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DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

BULLETIN

Ottawa,  
May, June, July, 1945.

(A) INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS AND AGREEMENTS.

1. Charter of the United Nations.

San Francisco, June 26, 1945 - including the Statute of the International Court of Justice.

2. Agreement Establishing Preparatory Commission of The United Nations.

San Francisco, June 26, 1945.

3. Memoranda of Agreement:

(i) Ottawa, July 5, 1945 - between Canada and the United Kingdom adjusting the liabilities under the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan Agreement of June 5, 1942.

(ii) Ottawa, July 5, 1945 - between Canada and the United Kingdom concerning the training of air crews in Canada and certain related matters.

(iii) Ottawa, July 5, 1945 - between the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia and New Zealand amending Article 27 of the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan Agreement of June 5, 1942.

4. Exchange of Notes.

(i) Brussels, April 6/16, 1945 - between Canada and Belgium constituting an Agreement concerning Canadian Forces in Belgium.

(ii) Mexico, April 12, May 7, 1945 - between Canada and Mexico amending the Agreement in respect of conscription for military service effected by an Exchange of Notes dated February 29, 1944.

(iii) London, May 2/4, 1945 - between Canada and the United Kingdom, extending to all Government vehicles and to all Government employed personnel the Traffic Accidents Agreement effected by an Exchange of Notes dated April 20/24, 1942.

(iv) Ottawa, June 19 and July 24, 1945 - between Canada and New Zealand constituting an agreement regarding the taking over by Canada of war contracts made by New Zealand with contractors in Canada.

(v) Ottawa, July 19/24, 1945 - between Canada and Czechoslovakia, terminating the suspension of the Trade Agreement of March 15, 1928.

(B) PUBLICATIONS.

Treaty Series, 1945, No.6 - Exchange of Notes (Mexico, April 12, May 7, 1945), between Canada and Mexico amending the Agreement in respect of conscription for military service effected by an Exchange of Notes dated February 29, 1944.



(C) COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES  
IN CANADA.

On July 13, 1945 Hon. Alfred Stirling, O.B.E., arrived to take up his duties as High Commissioner for the Commonwealth of Australia.

On July 20, H.E. A. Paternotte de la Vaillee, the Belgian Ambassador, presented his Letter of Credence to the Governor General. (Press Release No.48, July 20.)

The following changes have taken place at the French Embassy:

Mr. Bernard de Menthon arrived to take up his duties as Counsellor on May 11; Mr. Michel Dumont of the Information Office of the French Committee of National Liberation, was appointed as Attache on May 11; Mr. G. Paul-Boncour left on July 13 for a visit to France and in his absence, Mr. Bernard LeChartier will be acting Commercial Counsellor; Mr. Raoul-Duval, First Secretary, left on July 19 for Salonika where he has been appointed Consul-General for France.

On June 28 Mr. William Fry arrived to assume his duties as First Secretary at the Peruvian Embassy.

Changes at the United States Embassy include the following:

Mr. Edward A. Dow took up his duties as Second Secretary on June 19; Mr. Robert W. Rinden was appointed in the same capacity on July 12; Miss Katherine E. O'Connor, Second Secretary, left Ottawa in July to take up her duties at the United States Legation in South Africa.

(D) VISITS OF COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN DIGNITARIES  
AND OFFICIALS.

On May 1, the Hon. H.A. Winter, Commissioner of Justice and Defence for Newfoundland, accompanied by Mr. H.G. Puddester, Secretary of Justice, and Mr. H.A.L. Pattison, Director of Civil Aviation, visited Ottawa, and were guests at a luncheon given by Colonel the Hon. Colin Gibson, Minister of National Defence for Air.

On June 28, the Rt. Hon. Jan C. Smuts, Prime Minister of the Union of South Africa, visited Ottawa as the guest of His Excellency, the Governor-General. Field Marshal Smuts attended an official dinner at Government House and a Canadian Club Luncheon at the Chateau Laurier, inspected a Guard of Honour at the War Memorial, and after laying a Wreath on the Memorial, presented South African Medals to a number of Canadian Army nursing sisters who served in South Africa during this war. Mr. Robert Jones, Acting Accredited Representative for the Union of South Africa, held a reception in honour of the Field Marshal at the Chateau Laurier. (Press Release No.43, June 27.)

On June 28, the Regent of Iraq, Prince Abdul Ilah arrived in Toronto at the beginning of a seven-day visit to Canada. He came to Ottawa on June 29 and was a guest at Government House. On June 30 the Prime Minister gave a dinner at the Country Club on behalf of the Government of Canada. On July 2, the Regent proceeded to Montreal where he was taken on a tour of the city and the harbour by Hon. Ernest Bertrand, Minister of Fisheries. Mr. Gilles Sicotte of the Department accompanied the Regent's party from the time of his departure from Ottawa until he left by air for the United Kingdom. (Press Releases No.41, June 18, No.44, June 27.)



On July 16, H.R.H. Princess Juliana and members of her family left Ottawa to return to The Netherlands.

(E) APPOINTMENTS AND CHANGES IN THE CANADIAN  
EXTERNAL SERVICE

It was announced on June 9 that Major-General, the Honourable L.R. LaFleche, D.S.O., had been designated as Canadian Minister to Greece with the personal rank of Ambassador. It has since been agreed with the Government of Greece that their mission in Ottawa and the new Canadian mission in Athens will have the status of Embassies. (Press Release No.40.)

It was announced on July 19 that Mr. C.J. Burchell, K.C., LL.D., High Commissioner in the Union of South Africa, would be returning to Canada shortly and retiring from the Canadian Diplomatic Service. (Press Release No.47.)

Mr. J.K. Starnes, Third Secretary at the Legation to the Allied Governments in London, has been transferred to the Department in Ottawa.

The following promotions in the External Affairs service have been made:

F.S.O. 5	- J.W. Pickersgill	- April 1
F.S.O. 5	- G.L. Magann	- May 1
F.S.O. 2	- C.C. Eberts	- April 1

Mr. Goldwin Smith, who had been serving in the Economic Division, as Special Assistant to the Under-Secretary of State since June 1, 1943, returned to take up his post in the Department of History at the University of Iowa on August 3.

Mr. R.G. Robertson has been appointed Secretary to the Office of the Prime Minister.

Mrs. M.M. Fortune and Mr. Maurice Careless, Special Assistants in the Department in Ottawa, resigned on July 5 and July 31 respectively. Mr. Careless is joining the Staff of the Department of History at the University of Toronto.

Commander F.J.D. Pemberton has replaced Commander E.C. Sherwood, R.C.N., as Naval Attache at the Canadian Embassy in Washington.

Mr. J.A. Strong, Commercial Attache at the Canadian Legation in the Argentine, has left Buenos Aires to report in Ottawa.

Mr. F.H. Palmer, Commercial Counsellor and Mr. R.E. Collins, Second Secretary, are returning from the Canadian Embassy in China.

The following temporary appointments have been made to the Department in Ottawa:

F.S.O. 2	- E.A. Cote	- July 9
F.S.O. 1	- T.L. Carter	- June 4
F.S.O. 1	- T.B.B. Wainman-Wood-	June 30
F.S.O. 1	- J.R. Murray	- July 9
F.S.O. 1	- J.H. Thurrott	- July 9

Following the San Francisco Conference, which they had attended as Senior Advisers to the Canadian Delegation, Mr. Jean Desy, Mr. L.D. Wilgress and Mr. Warwick Chipman, Canadian Ambassadors to Brazil, The Soviet Union and Chile respectively, came to Ottawa for consultation.



Other External Affairs Officers who came to Ottawa during the period under review include:- Mr. H.L. Keenleyside, Canadian Ambassador to Mexico; Mr. George Patterson, Counsellor at the Canadian Embassy in China; Mr. J.D. Kearney, Canadian High Commissioner to Ireland; Mr. Escott Reid, First Secretary at the Canadian Embassy in Washington; and Mr. H. Allard, First Secretary at the Canadian Embassy in Mexico.

(F) INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES.

1. On June 21, the Governing Body of the International Labour Office held its 95th Session in Quebec City. Mr. A. MacNamara, Department of Labour, and Mr. A. Rive of this Department attended as Canadian Government representatives.

2. During the month of July, the various advisers, secretaries and members of the Secretariat who attended the United Nations Conference on International Organization returned from San Francisco. (See Section E.7, April Bulletin.)

3. Mr. F.H. Soward represented Canada at the Commonwealth Telecommunications Conference which opened in London on July 16.

(G) OFFICIAL STATEMENTS AND RELEASES CONCERNING EXTERNAL RELATIONS.

Press Releases

(in addition to those noted under sections C, D, and E.)

1. Texts of the Prime Minister's messages to Field Marshal Sir Harold Alexander and General Crerar on the surrender of the German forces in Italy, May 2, 1945.
2. Text of General Crerar's acknowledgment of the foregoing message. May 5, 1945.
3. Text of message to Field Marshal Montgomery on the surrender of the German Forces in Holland. May 5.
4. Statement of Canadian-United States agreement on reciprocal reconversion priorities entered into with a view to minimizing for both countries the difficulties of the pressing problems inherent in the reconversion of industry from war to peacetime production. May 21.
5. Statement of the Acting Prime Minister referring to the Declaration made by Representatives of the Supreme Commands of the United Kingdom, the United States, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and the Provisional Government of the French Republic. June 6.
6. Announcement that consideration would be given to certain classes of application for travel to Belgium, Switzerland and Sweden. June 21.
7. Notice of first meeting of The Interim Council of the Provisional International Civil Aviation Organization (PICAO). June 29.
8. Announcement by the Prime Minister that the Canadian Government has recognized the Polish Provisional Government of National Unity. July 6.
9. Publication of Dominion Day message from Brazilian Press Association to the Government, people and Press of Canada. July 25.
10. Announcement that there are a number of employment opportunities available in the Secretariat of PICAO. July 30.
11. Appointment of Field Marshal, the Honourable Sir Harold Alexander to succeed His Excellency the Earl of Athlone as Governor-General of Canada. July 31.