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MR. LEOLYN DANA WILGRESS, Permanent Representative at the North Atlantic Council.

Mr. Wilgress was born in Vancouver, British Columbia, on October 20th, 1892, and studied at Yokohama, Japan, and later at the University School, Victoria, B.C.

1916-1918, he was Trade Commissioner at Omsk, and later at Vladivostok. He occupied posts in Rumania, Italy and England, and then was called on to investigate trade opportunities with the Soviet Union. He was subsequently Trade Commissioner in Hamburg and Athens, and from 1932 to 1940, Director of Commercial Intelligence Service, Ottawa.

From 1940 to 1942, he was Deputy Minister of Trade and Commerce. From 1942 to 1947, he was Canada's Representative to the Soviet Union, first as Minister and later with the rank of Ambassador and, subsequently, he became Minister in Switzerland and High Commissioner of Canada in the United Kingdom.

After having served as North Atlantic Council Deputy in London, Mr. Wilgress was appointed Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, in June 1952.

In August 1953, he became Permanent Representative of Canada at the North Atlantic Council.

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