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APPOINTMENT OF DAVID PEACOCK
AS COUNSELLOR (CULTURAL AFFAIRS)
AT THE HIGH COMMISSION IN LONDON

The Department of External Affairs announced today the appointment of David Peacock as Counsellor (Cultural Affairs) at the High Commission in London.

David Peacock who is currently Assistant Director of the Arts Division of the Canada Council, brings to his new position a long and extensive background in the performing arts and art administration developed through his contacts with arts organizations across Canada.

Born in England in 1924, David Peacock studied at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art and spent thirteen years in stage management at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden.

From 1964-1972 he was connected with the National Theatre School in Montreal, first as Director of the Production Course and then as Director General. During this period he was also involved in various capacities with the Montreal Symphony Orchestra, Opera Québec, the Théâtre du Nouveau-Monde, and the Canadian Opera Company. In 1972 he joined the Canada Council as Theatre Officer.

In London, David Peacock will be responsible for planning and implementing a programme of cultural activities in the visual, performing and literary arts. Working in collaboration with the Department's Bureau of International Cultural Relations, he will also provide facilitative assistance to the Canadian cultural community in the development of relations with its British counterparts.