

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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(A) INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS AND AGREEMENTS

1. Protocol between Canada, the United Kingdom and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to Armistice Agreement of September 19th, 1944, between the U.S.S.R. and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on the one hand and Finland on the other, signed in Moscow, the 8th October, 1944, whereby the Soviet Union undertakes to pay compensation to the Government of Canada for the nickel mines operated in Petsamo, Finland, for the benefit of Mond Nickel Company and International Nickel Company of Canada.
2. Agreement between Canada and Newfoundland granting to Canada a ninety-nine-year lease of the Air Base at Goose Bay in Labrador for defence purposes, signed at St. John's Newfoundland on October 10, 1944.

(B) OFFICIAL STATEMENTS AND RELEASES CONCERNING EXTERNAL RELATIONS

1. Announcement by the Prime Minister of the British Commonwealth air conversations opening in Montreal on October 23 - press release of October 3, 1944.
2. Comments by the Prime Minister regarding the statement on the Dumbarton Oaks Conference issued by the four participating governments - press release of October 9, 1944.
3. Announcement of the composition of the Canadian delegation to the International Aviation Conference opening in Chicago on November 1 - press release of October 19, 1944.
4. Statement by the Prime Minister on the Protocol recently signed in Moscow concerning the compensation to be paid by the Soviet Union for nickel mines formerly owned by the International Nickel Company of Canada in the Petsamo district ceded by Finland to the Soviet Union - press release of October 19, 1944.
5. Announcement of an agreement between Canada and Newfoundland leasing the Goose Bay Air Base in Labrador, to Canada for ninety-nine years, with the text of the agreement attached - press release of October 21, 1944.
6. Announcement of the recognition by Canada of the Provisional Government of the French Republic - press release of October 23, 1944.

(C) COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES IN CANADA

1. The Chinese Embassy notified this Department on September 14 that Mr. Tse Ping Sun had taken up his duties there as Attache.
2. The High Commissioner for New Zealand, the Hon. David Wilson, M.L.C., returned to Ottawa from New Zealand on October 12, after being absent from his post since June 1.
3. On October 21, Mr. Pero Cabric became Charge d'Affaires of the Yugoslav Legation in Ottawa. His predecessor, Mr. Radoje Nikolic, has been transferred to London.

4. Mr. H. Neethling informed the Department on October 21 of his appointment as Acting Accredited Representative of the Union of South Africa in Canada.

(D) VISITS OF COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN DIGNITARIES AND OFFICIALS

1. Commonwealth air officials met in Montreal in the latter part of October, beginning on the 23rd, to hold discussions on operational and technical problems connected with the establishment of air routes between the countries of the Commonwealth. As the Montreal discussions were purely on an official level, members of the Commonwealth parties of ministerial rank, who led the delegations at Chicago on November 1, did not attend them. Those who were present included:

(1) for the United Kingdom, Sir Arthur Street, Permanent Under Secretary of State, Air Ministry, Mr. W.C. Cribbett, Assistant Permanent Under Secretary of State, Air Ministry, Viscount Knollys, Chairman, British Overseas Airways, Air Chief Marshall Sir Frederick Bowhill, Commander-in-Chief, R.A.F. Transport Command.

(2) for Australia, Mr. E.C. Johnson, Assistant Director-General of Civil Aviation, Col. W.R. Hodgson, Secretary, Department of External Affairs.

(3) for New Zealand, Air Commodore A. de T. Nevill, Vice-Chief of Air Staff, Foss Shanahan, Department of External Affairs.

(4) for the Union of South Africa, Dr. S.F.N. Gie, Minister to the United States, Mr. John Martin, former Head of South African Supply Mission in the United States.

(5) for India, Sir G. Bewoor, Sir F. Tymms.

(6) for Newfoundland, Sir George London, Commissioner for Public Utilities and Supply, A. J. Walsh, Commissioner of Education and Home Affairs.

(7) for Southern Rhodesia, Wing Commander J. Davison. The Canadian delegation in Montreal was headed by Mr. H. J. Symington, President, Trans-Canada Air Lines, and Mr. R.A.C. Henry, Chairman Air Transport Board. The Hon. C.D. Howe later led the delegation to Chicago.

(E) APPOINTMENTS AND CHANGES IN THE CANADIAN EXTERNAL SERVICE

1. On September 15, Mr. J.R.M. Walker was appointed to the Office of the High Commissioner in New Zealand from the Department in Ottawa with the rank of Second Secretary.

2. Major General V.C. Odium, Canadian Ambassador to China, arrived in Canada on September 29, having returned for a period of leave.

3. Mr. Yves Lamontagne closed the Office of the Canadian Representative in Algiers on September 29 and proceeded to Paris.

4. Mr. C.G.G. Sicotte assumed his duties at the new Canadian Embassy to Peru on October 1.

5. In London Captain J.K. Starnes was discharged from the Canadian Army and appointed Third Secretary at the Legation to the Allied European Governments in the United Kingdom as of October 6. Previously he had been seconded from the Army for the same duty.

6. At the Canadian mission in Paris, the following changes have occurred: Major G. Benoit has been appointed Press Attache, Mr. M. Orkin and Captain J.R.A. Beullac have been attached to the mission in connection with the special task of looking after Canadian civilians in Europe. Captain F.H.U. Roost has been assigned to similar duties at the Embassy in Brussels. At present, Major P. Labelle and Capt. E.R. Bellemare are assisting Major Benoit with press and information work.

7. Mr. Trevor Lloyd was appointed Acting Consul in Greenland on October 15.

8. Acting Lt.-Commander D.E. ffolkes Jemmet, R.C.N.V.R., Vice Consul and Acting Consul at the Consulate in St. Pierre closed down that office as of October 15 and returned to Canada.

9. Col. T. MacDermot assumed duties with the Department in Ottawa as Chief of the Information Division on October 16.

10. Mr. L. Beaudry returned to duty with the Department in Ottawa on October 17.

11. Dr. Henry Laureys presented his credentials as Canadian Ambassador to Peru on October 21.

12. Mr. R.M. Macdonnell and Mr. J. Fournier of the Department in Ottawa, Mr. Escott Reid of the Embassy in Washington, and Mr. J.R. Baldwin and Wing Commander P.A. Cumyn of the Privy Council Office, attended the Commonwealth air conversations in Montreal, beginning on October 23.

13. Mr. C.S.A. Ritchie returned to London on October 25.

14. Mr. John Deutsch left the Department in Ottawa on October 30.

(F) PUBLICATIONS

1. Final Act of the United Nations Monetary and Financial Conference held at Bretton Woods, N.H., U.S.A., from July 1 to 22, 1944.

DIGNITARIES AND OFFICIALS
LISTS OF COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN