

Original Settlements in Blocked Currencies Abroad

<i>Country</i>	<i>Equivalent of Local Currency In U.S. dollars</i>
France	\$7,535,580
Netherlands	2,371,237.19
Yugoslavia	150,000
Italy	1,300,000*

Note:

*Settlement to be (a) \$500,000 worth of Italian government 5 per cent bonds; (b) remaining \$800,000 in local currency less purchase price of property (\$194,951) which was refunded in dollars.

Department of External Affairs Building Projects Now Underway
in Paris, The Hague and Tokyo

Paris Building Project

The erection of a new office building for the Canadian Embassy in Paris was undertaken in order to provide sufficient office space for the External Affairs and National Defence staff and for the members of the Department of Trade and Commerce, the Department of Finance and Defence Construction, Ltd., who have offices elsewhere in that city.

As planned the new building will be "L" shaped with the short arm of the L, 9 storeys high, lying parallel to the street and the long arm, 6 storeys high running the depth of the site. There will be a full basement. The building will be of reinforced concrete with brick in-filling, faced on the front with natural stone. It will provide approximately 16,450 square feet of office space for 87 people as well as living accommodation for a caretaker and a married guard.

The cost of this building will be approximately \$585,000.

New Chancery—The Hague

The three storey building under construction will have a frontage of 116 feet and wing extending to a depth of 66 feet. It will provide office space for a staff of approximately 30 and living accommodation for a married security guard. The basement area to provide for the heating plant and storage of supplies and equipment will measure 69 feet by 41 feet.

The building is of brick construction faced on the front and two sides with natural stone.

The cost of this building will be approximately \$285,000.

Extension to Chancery—Tokyo

The existing building is a two storey reinforced concrete structure with a frontage of 103 feet and two short wings. The addition, which will approximately double the size, will provide a two storey square structure with a centre court yard. The enlarged chancery will have thirty offices of varying sizes and sufficient ancillary space to meet the needs of the embassy.

The basement will be enlarged to provide space for the heating plant, dehumidifying unit and storage of supplies and equipment.

The original building will be rewired to provide fluorescent lighting and renovated in other ways as necessary.