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George Ignatieff Appointed Provost of Trinity College

The Canadian Ambassador to the Office of the United Nations at Geneva, Switzerland, and to the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament, Mr. George Ignatieff has accepted an invitation to become the 9th Provost of Trinity College succeeding the Reverend D.R.G. Owen who retires on July 1 after 15 years as Provost. Mr. Ignatieff who graduated from Trinity in 1936 is one of its most distinguished alumni and has been awarded a number of honorary degrees including an LL.D. from the University of Toronto. A member of the Russian Orthodox Church, Mr. Ignatieff is the first layman to be appointed to this position. He will take office on October 1.

Mr. Ignatieff was born in St. Petersburg, Russia and came to Canada with his family just after the Revolution. A student of Political Science, he was a keen debater at Trinity and at Hart House and prominent in many College and University activities. He was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship and after a successful career at Oxford, joined the Department of External Affairs in 1940. He served abroad in London and in Washington and with the Canadian Permanent Delegation to the United Nations as well as being Ambassador to Yugoslavia and Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs in Ottawa. Mr. Ignatieff was named Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Canada to the North Atlantic Council, Paris, 1962. In 1966 he was named Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations and was President of the U.N. Security Council in April 1967 and in September 1968. Mr. Ignatieff was appointed to his present position in 1968.

Mr. and Mrs. Ignatieff will come to Toronto in October. They have two sons, Michael, a graduate of Trinity now doing graduate work at Harvard, and Andrew, a student at Trent University.

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