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The Secretary of State for External Affairs today announced the appointment of Mr. C.S.A. Ritchie as Canadian Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany and of Mr. E.W.T. Gill as Canadian High Commissioner to the Union of South Africa.

In Bonn Mr. Ritchie, who accompanied the Prime Minister on his around-the-world tour and who up to recently had been Deputy Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, will succeed Mr. T.C. Davis, who is returning to Canada on home leave. In Pretoria Mr. Gill will succeed Mr. T.W.L. MacDermot, who was appointed Canadian Ambassador to Greece in March. Mr. Ritchie will take up his post in May and Mr. Gill in July.

Charles Stewart Almon Ritchie was born in Halifax on September 23, 1906 and studied at Kings College, Dalhousie University, at Oxford and Harvard Universities and at the Ecole Libre des Sciences Politiques in Paris. He joined the Department of External Affairs in August 1934 and served in Washington, 1936-39; London, 1939-45; Ottawa, 1945-47 and Paris 1947-50. He returned to Ottawa in January 1950 and served as Assistant, Deputy and Acting Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs until early this year. He then accompanied Mr. St-Laurent on his recent tour, with the special rank of Ambassador. Mr. Ritchie has attended a number of international conferences including: the United Nations Conference on International Organization in San Francisco, 1945; General Assemblies of the United Nations in London, 1946, Paris, 1948 and New York, 1950; and sessions of the Security Council in New York in 1946 and 1948; Peace Conference, Paris, 1946; Executive Committee and General Council of the International Refugee Organization, Geneva, 1949; North Atlantic Council, Ottawa, 1951 and Lisbon, 1952. Mr. Ritchie is married.

Mr. Gill was born in Ottawa on November 2, 1902 and graduated from the Royal Military College, Kingston, in 1923 and McGill University in 1925. Before the war he served with industrial and commercial organizations. He joined the Canadian Army in 1940 and rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in 1944. From 1944 to 1946 Mr. Gill served as Secretary to the Chiefs of Staff Committee and as a member of the Cabinet Secretariat. On demobilisation he was appointed to the civilian staff of the Privy Council Office and served as Secretary to the Cabinet Defence Committee and other Cabinet Committees. He joined the Department of External Affairs in 1950 and during 1950-51 served as Counsellor at Canada House, London and as Canadian representative and Vice-Chairman of the North Atlantic Defence Production Board. He attended meetings of the North Atlantic Council in London, The Hague and Brussels, 1950-51, and in November 1951 returned to the Department to serve as the Head of Personnel Division. Mr. Gill is married and has three children.