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The Department of External Affairs announced today the following transfers and postings:

Mr. John B.C. Watkins, First Secretary and until recently Head of the European Division of the Department, is leaving shortly for Moscow to replace Mr. John Holmes as Charge d'Affaires a.i. at the Canadian Embassy. After Mr. Watkins' arrival, Mr. Holmes will proceed to Paris as a Member of the Canadian Delegation to the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Mr. Fulgence Charpentier of the Information Division of the Department will leave Ottawa in a few weeks for Paris where he will be Information Officer at the Canadian Embassy.

Mr. Paul Malone will replace Mr. T.F.M. Newton at the Canadian Embassy in Washington as Information Officer. Mr. Newton's appointment as Canadian Consul at the Consulate in Boston has been announced.

Mr. M.A. Crowe, of the Economic Division of the Department, has been appointed Third Secretary at the Canadian Embassy at Moscow.

Mr. James Murray Cook who has been attached to the American and Far Eastern Division of the Department, is posted to the Canadian Embassy at Lima, Peru, as Third Secretary. He replaces Mr. F.M. Tovell, Second Secretary, who has returned to Ottawa to the Latin American section of the American and Far Eastern Division.

## Mr. John B. C. Watkins

Mr. Watkins was born in Norval Station, Ontario, on December 3, 1902. He attended the University of Toronto (B.A. 1926, M.A. 1927) and Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y. (Ph.D. 1944). Before joining the Department of External Affairs on September 3, 1946, Mr. Watkins had been an instructor in English at Queens University, 1927-28, and was associated with the American-Scandinavian Foundation in New York as Translator in 1930, Librarian, 1934, Director of Students, 1938, Assistant Secretary, 1940, and Secretary, 1945. In 1945-46, Mr. Watkins was Associate Professor of English at the University of Manitoba. Mr. Watkins has published a number of translations from Norwegian, Danish and German, and numerous articles and short stories from Danish, Norwegian, Spanish and Icelandic.