

MR. L.B. PEARSON APPOINTED TO CABINET

Hon. Lester B. Pearson was sworn in September 10 as Secretary of State for External Affairs. For two years previous, Mr. Pearson headed the Department of External Affairs as Under-Secretary.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Mackenzie King, announcing at a Press conference, the addition of Mr. Pearson to the Cabinet, said that Mr. Pearson would seek the East Algoma seat in the House of Commons. Thomas Farquhar member for East Algoma for the last thirteen years has been appointed to the Senate. Nomination day in East Algoma is fixed for October 12; voting day for October 25.

The Prime Minister left Ottawa on September 13 to attend the United Nations Assembly in Paris and subsequently the meeting of Commonwealth Prime Ministers in London. In his absence, Mr. St. Laurent is Acting Prime Minister. He is also Minister of Justice.

The Prime Minister further informed the Press conference that he expected to return to Ottawa early in November. He would then retire as Prime Minister in favor of Mr. St. Laurent.

On September 14, Mr. Pearson received the members of the diplomatic corps.

Biographical Note -

Lester Bowles Pearson was born in Toronto, Ontario, April 23, 1897.

Mr. Pearson was educated at collegiate institutes in Peterborough and Hamilton, Ontario. After a year of study at the University of Toronto, he enlisted with the University of Toronto hospital unit as a private, and served in Salonika. In 1917, as lieutenant in the Canadian Army, he transferred to the Royal Flying Corps - the R.A.F. of the first World War - and became a pilot with the rank of Flight-Lieutenant. He crashed and was invalided back to Canada.

He enrolled again at the University of Toronto and graduated with a B.A. degree in history. After a short period of service with Armour and Company, Chicago, he won a Massey Foundation Fellowship

later was appointed assistant professor in that Department. He has since received the degree of Honorary Doctor of Laws from the Universities of Toronto, Yale, New York, Rochester and McMaster and was



THE HONOURABLE LESTER B. PEARSON
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and went on to St. John's College at Oxford University. In 1923 after acquiring a B.A. degree, an M.A. degree and his hockey and lacrosse "blues" at Oxford, he joined the staff of the University of Toronto with an appointment as lecturer in the Department of History and

electd in 1946 an Honorary Fellow of St. John's College, Oxford.

In 1928, Mr. Pearson entered the Department of External Affairs as First Secretary. Until 1935 his headquarters were at Ottawa, although special missions took him to Wash-