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The Department of External Affairs announced today the following appointments:

Mr. T. W. L. MacDermot, Head of the European Division of the Department, has been appointed High Commissioner for Canada in South Africa to succeed Mr. E. D. McGreer, who has returned to Canada on home leave. It is expected that Mr. MacDermot will leave Canada for South Africa some time in August.

Lt.-Gen. Maurice Pope, who has been Head of the Canadian Mission to the Allied High Commission in Bonn and also Head of the Canadian Military Mission in Berlin, has been appointed Ambassador to Belgium and will take up his duties there early in June. As was announced on May 8, 1950, the Hon. T. C. Davis, former Ambassador to China, will replace General Pope.

Mr. R. G. Riddell, Special Assistant to the Secretary of State for External Affairs since January, 1949, who has been appointed Head of the Permanent Delegation of Canada to the United Nations in New York, will replace Mr. J. W. Holmes, who has been Acting Permanent Delegate since January, 1950. Mr. Riddell will proceed to New York in August. Mr. Holmes will return to the Department in Ottawa, where he will resume his post as Head of the United Nations Division.

Biographical notes are attached.