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The Department of External Affairs announced today the following changes in certain missions in Western Europe.

Dr. Victor Dore, now Ambassador in Belgium, has been appointed to Berne. This post has been vacant since the transfer to London of Mr. L. D. Wilgress slightly over a year ago. Dr. Dore will retain in Berne his personal rank of Ambassador and will remain a member of the Executive Board of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. It is expected that he will be available, from time to time, for attendance at the international meetings and conferences which are being held in Europe.

Lt. Gen. Maurice A. Pope now Head of the Canadian Mission to the Allied High Commission in Bonn and also Head of the Canadian Military Mission in Berlin will be leaving Bonn, and will take over a Canadian diplomatic mission elsewhere in Western Europe.

The Hon. T. C. Davis, formerly Ambassador to China, will replace General Pope.

It is expected that these changes will take place early in June.

Dr. Henry Laureys, now Canadian Minister to Denmark, will return to Canada in September and retire from the service. Dr. Laureys has served in South Africa as High Commissioner, in Peru as Ambassador, a rank he retained on his appointment as Minister to Norway and Denmark in April, 1947, and to Denmark alone in September, 1947.

Dr. P. E. Renaud who has served in Berne for the last three years will return to Ottawa for duty in the Department. Dr. Renaud is one of the Department's senior officers.

Biographical notes are attached.