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The newly appointed High Commissioner for Ceylon, Dr. G. P. Malalasekera, this afternoon mede his first call on the Prime Minister of Canada, the Right Honourable John G. Diefenbaker. The High Commissioner was introduced by the Chief of Protocol, Mr. Henry F. Davis.

Dr. Malalasekera was Professor and Head of the Department of Pali and Buddhist Civilization and Dean of the Faculty of Oriental Studies, University of Ceylon. He was the most senior member of the Academic Staff of the University at the time of his appointment as Ceylonese Ambassador to Moscow in January 1957. He has served concurrently as Ambassador to Roumania, Czechoslovakia and Poland since 1959.

Mrs. Malalasekera accompanies her husband.