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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, today announced the appointment of Mr. Albert Edgar Ritchie as Deputy Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs. Mr. Ritchie succeeds Mr. Marcel Cadieux, whose appointment as Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs was announced earlier this year.

Mr. Ritchie was born in Andover, N.B., on December 20, 1916, and studied at Mount Allison University and at Oxford where he was a Rhodes Scholar. In 1941-42, he was employed by the British Purchasing Commission, and during 1942-44 by the Ministry of Economic Warfare Mission (British Embassy) in Washington. Mr. Ritchie joined the Department of External Affairs as Third Secretary, Washington, July 1944, and resigned in 1946 to become Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary-General in charge of the Economic Affairs Department of the United Nations in New York. In 1947-48 he was Special Assistant to the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Preparatory Committee and Conference on Trade and Employment.

In June 1948, Mr. Ritchie rejoined the Department of External Affairs. He served at Canada House, London, 1948 - 1952 and as Minister at the Canadian Embassy in Washington 1957-59. Mr. Ritchie has been serving as Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs since September 1959.

He is married and has four children.