



The Secretary of State for External Affairs  
Canada

I am very glad to have the opportunity of writing a word of introduction for the first issue of our Departmental "House Organ" and to congratulate those responsible for the initiation and carrying out of this project. It will, I am sure, make a useful contribution not only to the morale of our Foreign Service at home and abroad, but also to our knowledge of each other's less serious and, therefore, more interesting pursuits.

I understand that contributions on Canadian policy with regard to the recognition of Red China or the race problem in South Africa will be firmly rejected, while items concerning diplomatic romances or Departmental gossip will be enthusiastically accepted. So far as the Minister's Office is concerned, we will do our best to contribute an entertaining paragraph or two for each issue, though we are neither romantic nor gossipy!

With this letter go my very best wishes for the success of our little magazine in its efforts to brighten the leisure hours of members of the Service in far-off places and in the remoter regions of the East Block.

*L. Pearson*

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