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The Secretary of State for External Affairs announced today the posting of Mr. Benjamin Rogers of the Information Division of the Department to Czechoslovakia as Charge d'Affaires a.i. of the Canadian Legation at Prague. Mr. Rogers is replacing Mr. R. M. Macdonnell who was transferred from Prague to the Canadian Embassy, Paris, in December, 1949. It is expected that Mr. Rogers will leave for Czechoslovakia sometime in May.

Mr. Rogers was born in Vernon, B.C., August 3, 1911. He attended elementary and secondary schools in Charlottetown, P.E.I. and graduated from Dalhousie University with the degree of B.A. in Political Science. He later studied at the London School of Economics where he obtained the degree of M.Sc. (Econ.). Prior to joining the Department of External Affairs in 1938, Mr. Rogers was Acting National Secretary of the Canadian Institute of International Affairs. In December, 1939, Mr. Rogers was posted to the Office of the High Commissioner for Canada, Canberra, and was Acting High Commissioner from July, 1941, to January, 1942, and again from October-December, 1942. While serving at the Canadian Embassy in Rio de Janeiro he acted as Charge d'Affaires on several occasions between 1944 and 1948.