

Ottawa, September, 1945.

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

BULLETIN

(A) INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS AND AGREEMENTS.

Agreements Concluded

Act of Surrender.

On Board U.S.S. Missouri, Tokyo Bay, September 2, 1945. - The Act of Surrender to the Allied Powers of the Japanese Imperial Headquarters and of all Japanese armed forces and of all armed forces under Japanese control wherever situated, signed for Japan, the United States of America, China, the United Kingdom, the U.S.S.R., Australia, Canada, France, The Netherlands and New Zealand.

(B) PUBLICATIONS.

1. Treaty Series 1945, No.9: Agreement between Canada and the United Kingdom with respect to the loan to the Government of the United Kingdom of vessels owned by the Government of Canada, signed at Ottawa on August 17, 1945.
2. Treaty Series 1945, No.10: Agreement between Canada and the United Kingdom supplemental to the foregoing, signed at Ottawa on August 17, 1945.
3. Treaty Series 1945, No.11: Agreement between Canada and the Commonwealth of Australia with respect to the loan to the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia of vessels owned by the Government of Canada, signed at Ottawa on August 17, 1945.

(C) COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES
IN OTTAWA.

1. On September 10, Dr. P.R. Viljoen arrived to take up his duties as High Commissioner for the Union of South Africa in Canada. On his appointment, the title of the South African representative in Canada was changed from that of Accredited Representative to High Commissioner. Mr. Robert Jones, Acting Accredited Representative prior to Dr. Viljoen's arrival, has left Ottawa to return to his former post as High Commissioner for South Africa in the United Kingdom.
2. On September 12, Mr. de Pampelonne arrived to take up his duties as Attache at the French Embassy in Ottawa.
3. On September 15, Mr. Eduardo L. Vivot, the Argentine Minister to Canada, left Ottawa for Stockholm, Sweden, where he has been appointed Minister for The Argentine. Pending the arrival of Dr. Honorio Leguizamon Pondal who has been nominated as Ambassador for the Argentine Republic in Canada, Mr. M.L. Drago will act as Charge d'Affaires of the Argentine mission.
4. During September, Colonel Jan Ambrus, Military and Air Attache at the Czechoslovak Legation, was recalled to Czechoslovakia. His former duties were assumed by Colonel Karel Lukas as Military Attache and Colonel Alexander Hess as Air Attache.

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

At the beginning of September Lord Keynes arrived in Ottawa to discuss with Canadian officials financial matters of mutual interest to the United Kingdom and Canada.

(E) APPOINTMENTS AND CHANGES IN THE CANADIAN
EXTERNAL SERVICE.

1. The Rt.Hon. W.L. Mackenzie King, Prime Minister of Canada and Secretary of State for External Affairs, left Ottawa on September 29 for Washington to visit President Truman prior to his departure for England, where he will meet Prime Minister Attlee. Mr. King was accompanied by Mr. Norman Robertson, Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs and Mr. W.D. Matthews, Chief Administrative Officer of the Department of External Affairs. In their absence Hon. L.S. St. Laurent will be Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs and Mr. Hume Wrong will be Acting Under-Secretary.
2. Colonel L.V.M. Cosgrave, Military Attache at the Office of the Canadian High Commissioner in Australia, represented the Canadian military authorities at the signing of the Japanese surrender document on September 2. He then returned to Manila to take care of arrangements for repatriation of Canadian prisoners-of-war.
3. Major-General Georges P. Vanier, Canadian Ambassador to France, left Canada on September 11 to return to his post in Paris, having come to Ottawa for General de Gaulle's visit on August 29.
4. Mr. L.B. Pearson, Canadian Ambassador to the United States, arrived in Ottawa early in September en route to Washington after attending meetings of the UNRRA Council and the Executive Committee of the United Nations Preparatory Commission in London.
5. On September 8, it was announced that Mr. E.H. Norman would arrive in Japan within a few days. Mr. Norman is the head of the Canadian party sent to Manila to arrange repatriation of Canadian civilians. (Press Release No.72, September 8.)
6. On September 13 it was announced that Mr. Turgeon, Canadian Ambassador to Belgium, was then proceeding to London to replace Mr. Pearson as senior Canadian representative on the Executive Committee of the United Nations Preparatory Commission.
7. On September 13 it was announced that Mr. J.A. McCordick of the Department had proceeded to San Francisco to look after the reception and removal of Canadian civilian repatriates arriving from the Far East at United States ports. (Press Release No.77, September 21).
8. Brigadier O.M. Kay, Military Attache at the Canadian Embassy in China, was present at the signing of the surrender of Hong Kong on September 16.
9. Mr. J. Scott Macdonald, Canadian High Commissioner in Newfoundland, came to Ottawa in September for consultation with the Department.
10. Mr. H.F. Angus, Chief of the Economic Division, resigned on September 28, to return to his post at the University of British Columbia, from which he was granted leave of absence in 1941 to become Special Assistant to the Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs.

11. Mr. R.E. Collins, formerly Second Secretary at the Canadian Embassy in Chungking, left for Washington in September to take up his duties as Second Secretary at the Canadian Embassy there.
12. Transfers of Third Secretaries from the Department in Ottawa during September included: Mr. P.A. Bridle to the Office of the High Commissioner for Canada in St. John's, Newfoundland; and Mr. J.H. Thurrott to the Canadian Embassy in Moscow.
13. The following temporary appointments have been made to the Department in Ottawa:

F.S.O.1 - R.A.G. Phillips - September 17.
 F.S.O.1 - J.D. McL. Weld - September 22.
 F.S.O.1 - Ross Campbell - September 24.

(F) INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES.

1. On September 3, the Third Inter-American Radio Conference opened in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil: Mr. F.H. Soward, Department of External Affairs, was chairman of the Canadian Delegation. Other government delegates were: Mr. Donald Manson, Assistant General Manager, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation; W/C S.R. Burbank, Acting director of Signals, Department of National Defence for Air; and from the Department of Transport Mr. W.A. Rush, Controller of Radio, Mr. J.W. Bain, Senior Radio Engineer, and C.J. Acton, Supervising Radio Inspector.
2. On September 18 and 19 a Conference was held in Ottawa between representatives of Canada and the United States to discuss a draft convention for the development, protection and conservation of the Great Lakes Fisheries. The chairman was Mr. J.E. Read, Legal Adviser. Other External Affairs representatives were Messrs. R.M. Macdonnell, and E.R. Hopkins. Mr. C. Chatillon acted as Secretary. The Department of Fisheries was represented by Messrs. D.B. Finn, A.J. Whitmore, D.H. Sutherland and S.V. Ozere, while D.J. Taylor and H.H. MacKay represented the Ontario Department of Game and Fisheries. On September 19 Hon. H. Francis G. Bridges, Canadian Minister of Fisheries gave a luncheon at the Chateau Laurier in honour of the delegates. (Press Release No. 76, September 20.)

(G) OFFICIAL STATEMENTS AND RELEASES CONCERNING EXTERNAL RELATIONS.

(a) Statements in the House of Commons.

1. Reply by the Prime Minister to questions concerning the possibility of Canadian representation at the London meetings of the Council of Foreign Ministers. Sept. 6 and Sept. 27.
2. Reply by the Prime Minister to a question as to whether or not representations had been received by the Canadian government indicating that the United States was seeking to have Empire Preferences abandoned. September 7.
3. Statement by the Minister of Finance concerning cessation of Mutual Aid and subsequent means of ensuring the flow of essential supplies to our Allies following the end of hostilities. September 7.
4. Statement by the Prime Minister on the establishment of Canadian military courts and the procedure to be followed in connection with trials of war criminals. September 13.
5. Reply by the Prime Minister to a question on the procedure to be followed in the trial of Japanese war criminals. September 14.

6. Motion by the Prime Minister for division of the Standing Committee on Industrial and International Relations into two separate committees, one on Industrial Relations and the other on External Affairs. September 18.
7. Reply by the Prime Minister to a question concerning the possibility of Canada being selected as the site for the Headquarters of the United Nations Organization. September 19.
8. Statement by the Prime Minister on the arrangements for repatriation of Canadian prisoners of war and civilians liberated in the Far East. September 20.
9. Reply by the Prime Minister to a question as to whether or not discussions had taken place between the governments of the United Kingdom and Canada on the holding of an Imperial Conference. September 21.
10. Statement by Minister of Finance on meat rationing in which he referred to Canadian commitments on meat shipments to the United Kingdom and Europe. September 24.
11. Reply by the Prime Minister to a question concerning the protection and preservation of the rights of Canadian nationals residing in Argentina. September 27.
12. Statement by the Prime Minister concerning his decision to visit the United Kingdom and Western Europe. September 27.
13. Reply by the Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs to a question concerning the part which Canada has played in connection with the problem of displaced persons in Europe. September 28.
14. Announcement by the Minister of Labour of the names of the members of the Canadian Delegation to the International Labour Organization Conference which is to open in Paris on October 15. September 28.
15. Statement by the Minister of Finance on provision for appropriation for purposes of war, demobilization, promotion of trade and industry, etc., in which requirements for Mutual Aid and UNRRA were set forth. September 28.

(b) Press Releases.

(in addition to those noted under Sections (E) and (F).)

1. Text of message sent by Colonel L.V.M. Cosgrave, who represented the Canadian military authorities at the signing of the Japanese surrender document, in which he conveyed on behalf of General MacArthur and Admiral Nimitz their expressions of pleasure at Canadian participation in the ceremony. September 3.
2. Six releases giving names of Canadian civilians liberated from internment camps in the Far East. September 3, 17, 19, 21, 25 and 29.
3. Announcement that the Canadian Red Cross Society had arranged to transmit cables free of charge to and from Canadian civilian internees liberated in the Far East and in other parts of the Commonwealth. September 17.
4. Texts of messages exchanged between President Vargas of Brazil and the Prime Minister of Canada on the occasion of the Brazilian National Holiday. September 28.