

ASSUMES EXTERNAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

CABINET APPOINTMENT: Dr. Sidney E. Smith, prominent Canadian educator, was sworn in last week as Canada's Secretary of State for External Affairs, and is now serving as chairman of Canada's delegation to the United Nations General Assembly which opened yesterday in New York. Prime Minister Diefenbaker previously had charge of the External Affairs portfolio.

Dr. Smith, who resigned his post as President of the University of Toronto to accept his new post, was born in Nova Scotia, studied at King's College, Windsor, N.S., served overseas during the First World War, and completed his law studies at Dalhousie University, Halifax, and Harvard University. At the age of 37 he assumed the presidency of the University of Manitoba, and in 1945 was named President of the University of Toronto. He is married and has three children.

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NATO EXERCISES: RCAF maritime squadrons are on the hop this month in important roles in four NATO exercises involving air, surface and submarine forces of seven NATO nations, it has been announced by Air Force Headquarters.

Aircraft from 404 Squadron ranged over the Atlantic out of Greenwood from September 4 to 13 during Exercise "Sea Spray". This was a combined NATO tactical exercise designed for co-ordinated training of naval and air forces earmarked for NATO, and forces from Canada and the United States took part. They will operate out of Torbay, Newfoundland, from September 19 to 23 while they participate in Exercise "Sea Watch". This is an anti-submarine, anti-surface raider and convoy protection exercise. The area of operations will extend over the north and mid-Atlantic, and forces from Canada, France, the Netherlands, Portugal, the United States and the United Kingdom will take part.

A second RCAF maritime squadron, 405, flew seven of its Neptunes from Greenwood to Ballykelly in Northern Ireland and will operate from there for about two weeks. While there, 405 Squadron will take part in three NATO exercises. They will fly in Exercise "Sea Watch" while their sister squadron is taking part in the same exercise from the other side of the Atlantic.

They will also take part in Exercise "Strike Back" and Exercise "Fend Off". "Strike Back" is a large-scale NATO exercise involving hundreds of aircraft and 150 ships from Canada, France, the Netherlands, Norway, the United Kingdom and the United States. It will range over the North Atlantic. "Fend Off" is an extensive anti-submarine exercise to be held in the North Atlantic, involving five maritime patrol squadrons and about 30 ships from Canada, the United Kingdom and the United States.

Canada's delegation to the UN General Assembly is made up as follows: Dr. Sidney E. Smith, Secretary of State for External Affairs, chairman; Wallace Nesbitt, Progressive Conservative member for Oxford, Ont.; and parliamentary assistant to the Prime Minister, vice-chairman; Dr. R. A. MacKay, Canada's permanent representative to the UN; Mrs. Harry S. Quart of Quebec City, and Frank Lennard, Conservative MP for Ontario's Wentworth riding.

Alternate representatives--Harry O. White, Conservative MP for Ontario's Hastings-Frontenac; J.H. Theogene Ricard, Conservative MP for St. Hyacinthe-Bagot in Quebec; Escott Reid, former Canadian High Commissioner to India; W.D. Matthews, Assistant Under-Secretary for External Affairs, and E.B. Rogers, Canadian Ambassador to Peru.

SKILLED MANPOWER: Requirements for engineers and highly-qualified technical workers are expanding rapidly in important Canadian industries. As a result, there is an increasing demand for people who have, at least, completed their secondary school education.

These are some of the findings of a report released by Mr. Michael Starr, Minister of Labour. The report is entitled "Technological Changes and Skilled Manpower: Electrical and Electronics Industry and Heavy Machinery Industry". It is based on a survey of these two industries made in 1956 as part of a research programme on the training of skilled manpower. The research programme is being conducted by the Department of Labour in co-operation with provincial government agencies and other groups.

Between 1939 and 1956, employment, in the "Electrical Apparatus" group of industries quadrupled, while in the "Machinery" group of industries it tripled. The volume of production increased even more rapidly.

The growth of production has been accompanied by technological changes, and it is probable that this trend will continue along with further expansion in production. As a result of the introduction of new products, improvements in products, and new methods of production, increasing effort is being devoted, for example, to design, research, quality control, and methods analysis.

Consequently, there is an increasing demand for engineers, engineering assistants and technicians, draftsmen, and some types of skilled tradesmen.

At all these levels, according to the report, educational requirements are increasing and there is a demand for more intensive formal training over a broader field. Such formal training may include physics, mechanics, chemistry, or metallurgy, as well as electricity and mathematics.