

Dr. Mariano Brull, Minister of Cuba, left on August 30 to assume his new post as Minister of Cuba to Switzerland. Mr. Orlando de Lara, Consul General at Montreal, is Chargé d'Affaires *ad interim*.

Mr. Avraham Harman arrived in Montreal on July 18 to take up his post as the first Consul General of Israel in Canada.

Following the elevation of the Consulate of Lebanon at Ottawa to the rank of Consulate General on May 25, Mr. Nadim Dimechkié arrived on September 14 to assume his duties as Consul General.

Dr. Frederick Riedl-Riedenstein, Consul-in-Charge, arrived in Ottawa on October 11 to re-establish the Consulate General of Austria.

Three United Nations organizations maintain offices in Canada:

the headquarters of the International Civil Aviation Organization is at Montreal;

the International Labour Office (Canada Branch) moved on November 1 from Montreal to Ottawa;

the Canadian Office of the International Refugee Organization moved from Ottawa to Hull, P.Q., on September 26.

Negotiations for a Headquarters Agreement between the Government of Canada and the International Civil Aviation Organization, to establish under Canadian law the legal status, immunities and privileges necessary for the functioning of this Organization's headquarters in Canada, under the terms of the Privileges and Immunities (United Nations) Act, were conducted during the year. These negotiations are now in their final stages. Signature of the agreement and its implementation are expected to take place early in the New Year.

Government Hospitality

The Government of Canada extended hospitality during the year to a number of distinguished visitors, including the Prime Ministers of New Zealand and India, and the Foreign Ministers of Colombia, Italy, Belgium, France, United Kingdom and Pakistan. A list of these visitors from abroad includes:

The Right Honourable Peter Fraser, Prime Minister of New Zealand, January 8.

The Right Honourable Anthony Eden, January 23.

Dr. Eliahu Epstein, Representative of Israel, February 7.

His Excellency M. A. H. Ispahani, Ambassador of Pakistan at Washington, February 15 and 16.