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THURSDAY, MAY 14, E.D.T.

THE NEWLY-APPOINTED HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR PAKISTAN, HIS EXCELLENCY S.M. BURKE, THIS MORNING MADE HIS FIRST CALL ON THE PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA, THE RIGHT HONOURABLE JOHN G. DIEFENBAKER. THE HIGH COMMISSIONER WAS ACCOMPANIED BY MR. SYED TAYYEB HUSAIN, COUNSELLOR OF HIS OFFICE, AND WAS INTRODUCED BY THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, MR. H.F. FEAVER.

MR. BURKE, A CAREER DIPLOMAT, HAS HELD SEVERAL SENIOR POSTS IN THE PAKISTAN FOREIGN SERVICE. HE WAS MINISTER TO SWEDEN, NORWAY, DENMARK AND FINLAND DURING THE PERIOD 1953-56. PRIOR TO COMING TO CANADA, HE WAS CONCURRENTLY AMBASSADOR TO THAILAND, MINISTER TO LAOS AND CAMBODIA AND PAKISTAN'S REPRESENTATIVE ON THE SEATO COUNCIL. HE LED SPECIAL PAKISTAN MISSIONS TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND TO MEXICO IN 1952, AND WAS A MEMBER OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMITTEE ON CONTRIBUTIONS FROM 1953 TO 1956. IN 1951, MR. BURKE WAS ELECTED A FELLOW OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF ARTS IN LONDON.

MRS. BURKE WILL JOIN HER HUSBAND IN CANADA AT THE END OF MAY.