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7. Mr. Juan Santiago Macias Texier was appointed Press Attache to the Embassy of Argentina on May 15th.
8. Mr. Mario Majoli has been appointed First Assistant to the Representative of Italy. When he arrives, he will succeed Mr. Riccardi, who is going to take charge of the Italian Consular Office in Toronto.
9. His Excellency General Arnaldo Carrasco, Ambassador of Chile, arrived in Ottawa on May 24th. He will present his Letter of Credence on June 5th.
10. His Excellency Dr. J.H. Van Royen resumed his duties as Ambassador of the Netherlands on May 27th, after an absence in New York, where he represented his country at the General Assembly of the United Nations.
11. His Excellency Count Jean de Hautecloque resumed his duties as Ambassador of France on May 28th, after an absence abroad.
12. Lieutenant-Colonel Walter A. Wood, Assistant Military Attache at the Embassy of the United States of America, relinquished his post on May 30th.
13. Dr. Liu Chieh has been nominated Ambassador of China to succeed Dr. Liu Shih Shun.
14. The address of the Danish Legation is now Room 103, Birks Building, 107 Sparks Street. (Tel. 4-0704).
15. The address of the Mexican Embassy is now 11 Metcalfe Street. (Tel. 3-8988).

IV.

VISITS OF COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN
DIGNITARIES AND OFFICIALS

1. Sir Lloyd Dumas, Chairman, Advertiser Newspapers Limited, Adelaide, Australia, was the guest of the Government of Canada at luncheon on May 1st.

V.

APPOINTMENTS AND TRANSFERS IN THE CANADIAN
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SERVICE

1. Mr. J.D. Kearney, High Commissioner designate to India, and Mr. S. Morley Scott, sailed from New York en route to India on May 6th.
2. Mr. T.C. Davis, Canadian Ambassador to China, arrived in Nanking on May 6th.
3. Mr. J.A. Strong, Canadian Ambassador to Peru, arrived in Lima on May 9th.
4. Mr. P.E. Renaud, left Ottawa May 6th, and took up his post as Canadian Charge d'Affaires ad interim in Berne, Switzerland on May 23rd.
5. Mr. K.P. Kirkwood, Canadian Charge d'Affaires ad interim in Poland, arrived in Warsaw on May 4th.
6. Mr. F.H. Walter, who has been serving as First Secretary at the Canadian Embassy to Argentina, arrived in Ottawa on May 12th.

7. Mr. J.J. Hurley left Ottawa on May 28th, to take up his post as Head of the Consular Section, Canadian Military Mission to Germany.
8. The appointment of Mr. Justice I.C. Rand as Canadian delegate to the Palestine Enquiry Commission was announced on May 22nd. (See Section VII para.17(c)).
9. Mr. Leon Mayrand left Ottawa May 24th for New York to serve as Canadian alternate delegate to the Palestine Enquiry Commission.
10. Mr. L.G. Chance, Head of the Consular Division, left Ottawa April 25th, to visit British Consulates in the United States in connection with Canadian consular work.
11. Mr. Marshal Crowe joined the Department on May 16th, as a Third Secretary.
12. Mr. J.J.M. Cote left Ottawa on May 27th, to attend the Telecommunications Conference in Atlantic City for several weeks and then to assume his post in the Canadian Embassy, Washington.

VI.

COMMONWEALTH AND INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCES

1. April 22 - May 2 - Geneva - 2nd Session of Coal Mining Committee of I.L.O. The Canadian Delegation was headed by Mr. Harry Hereford, M.B.E., Special Assistant to the Deputy Minister of Labour. He was assisted by Mr. J.A. McClelland, O.B.E., Member, National War Labour Board, Department of Labour. Employers' representatives were Mr. C. Gerow, Acting Manager, Canadian Coal Operators' Association, and Mr. J.C. Nicholson, Retired General Superintendent of Mines, Dominion Coal Co. Ltd., Baddeck, N.S. Workers' representatives were Mr. Robert Livett, President, District 18, United Mine Workers of America, Calgary, Alberta, and Mr. Freeman Jenkins, President, District 26, U.M.W.A., Glace Bay, N.S.
2. April 28 - May 15 - New York - Special Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations on Palestine. The Canadian Delegation was headed by Mr. L.B. Pearson, Under Secretary of State for External Affairs, and the advisers were Mr. G. Ignatieff and Miss E.P. MacCallum of the Department of External Affairs.
3. April 28 - May 10 - Prague - International Timber Conference. The Canadian representative was Colonel R.D. Roe, Commercial Secretary, Canada House, London.
4. April 30 - May 2 - Montreal - Commonwealth Air Transport Council. The Canadian Delegation was headed by the Rt. Hon. C.D. Howe, Minister of Reconstruction and Supply, assisted by Mr. A.D. McLean, Department of Transport; Mr. A.C. McKim, Canadian representative on the ICAO Council; Mr. G.P. Kidd, Department of External Affairs. The alternates were Mr. R.A.C. Henry, Chairman of the Air Transport Board; Mr. J.R. Baldwin,

Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet; Mr. C.S. Booth, Secretary, Air Transport Board and Mr. S. Graham, Superintendent of Air Regulations, Department of Transport.

5. May 1 - May 21 - Lausanne - Second Part of the First Session of the Preparatory Commission of the International Refugee Organization. The Canadian Delegation was headed by Mr. Jean Desy, Canadian Ambassador to Brazil, assisted by Mr. P.T. Molson, Canada House, London.
6. May 6 - May 27 - Montreal - Assembly of I.C.A.O. The Canadian Delegation was headed by the Rt. Hon C.D. Howe, Minister of Reconstruction and Supply, assisted by Mr. A.C. McKim, Canadian representative on the ICAO council, as alternate chairman and by Mr. R.A.C. Henry, Air Transport Board; Air Vice Marshall A. Ferrier, Air Transport Board; Mr. J.P.R. Vachon, Air Transport Board; Mr. S. Graham, Department of Transport. The alternate delegates were Mr. J.R. Baldwin, Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet; Brig. C.S. Booth, Air Transport Board; Mr. G.P. Kidd, Department of External Affairs; Mr. M.W. Sharp, Department of Finance. The advisers were Mr. J.C. Lessard, Department of Transport; Mr. H.N. Pearl, Post Office Department; Mr. W.S. Thompson, C.N.R. and T.C.A.; Mr. P.L. Young, Department of National Revenue; G/Capt. Marlow Kennedy, Department of National Defence; Mr. H.H. Carter, Department of External Affairs; Mr. E.A. Cote, Department of External Affairs.
7. May 6 - May 16 - Geneva - 2nd Session of Inland Transport Committee of I.L.O. The Canadian Delegation was headed by Mr. Harry Hereford, M.B.E., Special Assistant to the Deputy Minister of Labour. He was assisted by Mr. J.A. McClelland, O.B.E., Member, National War Labour Board, Department of Labour. Employers' representatives were: Mr. J.C. Patterson, European General Manager of the C.P.R., London, England, and Mr. A.A. Heaps, Controller of Grain Handling at Head of the Lakes (Fort William Port Arthur), Ottawa. Workers' representatives were: Mr. T. Roy, Quebec Vice-President, Canadian Seamen's Union, Montreal, and Mr. J.W. McQuire, National Secretary-Treasurer, Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees and other Transport Workers.
8. May 15 - May 30 - London - Commonwealth Conference on National Insurance. The Canadian Delegation was headed by Mr. N.A. Robertson, Canadian High Commissioner, London, assisted by Mr. Harry Hereford, M.B.E., Special Assistant to the Deputy Minister of Labour; Mr. J.A. McClelland, O.B.E., Member, National War Labour Board; Mr. V.C. Phelan, Department of Labour, and Colonel Alan Chambers, District Administrator of Veterans Affairs, London.
9. May 19 - May 31 - New York - Sub-Commission on Freedom of Information of the United Nations Economic and Social Council. The Canadian representative was Mr. G.V. Ferguson, Editor, "The Montreal Star".

10. May 21 - May 31 - The Hague - Congress of International Association for the Protection of Property Rights. The Canadian observer was from the Canadian Embassy, The Hague.

The following Conferences are still in session:-

11. April 10 - Geneva - Second Session of the Preparatory Committee of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment. The Canadian Delegation is headed by Mr. L.D. Wilgress, Canadian Minister designate to Switzerland. The alternate is Mr. H.B. McKinnon, Chairman, Canadian Tariff Board, and the delegates include Mr. D. Sim, Deputy Minister of National Revenue (Customs and Excise); The Hon. Victor Dore, Canadian Ambassador to Belgium; Mr. J.J. Deutsch, Department of Finance; Mr. H.R. Kemp, Department of Trade and Commerce; Mr. F.A. McGregor, Department of Justice and Mr. A.M. Shaw, Department of Agriculture. The advisers are from the Departments of Finance, Trade and Commerce, Agriculture, National Revenue and Justice.
12. May 6 to the end of June - Paris - Universal Postal Congress. The Canadian representative is Mr. W.J. Turnbull, Deputy Postmaster General and the advisers are Mr. A.J. Underwood and Mr. L. Germain of the Post Office Department.
13. May 15 - July 1st - Atlantic City - Conference of the International Telecommunications Union. The Canadian Delegation is headed by Mr. T.A. Stone, Canadian Minister in Washington, and the advisers are Mr. G.C.W. Browne, Mr. J.W. Bain, Mr. W.E. Connelly, Mr. C.J. Acton, Mr. L.E. Coffey, all from the Department of Transport; W/C S.R. Burband, R.C.A.F., and Mr. G.G. Riddell of the Department of External Affairs.
14. May 16 - Paris - Provisional Maritime Consultative Council. The Canadian representative is Mr. Bruce A. MacDonald, Canadian Embassy, Brussels.

H. OFFICIAL STATEMENTS AND RELEASES CONCERNING EXTERNAL RELATIONS

(A) Statements in the House of Commons

1. Air Transport

(a) Answer by the Secretary of State for External Affairs to a question concerning air services between Canada and Peru. May 5, p. 2778.

(b) Answer by the Minister of National Revenue to questions concerning customs regulations at airports. May 19, p. 3239.

2. Butter

Answer by the Minister of Agriculture to the questions of (i) the amount of Australian and New Zealand butter brought to Canada, (ii) the cost per pound and (iii) the amount in the hands of government agencies. May 5, p. 2777.

3. Canadian representation abroad

(a) Answer by the Secretary of State for External Affairs to the question whether the government had reached a decision regarding the appointment of a Canadian representative to the Vatican. May 14, p. 3107.

(b) Answer by the Secretary of State for External Affairs to the question of the acquisition of property in Washington for a Canadian embassy. May 27, p. 3523.

4. Canadians in Russia

Answer by the Secretary of State for External Affairs to a question concerning the number of Canadians in Russia, the number applying to Soviet authorities to return to Canada, the number of requests refused and the steps, if any, the government proposes to take. May 28, p. 3569.

5. Fishing

Answer by the Secretary of State for External Affairs to the question whether the government would adopt a policy of conservation of the coastal fisheries. May 27, p. 3523.

6. Food

Answer by the Minister of Agriculture to the question whether the Canadian government had been approached on the subject of a food shortage in the British and U.S. zones in Germany. May 14, p. 3113.

7. Foreign Exchange

(a) Statement by the Minister of Justice denying that the Canadian dollar was restored to parity with the United States dollar as a result of pressure from the U.S. May 15, p. 3133.

(b) Answer by the Minister of Finance to a question concerning Canada's exchange position with the U.S. May 21, p. 3342.

(c) Answer by the Minister of Finance to a question regarding the reimposition of certain measures of foreign exchange control. May 27, p. 3522.

8. Immigration and emigration

(a) Statement by the Minister of Labour denying that Polish war veterans working as farm labourers in Canada, are nazi sympathizers and had been accepted by the Canadian selection committee under pressure from the Polish corps. May 5, p. 2774.

(b) Answer by the Minister of Mines and Resources to questions concerning the number of applicants for immigration to Canada accepted up to May 1st, 1947, for whom as yet there was no transportation, the procedure by which displaced persons in Germany may apply for entry to Canada, and the procedure whereby persons in Canada may obtain permission for the entry of relatives physically unfit for reasons caused by war.

(c) Answer by the Minister of Mines and Resources to the question of how many immigrants, exclusive of the dependents of servicemen, have been admitted to Canada as of April 15, 1947. May 19, p. 3239.

(d) Answer by the Secretary of State for External Affairs to a question concerning the regulations under which a group of Yugoslav Canadians are leaving Canada. May 20, p. 3287.

(e) Answer by the acting Minister of Mines and Resources to a question concerning the number of Dutch and Belgians accepted for immigration, the number of arrivals, and the number of doctors available to examine prospective immigrants. May 22, p. 3367.

(f) Statement by the Secretary of State for External Affairs arising out of questions concerning the emigration of Yugoslav nationals and Canadians of Yugoslav descent. May 23, p. 3425.

(g) Answer by the Minister of Labour to a question concerning passages booked by Canadians having been cancelled in favour of Polish immigrants. May 23, p. 3527.

(h) Answer by the Parliamentary assistant to the Minister of Reconstruction and Supply to the question of the number of immigrants admitted to Canada from September 30, 1945 to April 15, 1947, and the countries from which they came. May 26, p. 3474.

(i) Answer by the Minister of Labour to a question concerning the regulations under which girls in displaced persons camps in Europe are being brought to Canada to work in the Dionne spinning mills. May 26, p. 3476.

(j) Answer by the Minister of Labour to a question asking information on press reports of group movements of displaced persons. May 29, p. 3628.

9. International labour organization

(a) The Minister of Labour tables the report of the Canadian government delegation to the 29th session of the International Labour conference held at Montreal, September 19 to October 9, 1946. May 30, p. 3675.

(b) The Secretary of State for External Affairs tables the amended constitution of the International Labour Organization adopted at Montreal October 9, 1946 and convention No. 80 of the International Labour Organization for the partial revision of the conventions adopted by the general conference of that organization at its first 28 sessions. May 30, p. 3675.

10. Motor vehicles

Answer by the Minister of Trade and Commerce to the question whether any touring cars had been shipped from Canada since June 1946, how many and to what countries. May 5, p. 2776.

11. Newfoundland

Answer by the Secretary of State for External Affairs to questions concerning Canada-Newfoundland discussions. May 23, p. 3527.

12. Olympic games

Answers by the Prime Minister to questions of whether Canada contributes to the Canadian Olympic Association and whether the government recommends appointments in connection with the Association. May 19, p. 3245.

13. Passports

(a) Answer by the Secretary of State for External Affairs to a request that Canadian passports be protected against alteration or transference. May 21, p. 3343.

(b) Answer by the Secretary of State for External Affairs to a question as to the procedure followed in granting Canadian passports to babies leaving Canada for the purpose of adoption in the United States. May 28, p. 3569.

14. Patents

(a) Answer by the Secretary of State to a question concerning the operation in Canada of I.G. Farbenindustrie. May 14, p. 3114.

(b) Tabling, by the Secretary of State for External Affairs, of an exchange of notes between Canada and the U.S. recording the interchange of patent rights for RDX. May 23, p. 3445.

15. Peace treaties

(a) Answer by the Secretary of State for External Affairs to the question whether Canada had signed the peace treaty with Finland. May 15, p. 3134.

(b) Answer by the Secretary of State for External Affairs to a request for information about a possible peace conference with Japan. May 30, p. 3676.

16. Trade

(a) Answer by the Secretary of State for External Affairs to the question of a report on the proceedings of the international trade conference. May 14, p. 3115.

(b) Tabling, by the Minister of Finance, of orders-in-council postponing the issue of a proclamation terminating the War Exchange Conservation Act, 1940. May 20, p. 3285.

(c) Answer by the Minister of Finance to a question arising out of a press report of the purpose of Mr. Towers' visit to England. May 20, p. 3286.

(d) Statement by the Minister of Finance on the agreement with Argentina, exchanging newsprint for edible oils. May 21, p. 3342.

(e) Answer by the Minister of Trade and Commerce to a question concerning the veracity of a press report to the effect that Canada may cut U.S. imports. May 22, p. 3371.

(f) Statement by the Parliamentary assistant to the Minister of Finance on the question of the amounts expended or contracted for under the Exports Credits Insurance Act and the United Kingdom financial agreement. May 26, p. 3475.

17. United Nations

(a) Answer by the Secretary of State for External Affairs to a question about the action of the Parliaments of the other units of the Commonwealth with respect to article 41 of the charter of the United Nations. May 5, p. 2773.

(b) Answer by the Parliamentary assistant to the Minister of Finance to the questions of what total amounts were made available by Canada to members of the United Nations in connection with the prosecution of the war, as gifts and loans. May 14, p. 3107.

(c) Tabling, by the Secretary of State for External Affairs, of an official communication announcing a special committee to prepare a report on the question of Palestine, and the announcement of the name of the Canadian representative to that committee. May 22, p. 3367.

(d) Statement by the Secretary of State for External Affairs at the time of the second reading of Bill No. 132 respecting article 41 of the charter of the United Nations. May 26, p. 3489.

(e) Answer by the Prime Minister to a question asking why Mr. Justice Rand had been made Canadian representative on the special U.N. committee to consider Palestine. May 28, p. 3572.

18. United States

(a) Secretary of State for External Affairs moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 253, regarding the exercise of discipline and internal administration of U.S. forces visiting Canada. May 23, p. 3424.

(b) Answer by the Prime Minister to the question of whether recent U.S. legislation means there has been any alteration of the policy of collaboration between Canada and the U.S. May 27, p. 3521.

Press Release

Canadian Delegation to the International Telecommunications Conference (May 13, No. 15).

