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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Mitchell Sharp, announces the appointment of Mr. Fraser to be Charge d'Affaires of the Embassy in Peking from the time of its opening until the arrival of an Ambassador. Mr. Fraser, a Desk Officer in the Department, had participated in the negotiations which led to the opening of the Embassy in Peking from their inception.

The joint communiqué announced in the House of Commons by the Secretary of State for External Affairs and the Chinese Foreign Minister, Qiao Qunzhang, on October 13, 1970, stated that the two governments agreed to exchange embassies within six months, in order to make the necessary arrangements to meet this target. A group of Canadian officials, headed by Mr. Fraser, will be leaving Ottawa en route to Peking on October 21, 1970.

Mr. Fraser is currently serving as Deputy Secretary of External Affairs (International Law and Consular Affairs) in the Department. He has also served as Deputy Secretary of External Affairs (Property and Consular Affairs) and as Deputy Secretary of External Affairs (Industry, Trade and Commerce) in the Department.

APPOINTMENT OF CHARGE D'AFFAIRES TO PEKING

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