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WEEK'S EVENTS IN REVIEW

MR. PEARSON SUCCEEDS MR. ST. LAURENT:

Lester B. Pearson, for two years Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, was appointed Secretary of State for External Affairs and sworn to that office at Government House on Friday afternoon, September 10.

In announcing Mr. Pearson's appointment to the Cabinet, the Prime Minister, Mr. King, said Mr. Pearson would seek election to the House of Commons in the riding of Algoma East, a seat held for 13 years by Thomas Farquhar, who was appointed Friday to the Senate.

Nominations in Algoma East have been set for October 12 and the voting, if voting takes place, will be on October 25.

It was also stated by Mr. King, at a Press Conference, that he expected to return to Canada early in November from his Paris and London engagements, and that he would then relinquish his post as Prime Minister to Mr. St. Laurent, now acting Prime Minister.

Mr. St. Laurent, meanwhile, again takes over the portfolio of Minister of Justice which he will retain until he assumes the Prime Ministership later in the year.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Lester Bowles Pearson was born in Toronto, Ontario, April 23, 1897.

Mr. Pearson was educated at collegiate institutes in Peterborough and Hamilton, Ontario. After a year of study at the University of Toronto, he enlisted with the University of Toronto hospital unit as a private, and served in Salonika. In 1917, as lieutenant in the Canadian Army, he transferred to the Royal Flying Corps - the R.A.F. of the first World

War - and became a pilot with the rank of Flight-Lieutenant. He crashed and was invalided back to Canada.

He enrolled again at the University of Toronto and graduated with a B.A. degree in history. After a short period of service with Armour and Company, Chicago, he won a Massey Foundation Fellowship and went on to St. John's College at Oxford University. In 1923 after acquiring a B.A. degree, an M.A. degree and his hockey and lacrosse "blues" at Oxford, he joined the staff of the University of Toronto with an appointment as lecturer in the Department of History and later was appointed assistant professor in that Department. He has since received the degree of Honorary Doctor of Laws from the Universities of Toronto, Yale, New York, Rochester and McMaster, and was elected in 1946 an Honorary Fellow of St. John's College, Oxford.

In 1928, Mr. Pearson entered the Department of External Affairs as First Secretary. Until 1935 his headquarters were at Ottawa, although special missions took him to Washington, London, the Hague, Geneva, and throughout Canada.

In 1929, Mr. Pearson was in Washington on special duty. The following year he attended the Conference for the Codification of International Law, at the Hague, and the Naval Disarmament Conference in London. He also represented Canada at the Disarmament Conference at Geneva, Switzerland, in 1933 and 1934.

On two occasions Mr. Pearson was loaned by the Canadian Department of External Affairs for special duties. In 1931, he acted as Secretary to Lord Stamp's Royal Commission on