Mr. Sharp resigns from Cabinet

After serving for more than 13 years in the Government of Canada, Mitchell Sharp, President of the Privy Council and Government House Leader, resigned from the Cabinet on September 12. Mr. Sharp, who had written a letter of resignation to the Prime Minister in July "to be accepted at a time of his choosing", said that in view of the imminent Cabinet reshuffle and with Mr. Trudeau's consent, he wanted to release the letter dated July 15.

"I am releasing my letter now," said Mr. Sharp, "so that it will be abundantly clear that I took the initiative some months ago — in June — and that there are no reasons of policy disagreement for my action. As my letter says, I shall continue to support Mr. Trudeau and the Liberal Government."





Mr. Sharp, who was Secretary of State for External Affairs from 1968 to 1974, was first elected to the House of Commons and appointed Minister of Trade and Commerce in 1963. In December 1965, he became Minister of Finance and Receiver General of Canada.

Born in Winnipeg, Manitoba in 1911, Mitchell Sharp came to Ottawa in 1942 as an officer of the Department of Finance. In 1951 he was named Associate Deputy Minister of Trade and Commerce and became Deputy Minister of that Department in 1957. He left public service in 1958 to become vicepresident of Brazilian Traction, Light and Power Company and, at the invitation of the United Nations Secretary-General, he chaired the International Coffee Conference in New York during the summer of 1962.

Mr. Sharp said he had no plans to resign his seat in Parliament and intended to remain in the House of Commons as Member of Parliament for Toronto-Eglinton. At the opening of the Lester B. Pearson building, headquarters of the External Affairs Department, (left) by Queen Elizabeth on August 1, 1973, Mitchell Sharp was Secretary of State for External Affairs. In the picture above, he chats with the Queen as they approach the building. Former Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs A.E. Ritchie, recently named Canada's Ambassador to Ireland, is on the Queen's right. Following are Prime Minister Trudeau and Mrs. Pearson, widow of former Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson.

Team Canada wins cup

A goal by Toronto's Darryl Sittler at 11:33 of "sudden death" overtime won Team Canada the Canada Cup hockey championship at the Montreal Forum on September 15. They beat Czechoslovakia 5-4 in the second game of the "best-of-three" final after a win of 6-0 in Toronto on September 13.

Present in the crowded Forum were Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau and Mrs. Trudeau, Health and Welfare Minister Marc Lalonde and Mrs. Lalonde and visiting British Prime Minister James Callaghan.

Mr. Trudeau presented the 150-pound nickel cup to captain Bobby Clarke after awards had been made to outstanding players on both teams, who had all exchanged sweaters, congratulating each other for fine performances