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- (A) INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS AND AGREEMENTS
(B) OFFICIAL STATEMENTS AND RELEASES CONCERNING EXTERNAL RELATIONS

1. Announcement of the presentation of credentials by the Belgian Ambassador - press release of February 1, 1944.
2. Announcement that the United Kingdom Government have received a list from the Japanese Government of British prisoners of war who lost their lives on November 29, 1943, in the sinking of a Japanese transport from Java - press release of February 1, 1944.
3. Statement by the Prime Minister in the House of Commons concerning exploratory discussions between officials of the Canadian Government and officials of the United Kingdom and United States Governments on questions relative to post-war problems - February 3, 1944. p147
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6. Statement by the Prime Minister in the House of Commons that the suggestion of deporting unnaturalized members of the Doukhor sect cannot be entertained at present - February 15, 1944. p500
7. Message of sympathy from the Prime Minister, read by him in the House of Commons, to President Roosevelt on the occasion of the loss of 1,000 American soldiers on the sinking of a troop transport in European waters - February 18, 1944.
8. Message from the Prime Minister to Marshal Stalin on the twenty-sixth anniversary of the founding of the Red Army - press release of February 23, 1944.
9. Statement by the Prime Minister in the House of Commons that no proposal for holding a conference in the United States on post-war international air transport is known to the Government, but that the Government is engaged in discussions with the United Kingdom and United States Governments regarding exploratory conversations on the subject - February 24, 1944.
10. Announcement of the presentation of credentials by the Chinese Ambassador - press release of February 26, 1944.
11. Statement by the Prime Minister in the House of Commons, in reply to questions concerning a Canadian flag: on the use of the red ensign as distinctive of Canada at the Quebec Conference, and the inadvisability of raising the flag controversy during wartime - February 28, 1944. 954
12. Statements by the Minister of Munitions and Supply in the House of Commons on the Northwest Air Staging Route from Edmonton to Alaska:- the initial Canadian project, subsequent joint development with the United States, and the decision to reimburse the U.S. for all expenditures on permanent installations and improvements - February 29, 1944. 1011

(C) COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES IN CANADA.

1. Baron Robert Silvercruys presented his letter of credence as Belgian Ambassador on February 1.
2. Captain Alberto D. Brunet, Naval and Air Attache at the Argentine Legation, left Ottawa on February 16 to return to Argentina.
3. Mr. Gerard Raoul-Duval arrived in Ottawa on February 22 to take up his duties as First Secretary at the office of the Delegate of the French Committee of National Liberation.
4. Dr. Liu Shih Shun presented his letter of credence as Chinese Ambassador on February 26.

(D) VISITS BY COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN DIGNITARIES AND OFFICIALS

1. Mr. Hugo Cedergren, Head of the Swedish Y.M.C.A., arrived in Ottawa on February 16, for a brief stay during an official tour of prisoner of war camps in the United States and Canada. He had previously made an inspection of internment camps in the United Kingdom and Germany.
2. On February 23 and 24, an unofficial Swedish Trade Mission to Canada, headed by Mr. Rolf von Heidenstam, paid a brief visit to Ottawa. The Minister of Trade and Commerce gave a luncheon for the members of the delegation and they met with various Canadian Government officials.

(E) CHANGES IN THE CANADIAN EXTERNAL SERVICE

1. Mr. W.F.A. Turgeon, Canadian Minister to Argentina, arrived in Ottawa on February 10.
2. Returning to Canada for a short visit, Mr. Vincent Massey reached Ottawa on February 15. He gave a Press Conference in the Department on February 17. Mr. G. Ignatieff, who will take up duties in Ottawa, accompanied him from London.

EXHIBIT REVISIONS

(B) OBJECTIVE STATEMENTS AND BELIEVES CONCERNING

(V) INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS AND AGREEMENTS

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