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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. L.B. Pearson, today announced on behalf of the Prime Minister the appointment of Mr. H. Hume Wrong, Canadian Ambassador to the United States, as Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs. Mr. Pearson also announced the appointment of Mr. L. Dana Wilgress, Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, as Permanent Representative of Canada to the North Atlantic Council and Representative to the Office of European Economic Co-operation, and the appointment of Mr. A.D.P. Heeney, Q.C., Permanent Representative of Canada to the North Atlantic Council and Representative to the Office of European Economic Co-operation, as Canadian Ambassador to the United States.

These changes will take place at the end of July and the beginning of August, although Mr. Wrong will not take up his new duties until November 1.

Mr. Wilgress entered the Jovernment service in 1914 and has held a number of important posts in the Departments of Trade and Commerce and of External Affairs. Prior to his appointment as Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, he was High Commissioner for Canada to the United Kingdom and Canadian Representative on the Council Deputies of NATO.

Mr. Wrong has been in the diplomatic service for twenty-six years. Prior to his appointment as Canadian Ambassador to the United States in 1946, he was Associate Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs.

Mr. Heeney, prior to his present appointment, was Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, and before that was Secretary to the Cabinet and Clerk of the Privy Council.