

The Department of External Affairs announced today that Mr. Benjamin Rogers, former Canadian Ambassador to Italy and the Canadian High Commissioner to Malta, has now assumed his duties as Chief of Protocol. Mr. Rogers' appointment as Chief of Protocol was announced earlier. In that capacity he will be concerned with relations with the diplomatic and consular representatives of other countries in Canada, the accreditations of Canadian representatives abroad, and the visits of Heads of State and senior members of other governments to Canada, arrangements for the visits of such representatives to various parts of the country and generally the provision of government hospitality to official visitors to Canada. In view of the important connection between such protocol activities and the other work of the Department of External Affairs, Mr. Rogers will be a member of the Under-Secretarial or steering group in the Department of External Affairs with status equivalent to that of an Assistant Under-Secretary, in addition to fulfilling the responsibilities of Head of the Protocol Division. A biographic note of Mr. Rogers follows.

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BENJAMIN ROGERS

Mr. Benjamin Rogers was born in Vernon, B.C. on August 3, 1911. In 1933 he obtained his B.A. degree from Dalhousie University and in 1935 he obtained a M. Sc. (Econ.) from the London School of Economics.

Mr. Rogers joined the Department of External Affairs in 1938 and has been posted to Canberra, Washington, Rio de Janeiro and Prague. Mr. Rogers was appointed Ambassador to Peru in 1955, Ambassador to Turkey in 1958 and in 1960 he became Deputy High Commissioner in London. From 1964 to 1969 he was Ambassador to Spain and Morocco. He was named Ambassador to Italy and High Commissioner to Malta in 1969.

Mr. Rogers is married to Frances Morrison and has one son.