The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, announced the following appointments:

Mr. George Kidd, 54, of Victoria, to the Commonwealth Secretariat as Managing Director of the Commonwealth Fund for Technical Cooperation, effective October 1, 1971.

The Commonwealth Fund for Technical Cooperation, a major venture in multilateral aid to Commonwealth countries, was formally established on April 1 this year following the Conference of Commonwealth Heads of Government in Singapore in January.

Presently serving as Vice-President of the Canadian International Development Agency, Mr. Kidd will be on secondment from the Department of External Affairs for a period of approximately three years.

Mr. Noble Power, 39, of Montreal, presently serving as Assistant Secretary of the Interdepartmental Committee on External Relations, to become Canadian High Commissioner to Ghana and Ambassador to Dahomey and Togo, replacing Mr. D.B. Hicks.

Biographical notes are attached.

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