



# PRESS RELEASE

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
OTTAWA - CANADA

No. 84

For Immediate Release,  
Friday, November 26, 1954.

The Secretary of State for External Affairs and the Minister of Transport today announced the appointment of Mr. J. A. Irwin to succeed Brigadier Booth as Canadian Representative to the International Civil Aviation Organization. Brigadier Booth's appointment as Assistant Deputy Minister of Transport was announced on August 17, 1954. Mr. Irwin who has been First Secretary at the Canadian Embassy in Djakarta, Indonesia, is expected to take up his new duties in December.

Mr. John Arnold Irwin was born at Watrous, Sask., on July 4, 1917, and is a graduate of the University of Saskatchewan. He served with the R.C.A.F. during World War II, and was discharged with the rank of Squadron Leader. Mr. Irwin was mentioned in despatches. He joined the Department of External Affairs in 1945 and has served abroad in Prague, where he was Chargé d'Affaires from October 1949 to June 1950.

Prior to going to Djakarta in 1953, Mr. Irwin served in Ottawa for two years during which time he was closely associated with the work of the International Civil Aviation Organization. He attended the Fifth and Sixth Sessions of the Assembly of the International Civil Aviation Organization, Montreal, 1951 and 1952, and the Third Session of the Facilitation Division of the Air Transport Committee (ICAO) in Buenos Aires, 1951.