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(A) INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS AND AGREEMENTS

1. Exchange of notes between Canada and Newfoundland recording an agreement for the settlement of claims arising out of traffic accidents involving Canadian and Newfoundland vehicles, January 24, February 7, 1944.
2. Agreement between Canada and the United Kingdom on the principles applying to the provision by Canada of Canadian war supplies to the United Kingdom under the terms of the War Appropriation (United Nations Mutual Aid) Act of Canada 1943, signed at Ottawa, February 11, 1944.
3. Agreement between Canada and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on the principles applying to the provision by Canada of Canadian war supplies to the Soviet Union under the terms of the War Appropriation (United Nations Mutual Aid) Act of Canada 1943, signed at Ottawa, February 11, 1944.
4. Exchange of notes between Canada and Mexico recording an agreement in respect of the conscription for military service in Canada and in Mexico, February 29, 1944.
5. Agreement between Canada and the Commonwealth of Australia on the principles applying to the provision by Canada of Canadian war supplies to the Commonwealth of Australia under the War Appropriation (United Nations Mutual Aid) Act of Canada 1943, signed in Ottawa, March 9, 1944.
6. Agreement between Canada and China on the principles applying to the provision by Canada of Canadian war supplies to China under the War Appropriation (United Nations Mutual Aid) Act of Canada 1943, signed in Ottawa, March 22, 1944.
7. Exchange of notes between Canada and the United States of America constituting an agreement for the settlement of claims arising out of traffic accidents involving Canadian and United States vehicles, March 1, 23, 1944.

(B) OFFICIAL STATEMENTS AND RELEASES CONCERNING
EXTERNAL RELATIONS

1. Announcement of the presentation of credentials by the Turkish Minister - press release of March 6, 1944.
2. Statement by the Prime Minister in the House of Commons on the reference to the International Joint Commission of matters pertaining to the waters of the Columbia River basin, March 9, 1944.
3. Announcement by the Prime Minister in the House of Commons that Canada has not entered into official relations with the administration of General Farrell in Argentina, March 9, 1944.
4. Statement by the Prime Minister in the House of Commons that war materials are not being shipped from Canada to Spain, March 9, 1944.
5. Statement by the Prime Minister in the House of Commons that the Canadian Government did not endeavour to mediate between the Irish and United States Governments in the representation seeking the expulsion of Axis diplomatic and consular agents from Ireland. The Prime Minister added that representations had been received by the Canadian Government from the Irish Government asking that the United

States Government be approached and asked to withdraw their note, March 13, 1944.

6. Announcement of the dissolution of the Joint Economic Committees, by agreement of the Canadian and United States Governments - press release of March 14, 1944.
7. Announcement by the Prime Minister in the House of Commons of the appointment of Hon. W.F.A. Turgeon as Ambassador to Mexico, March 16, 1944.
8. Statement concerning the shipment of relief supplies to Greece - press release of March 16, 1944.
9. Announcement by the Prime Minister in the House of Commons that the Prime Minister of Australia, Mr. Curtin, had accepted his invitation to visit Canada either before or after the meeting of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers in London, and that a similar visit by Mr. Fraser of New Zealand was hoped for, March 16, 1944.
10. Statement by the Prime Minister in the House of Commons concerning the Mutual Aid Agreements concluded between Canada and the United Kingdom, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and Australia, March 16, 1944.
11. Statement by the Minister of Munitions and Supply in the House of Commons on Canadian policy with regard to post-war civil aviation, including a draft international air transport convention, March 17, 1944.
12. Statement by the Prime Minister in the House of Commons on the occasion of tabling the Mutual Aid Agreement between Canada and China, March 24, 1944.
13. Announcement of the forthcoming visit to Canada of a party of three Australian journalists as guests of the Canadian Government - press release of March 26, 1944.
14. Announcement by the Prime Minister in the House of Commons of the names of the Canadian delegates to the meeting of the International Labour Organization, to be held in Philadelphia on April 20, March 30, 1944.
15. Announcement by the Prime Minister in the House of Commons that the Council of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration will hold its next session in Montreal on June 23, March 31, 1944.
16. Announcement of recent informal preliminary talks on international civil aviation policy between representatives of the Canadian and United States Governments - press release of March 31, 1944.
17. Statement by the Prime Minister in the House of Commons that the forthcoming meeting of Commonwealth Prime Ministers will be in the nature of an exchange of views on the general war situation, war policy, and post-war problems, March 31, 1944.

(C) COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES IN CANADA

1. Mr. Shevki Alhan, Minister to Canada for Turkey, presented his letter of credence on March 6.
2. Mr. Radoje Nikolic became Charge d'Affaires at the Yugoslav Legation on March 13, following the resignation of the Minister, Dr. Izidor Cankar.
3. The Mexican Government stated on March 16 that Dr. Francisco del Rio Canedo had been appointed Ambassador to Canada.
4. It was announced in Moscow on March 23 that Mr. Georg Zarubin had been nominated Soviet Ambassador to Canada.
5. On March 30 the Prime Minister of New Zealand announced in the House of Representatives that the Honourable David Wilson M.L.C. had been appointed High Commissioner to Canada.
6. Mr. C.de Freitas-Valle, the first Brazilian Ambassador to Canada, arrived in Ottawa on March 31.

(D) VISITS BY COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN DIGNITARIES AND OFFICIALS

1. The Chinese Goodwill Mission visited Canada in early March. Dr. Wang Shih-Chieh, Chief Counsellor to the President of China, led the Mission, and its other members were Mr. Hu Lin, Director of TA KUNG PAO, China's leading daily newspaper, and Dr. Li Wei-kuo, Secretary of the Mission and Director of the General Affairs Department of the Chinese Ministry for Foreign Affairs. Dr. Wang and Mr. Hu were in Ottawa on March 5 and 6, and were entertained at a luncheon given by the Prime Minister on behalf of the Canadian Government.

(E) CHANGES IN THE CANADIAN EXTERNAL SERVICE

1. On March 20, the following appointments were made to the Canadian Embassy to Mexico:

- Hon. W.F.A. Turgeon, Ambassador
- Mr. H. Allard, First Secretary
- Mr. C.S. Bissett, Commercial Secretary.

2. The following were promoted in rank, effective as of January 1, 1944: from Second Secretary to First Secretary: Mr. Escott Reid, Mr. H. Allard, and Mr. C.S.A. Ritchie; from Third Secretary to Second Secretary: Mr. J.A. Gibson, Mr. Jean Chapdelaine, and Mr. E.B. Rogers. The following were promoted in rank, from Third to Second Secretary, effective as of February 1, 1944: Mr. E.H. Norman, Mr. G. Ignatieff, and Mr. S.F. Rae,

3. Mr. Escott Reid arrived in Washington on March 6 to assume his duties as First Secretary of the Embassy.

4. Mr. Vincent Massey returned to London on March 20 from his visit to Canada.

5. Mr. C.J. Burchell took over the High Commissionership to the Union of South Africa from Dr. Henry Laureys on March 27. Dr. Laureys will shortly return to Canada, pending a new appointment.

6. On March 24 Major H.G. Scott left the Department in Ottawa to return to the Department of National Defence.

7. Mr. D.S. Cole left the Consulate in New York on March 25 to return to the Department of Trade and Commerce in Ottawa.