

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Don Jamieson, is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. D. H. (Derek) Burney as Senior Departmental Assistant in the Minister's Office. In this capacity, Mr. Burney will serve as the focal point for communications and liaison between the Minister's Office and the Department. He will direct the activities of departmental staff in the Minister's Office. In addition, he will act as the Minister's spokesman to the media and have responsibility for the operations of the Press Office. Mr. Burney's appointment takes effect immediately.

#### Biographical Notes

Born in 1939 in Fort William, Ontario, Mr. Burney obtained a B.A. and M.A. in Political Science from Queen's University. He joined External Affairs in 1963 and has served abroad in Wellington and Tokyo (where he also undertook intensive Japanese language studies) 1965-72. At headquarters Mr. Burney has served in USA, Information and Personnel Operations Divisions. Prior to his new appointment, he was Director of Pacific Division in the Bureau of Asian and Pacific Affairs. Mr. Burney is married and has four children.