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WEEK'S EVENTS IN REVIEW

DEPARTMENTAL APPOINTMENTS: The Secretary of State for External Affairs announced on May 19 appointment by the Civil Service Commission of Mr. Léon Mayrand and Mr. Herbert Owen Moran as Assistant Under-Secretaries of State for External Affairs. Mr. Mayrand was formerly Head of the American and Far Eastern Division of the Department of External Affairs and Mr. Moran was Special Assistant to the Under-Secretary.

Mr. Mayrand was born in Montreal in 1905. He was admitted to the Quebec Bar in 1929 and obtained his diploma from l'Ecole des Sciences Politiques in Paris in 1931 and his doctorate of laws from the University of Montreal in 1933. He was on the staff of "La Patrie" from 1933 to 1934. Mr. Mayrand joined the Department of External Affairs in 1934 and has served in London, Rio de Janeiro and Moscow as well as in Ottawa. He was a member of the Canadian Delegation to the second part of the third session of the United Nations General Assembly which has just concluded its meeting at Lake Success.

Mr. Moran was born in Peterborough in 1908. A graduate of the University of Toronto, he studied at Osgoode Hall and was called to the Ontario Bar in 1935. He practised law in Toronto. Mr. Moran served overseas for five and a half years and in 1945 became Officer I/C, Canadian Section Headquarters, British Army of the Rhine. He retired from the army with the rank of Colonel, joined the Department and became Head of the Economic Division. He

was appointed Special Assistant to the Acting Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs in October, 1948.

PRAIRIES CROP REPORT: Continued dry weather and high temperatures are causing rapid deterioration of moisture reserves throughout the Prairie Provinces. In large areas of Saskatchewan and Alberta rain is urgently needed to promote germination and is generally needed throughout the west to promote growth. Seeding is well advanced but has been brought to a halt in many areas where drought is severe. Grasshoppers are hatching rapidly in many southern areas and control measures are under way in the most seriously affected districts, according to the Bureau of Statistics' report of May 17.

Growth of crops in Manitoba has been very satisfactory to date. Reserve moisture is being rapidly depleted, however, and general rains are greatly needed.

While about 83 per cent of Saskatchewan's wheat crop is now in the ground, seeding has been brought to a halt in many areas in the south, southwest and northeast of the Province, where the moisture deficiency is particularly severe.

Alberta suffered from warm, dry, windy weather during the past week. A general rain is needed badly throughout the Province to promote germination. Moisture supplies are fair to good on summer fallow fields, while stubble seeded fields are dry.