



The Toronto Mendelssohn Choir with conductor Elmer Isler front left.

supporting, an extraordinary achievement in terms of its public commitments and its varied programs. It has received grant aid from the Canada Council, the Ontario Arts Council, the town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ronson Products of Canada Limited and York University.

It tours extensively, inside Canada and abroad, and its presentation of *The Devil's Disciple* in October is its third production at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, DC. It was there in 1972 with *Misalliance* and in 1973 with *The Philanderer*.

## The New Ambassador

Jack Hamilton Warren, Canada's new Ambassador, comes to Washington from London, where he served for over three years as Canada's High Commissioner (Ambassador) to Great Britain. He is hardly the typical diplomat, having served in the Canadian Ministries of Finance, Industry and Trade, as well as in the Department of External Affairs.

Mr. Warren was born in 1921 on a tobacco farm in southwestern Ontario. The family left the farm when he was four, but he remembers "helping to bring in the cows." The Ambassador, who was brought up in Ottawa, hastened his graduation from Queen's University to join the Royal Canadian Navy in 1941. He was one of two officers who survived the sinking of HMCS *Valleyfield* in 1944. He entered Canada's foreign service at the end of hostilities, was posted to London in 1948 and saw Britain slowly emerge from the darkness and austerity of the postwar period.

His work in the economic field has taken him to conferences and negotiations throughout the world. For a number of years, in the early sixties, he was Chairman of the Contracting Parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. He played a leading role for Canada in the Dillon



and Kennedy rounds of trade and tariff negotiations.

The Ambassador was appointed Deputy Minister of Trade and Commerce in 1964 and Deputy Minister of the combined Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce in 1968.

An admirer of artistic talent, whether creative or performing, Mr. Warren was a founding member of Canada's National Design Council. He is delighted that his arrival in the Capital coincides so closely with Canada's Festival contribution to the Bicentennial Celebrations.

"Jake" and Joan Warren are happy to be back in the United States. They were here from 1954 to 1957 when he was Alternate Executive Director for Canada of the International Monetary Fund and the International Bank as well as Counsellor (Finance) at the Embassy.

Mrs. Warren and the Ambassador play golf together when they have the opportunity and, he says, he wins occasionally. Mrs. Warren was a varsity athlete at Oxford where she honoured in mathematics. The Warrens' eldest son Martin was born in Washington, and he and the other three children will visit their parents here when school and work holidays permit.