats; scientific instruments; papermakers' felts and wires.

A Canadian delegation, headed by Mr. John H. English, Deputy Minister of Trade and Commerce, recently arrived in Canberra to initiate a review of the Canada - Australia Trade Agreement, which dates from 1931.

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RESIGNATION OF MR. DULLES

In the House of Commons on April 15, Prime Minister Diefenbaker paid a tribute to Mr. John Foster Dulles on the occasion of his resignation as Secretary of State of the United States.

Mr. Diefenbaker said:

"Mr. Speaker, Members of the House will have heard the announcement this morning by the President of the United States to the effect that due to the state of health of Hon. John Foster Dulles, his resignation has been necessitated as Secretary of State of the United States of America. While I realize that this is not an occasion to give an evaluation of his services to the free world, it will be generally agreed that in the six years or more that Mr. Dulles has been in the position of Secretary of State he has given direction to the foreign policy of his country with dedicated purpose, with superb courage and with unchallengeable integrity, and that his views and judgments have left their imprint on the history of these postwar years and the history of all peoples of the world who believe in freedom and its maintenance.

"Canadians will honour him for the understanding and sympathy he has shown at all times in the solution of the problems which arise from time to time between our country and the United States. I believe I express the sentiments of Canadians as a whole when I say that we hope Mr. Dulles will continue to be associated in some less onerous way with the formulation of the foreign policy of the United States, particularly in view of the fact that one and probably two major conferences will take place in the months ahead, at which mankind hopes new milestones will be achieved to the peace and freedom to which Mr. Dulles gave so unstintingly of his outstanding qualities of mind and heart."

Mr. L.B. Pearson, the Leader of the Opposition said:

"In Mr. Dulles' resignation the United States has lost a towering and dedicated public servant, and the cause of freedom has lost a great champion."

Mr. Hazen Argue, the Leader of the C.C.F. also expressed the regret of his party at Mr. Dulles' illness.

SOUTH AFRICAN ENVOY

The newly-appointed High Commissioner for the Union of South Africa, His Excellency Robert Kirsten, made his first call on the Prime Minister of Canada, Mr. John G. Diefenbaker, on April 15. The High Commissioner was accompanied by Dr. C.B.H. Fincham, First Secretary of his Office, and was introduced by the Chief of Protocol, Mr. H.F. Feaver.

Mr. Kirsten, who was born in 1906, entered the Department of External Affairs of the Union of South Africa in 1929. Prior to coming to Canada, he was High Commissioner for the Union of South Africa to the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland.

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SUMMIT CONFERENCE

Mr. J.G. Diefenbaker, the Prime Minister of Canada, made the following announcement in the House of Commons on April 15 in answer to questions:

"The Governments of the United States, the United Kingdom, France and the U.S.S.R. have been informed through diplomatic channels that Canada would welcome the holding of a summit conference in this country and that there are facilities in the city of Quebec which would render such a conference in that city not only feasible but appropriate.

"The French have informed us through diplomatic channels that the Canadian invitation will be kept in mind.

"As hon. Members are aware, the arrangements proposed by the Western powers and agreed to by the Soviet Government are that the time and place for the summit meeting will be decided during the Foreign Ministers' conference which commences in Geneva on May 11. If indications are that the four powers would welcome holding the summit meeting in Canada, formal invitations will be sent at that time."

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INTERNATIONAL HOUSE AT U.B.C.

Canada's first International House, at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, was opened recently by Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, as a centre for Canadian and foreign students. The House comprises a lounge, a games room, a library and executive offices. There is also a stage for concerts and other entertainments. The objective of the Association is to add a residence unit to accommodate from 200 - 300 graduate students.

At present the International House Club of B.C. has a membership of 375 students, half of whom are Canadian. Under the constitution of the parent body, 50 per cent of the membership must come from the country in which the House is located.