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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Howard Green, today 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 Charge 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.

Mr. Ford is married.