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THE NEWLY APPOINTED HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA, MR. JAN RUITER JORDAAN, THIS MORNING CALLED ON THE PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA, THE RIGHT HONOURABLE LOUIS S. ST. LAURENT, TO PRESENT HIS LETTER OF INTRODUCTION FROM THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA, THE HONOURABLE J. G. STRYDOM.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER WAS INTRODUCED BY THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, MR. E. D'ARCY MCGREER. MR. J. S. F. BOTHA, THE FIRST SECRETARY AND ACTING HIGH COMMISSIONER SINCE THE DEPARTURE OF MR. WENTZEL C. DU PLESSIS IN SEPTEMBER, WAS ALSO PRESENT.

MR. JORDAAN WAS BORN IN 1905 AND ENTERED THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS IN 1927. DURING THE COURSE OF HIS CAREER, HE HAS SERVED IN GERMANY, THE NETHERLANDS, FRANCE AND THE UNITED STATES. FROM 1949 TO 1955 HE WAS DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS IN NEW YORK AND, PRIOR TO COMING TO CANADA, WAS ENVOY EXTRAORDINARY AND MINISTER PLENIPOTENTIARY IN THE OFFICE OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN HIGH COMMISSIONER IN LONDON.

MR. JORDAAN IS MARRIED.