

NEW AMBASSADOR TO UAR

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Howard Green, has announced the appointment of Mr. R.A.D. Ford as Ambassador to the United Arab Republic. Mr. Ford, who is at present Ambassador to Yugoslavia, succeeds Mr. Arnold Smith of Toronto, whose appointment as Ambassador to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics was announced earlier. The appointment of Mr. Ford's successor will be announced later.

Mr. Ford was born in Ottawa on January 8, 1915, and was educated at the University of Western Ontario and Cornell University. He was appointed to the History Department of Cornell University in 1938 and served there until he joined the Department of External Affairs in 1940. He was named third secretary at Rio de Janeiro in 1941 and in 1946 was appointed second secretary to the Office of the Canadian High Commissioner in London. Later, the same year, Mr. Ford went to Moscow for a few months. He returned to London as first secretary in 1947. In 1951 he was appointed chargé d'affaires a.i. at Moscow and upon his return to Ottawa in 1954 he became head of the Department's European Division. He was appointed Ambassador to Colombia in January 1957 and Ambassador to Yugoslavia in December 1958.

During the course of his professional career, Mr. Ford has maintained a lively interest in the field of linguistics and literature. He is the author of "A Window On The North", for which he was awarded the Governor General's Medal for Poetry in 1956, and other poems. He has also translated into English poetry from the French, Portuguese, and Russian languages.

CO-OP EXPERT TO LAGOS

The appointment has been announced under the Commonwealth Technical Assistance Programme of the Reverend N.H. MacKenzie of Toronto as adviser to the Government of Nigeria on the future development of co-operatives in that country. To undertake this assignment, he has been granted leave-of-absence by the Board of Overseas Missions of the United Church of Canada.

Dr. MacKenzie, who arrived in Lagos on January 26, will remain in Nigeria for one year. He will concentrate on fostering leadership in the co-operative movement in the Western Region, and will undertake research work into certain aspects of its organization and practice. In addition, he will supervise and conduct field work, establish refresher courses for co-operative workers, especially at the village level, and will also act as adviser to the principal of the Co-Operatives College at Ibadan.

Dr. MacKenzie was born in China where he received his early education. He is a graduate

of Victoria and Emmanuel Colleges of the University of Toronto and also studied at the Ontario Agricultural College. While on the staff of St. Francis Xavier University, he carried out extension work both in Nova Scotia and British Columbia. From 1944 he carried out missionary work for the United Church of Canada both in China and India, where he was concerned with promoting adult literacy, co-operatives, public health, etc. in the villages. Dr. MacKenzie has published a number of pamphlets on adult education and credit unions in both the Chinese and Hindi languages.

CONSUMER CREDIT IN NOVEMBER

Balances outstanding on the books of sales finance companies at the end of November 1960 amounted to \$1,218,900,000, a drop of 1.1 per cent from \$1,232,300,000 at the end of October and a rise of 5.6 per cent from \$1,154,700,000 at the end of November 1959. Balances outstanding on consumer goods amounted to \$836,600,000 at the end of the month, compared to \$840 million a month earlier and \$815,600,000 a year earlier, and on commercial goods \$382,300,000 versus \$392,300,000 and \$339,100,000.

Cash loans and instalment credit held by companies licensed under the Small Loans Act at the end of November amounted to \$530,500,000, virtually unchanged from \$540,900,000 at the end of October, and up 14.7 per cent from \$471,100,000 at the end of November 1959. Accounts receivable held by department stores at the end of the month totalled \$327,700,000 as compared to \$313,300,000 a month earlier and \$281,200,000 a year earlier.

MEXICAN BUILDING EXHIBIT

Mexican architecture of the past 4,000 years or more is displayed in all its richness and variety in an exhibit of 350 photographs that will be open for public viewing until the end of February at the National Museum of Canada.

His Excellency, Rafael de la Colina, Mexican Ambassador to Canada, opened the exhibit on January 24, when he presented the photographs to Harland Steele, Toronto, president of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada, as a gift to the Canadian organization from Mexican architects.

The photographic display was prepared by the National Architects College of Mexico and the Society of Mexican Architects to observe the fiftieth anniversary of the Mexican Revolution. Fifty copies of the display are being presented to architectural bodies in many countries to make the Mexican contributions to architecture better known.

First showing of the photographs to the Canadian public was arranged by the Ottawa chapter, Ontario Association of Architects,