

It has been decided to appoint Mr. H.O. Moran, recently High Commissioner to Pakistan, as Director-General in the External Aid Office, with effect from September 1st.

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SALUTE TO ECUADOR PRESIDENT

Mr. Jean Morin, Canadian Ambassador to Colombia, attended, as Special Ambassador of Canada to Ecuador, the inauguration of President José Maria Velasco Ibarra of Ecuador for a fourth term of office. The inaugural ceremonies were held at Quito from August 29 to September 5. Mr. Morin gave President Velasco Ibarra a message from Canada's Governor General, extending his personal congratulations and greetings to the people of Ecuador on behalf of the people of Canada.

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TO ATTEND PURE FOOD

Dr. C.A. Morrell, head of the Food and Drug Directorate in the Department of National Health and Welfare, will be a speaker when the centenary of the British Pure Foods Law is celebrated in London, England, September 19 to 24. This legislation represented the first general law of its kind at a national level. Representatives from the Commonwealth and the United States will attend the sessions, which are being sponsored by the British Ministry of Health, other government departments and various pure food bodies.

Dr. Morrell will trace the development of the Food and Drug Act in Canada since its inception in 1874. Coming only 14 years after the trail-breaking British legislation, it was the first national pure food law in the Americas.

Following the London meeting, Dr. Morrell will visit Europe to attend World Health Organization Special sessions in Geneva and Copenhagen as a consultant.

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES

Consumer price indexes showed mixed results during June and July 1960, as five of the ten regional city indexes were lower, four were higher, and one remained unchanged. Decreases ranged from 0.5 per cent in both Halifax and Montreal to 0.1 per cent in Toronto, while increases ranged narrowly from 0.2 per cent in Saskatoon-Regina to 0.3 per cent in St. John's, Winnipeg and Edmonton-Calgary.

Food indexes were lower in six cities and higher in the other four regional cities. Shelter indexes rose in six cities, declined in three and were unchanged in the remaining city. Clothing indexes were quite steady as they remained unchanged at June levels in five cities, declined in three and increased in two. Household-operation indexes showed mixed re-

sults, with indexes down in three cities, up in four and unchanged in three. "Other" commodities and services indexes increased in three regional cities, decreased in six and remained unchanged in the other regional city.

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NEW 2 I/C FOR CANADA HOUSE

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Howard Green, recently announced the appointment of Mr. Benjamin Rogers, at present Ambassador to Turkey, as Deputy High Commissioner in London, to succeed Mr. George Ignatieff, who will be returning to Canada in November to assume the position of Assistant Under-Secretary in the Department of External Affairs. The appointment of Mr. Rogers' successor in Ankara will be announced later.

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AIR-DEFENCE EXERCISE

Mr. George Hees, Minister of Transport, recently announced that an Air Navigation Order was being issued to restrict civil aviation in Canadian air-space during the hours from 2.00 a.m. to 8.00 a.m. EDT, on Saturday, September 10.

This Order is being issued in the interests of safety consequent upon the decision of the Governments of Canada and the United States to authorize an air-defence exercise at that time as announced on July 25 by NORAD headquarters.

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ENVOY TO CONGO

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Howard Green, announced on August 26 that the Canadian Consulate General in Leopoldville had begun operations. Mr. W.M. Wood, an officer of the Department of External Affairs, recently arrived in the Congo, has been named Acting Consul General.

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NEW DWELLINGS IN JULY

Starts on the construction of new dwelling units in urban centres of 5,000 population and over in July dropped to 8,966 units from 11,305 in the same month last year, according to advance figures that will be contained in the July issue of "New Residential Construction". This brought starts in the January 1-July 31 period to 38,521 units versus 56,539 in the corresponding 1959 period.

Completions in these centres declined in July to 6,564 units from 8,774 a year earlier and in the January 1-July 31 period to 49,987 units from 55,353. Units in various stages of construction at the end of July numbered 48,266 units, compared to 63,326 at July 31 last year.