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The newly-appointed High Commissioner for Australia to Canada, Mr. David O. Hay, D.S.O., M.B.E., this afternoon made his first call on the Prime Minister, the Right Honourable John G. Diefenbaker. The High Commissioner, who was accompanied by Mr. Kieran Desmond, First Secretary of his Office, was introduced by the Chief of Protocol, Mr. Henry F. Davis.

Mr. Hay was born in New South Wales in 1916. He joined the diplomatic service in 1939. During the last war, he served with distinction as an Army Colonel in the Western Desert, Greece, and New Guinea.

In 1950 he was appointed Counsellor of the Australian High Commission in Ottawa, a post which he held until 1952. He attended the Imperial Defence College, London, in 1954, and the following year was made Australian Ambassador to Thailand. Before taking up his present appointment, Mr. Hay was Assistant Secretary, Department of External Affairs, Canberra.

Mr. Hay is accompanied by Mrs. Hay and one son, Master David Hay, aged eleven: a second son, aged sixteen is in school in Australia.