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## DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENTS

The Acting Prime Minister, the Honourable Paul Martin, announced today the appointment of Mr. Charles S.A. Ritchie as High Commissioner for Canada in Britain to succeed the Honourable Lionel Chevrier who has held this position since 1964. Mr. Ritchie, at present Permanent Representative and Ambassador to the North Atlantic Council in Paris, will be replaced by Mr. Ross Campbell, now Canadian Ambassador to Yugoslavia.

Mr. Chevrier will return to Canada shortly to take up his duties as Commissioner General for Visits of State 1967.

Mr. Ritchie was born in Halifax in 1906. He studied at King's College, Dalhousie University, and at Oxford University, from which he received the degrees of B.A. and M.A. He also received an M.A. from Harvard University and attended the Ecole Libre des Sciences Politiques in Paris.

Since joining the Department of External Affairs in 1934, Mr. Ritchie has held a variety of appointments at home and abroad. His first assignment was in Washington in 1936 and during the war years he was a member of the High Commissioner's staff at Canada House in London. He later served as Counsellor at the Canadian Embassy in Paris. In 1950 he became an assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, and in 1952 was appointed Deputy Under-Secretary.

Mr. Ritchie was appointed Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany, Bonn, and Head of the Military Mission, Berlin, in 1954. In 1957, he was appointed Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations, New York. Mr. Ritchie was appointed Ambassador to the United States in 1962, a position which he held until July 1966 when he took up his present position in Paris.

Mr. Ritchie is married to the former Sylvia Smellie.

Mr. Campbell was born in Toronto in 1918. After graduating from the University of Toronto in 1940, he joined the Royal Canadian Navy Volunteer Reserve, and served in the Atlantic, Mediterranean, Aegean and English Channel, mainly as Commanding Officer of Motor Torpedo Boats. In 1944, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. Upon discharge from the navy in 1945 with the rank of Lieutenant, he joined the Department of External Affairs.

Mr. Campbell has served abroad in Canadian diplomatic missions in Oslo, Copenhagen and Ankara. In 1959 he was appointed Special Assistant to the Secretary of State for External Affairs and in 1962 Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs. He took up his present appointment in Belgrade as Ambassador to Yugoslavia in 1964, and served concurrently as Canada's first Ambassador to Algeria during 1966.

Mr. Campbell is married to the former Fenelope Grantham-Hill and has two children.