

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honorable Mitchell Sharp, announces the appointment of Mr. John M. Fraser to be Chargé d'affaires of the Canadian Embassy in Peking from the time of its opening until the arrival of an Ambassador. Mr. Fraser, at present China Desk Officer in the Department, has participated in the Stockholm talks from their inception.

In the joint communiqué announced in the House of Commons by the Secretary of State for External Affairs on October 13, the two governments agreed to exchange ambassadors within six months. In order to make the necessary practical arrangements to meet this target, a survey team headed by Mr. Fraser and made up of the following officials will leave Ottawa en route to Peking on October 24, 1970:

E. Arbuckle, External Affairs (Telecommunications)

R. Dawson, Industry, Trade and Commerce (Ottawa)

S. Kaufman, Industry, Trade and Commerce (Hong Kong - Chinese linguist)

G. MacAuley, External Affairs (Property and Materiel Management)

D.M. Stockwell, External Affairs (Admin. Officer designate for the Canadian Embassy in Peking)

As soon as accommodation has been found and sufficiently equipped to permit business to be conducted, Mr. Fraser will return to Peking and the Canadian mission will begin to function. On the appointment of an Ambassador Mr. Fraser will remain in Peking as Counsellor of the Embassy.

Biographical details of Mr. Fraser follow:

#### JOHN MACLEOD FRASER

Mr. Fraser was born February 12, 1935 in Montreal, Quebec. He received a B.A. from McGill University in 1955 and a B.A. in philosophy, politics and economics from Oxford in 1958.

Mr. Fraser joined the Department in 1958. He was posted to Belgrade as Third Secretary in 1959 and became Second Secretary in 1961. In 1965 he was posted to Hong Kong as Assistant Trade Commissioner and became Trade Commissioner in 1966. In December 1967 he was named First Secretary in Warsaw, and since September 1968 has been the China Desk Officer in Far Eastern Division at headquarters.