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5. Presentation of letter of credence by the French Ambassador - press release of February 21, 1945.
6. Message to Marshal Stalin from the Prime Minister on the occasion of the twenty-seventh anniversary of the Red Army - press release of February 23, 1945.
7. Text of the Prime Minister's remarks in opening the C.B.C. International Service - press release of February 24, 1945.
8. Names of Canadians and of persons with relatives in Canada who have been liberated in the Philippines - press releases of February 24 and 26, 1945.

(C) COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES IN CANADA

1. Following the departure of Baron Silvercruys, the Belgian Ambassador, Mr. Maurice Heyne became charge d'affaires at the Belgian Embassy, on February 1.
2. On February 15, Staff Captain Ludevit Sozansky relinquished his post as Assistant Military and Air Attache at the Czechoslovak Legation.
3. On February 20, Mr. George S. Roper was appointed Civil Air Attache at the United States Embassy.
4. The French Ambassador, Comte Jean de Hauteclocque, presented his letter of credence on February 21.
5. On February 14, occurred the death of the Greek Minister, Mr. George Depasta. The funeral was held in Ottawa on February 21. On the 22nd, Mr. Pierre Depasta became charge d'affaires at the Greek Legation.

(D) VISITS OF COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN DIGNITARIES

(E) APPOINTMENTS AND CHANGES IN THE CANADIAN EXTERNAL SERVICE

1. Mr. Marcel Cadieux was appointed to the Embassy in Belgium, with the local rank of Second Secretary, on February 1.
2. Mr. H.L. Keenleyside arrived in Mexico City on February 5 to take up his post as Ambassador to Mexico.
3. On February 11, Mr. Graham Morrow was transferred from Ottawa to the Embassy in Washington.
4. Mr. D.V. LePan was appointed Foreign Service Officer Grade 2 and joined the staff of Canada House on February 19 with the designation of Second Secretary.
5. Mr. Freeman Tovell reached Lima on February 25 to begin his duties as Third Secretary at the Embassy in Peru.

(F) PUBLICATIONS

1. Treaty Series 1945, No. 2: Exchange of notes (February 17, 1945) between Canada and the United States recording an agreement for civil air transport.

2. Treaty Series 1945, No. 3: Exchange of notes (February 26, 1945) between Canada and the United States constituting an amendment concerning the Canol Project.

3. Treaty Series, 1945, No. 4: Exchange of notes (February 9, 1945) between Canada and Brazil recording an agreement relating to military service.

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1. On the subject of the Greek Republic, the Department of External Affairs has received a letter from the Greek Minister of Foreign Affairs, dated February 14, 1945, enclosing a copy of the Greek Constitution.

2. On February 20, 1945, Mr. George S. Robert was appointed Staff Officer in Charge of the United States Embassy in London.

3. On February 12, 1945, the Department of External Affairs received a letter from the Belgian Minister of Foreign Affairs, dated February 11, 1945, enclosing a copy of the Belgian Constitution.

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