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THE PRIME MINISTER, THE RIGHT HONOURABLE JOHN G. DIEFENBAKER, ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT HE WAS ACCEPTING WITH REGRET THE RESIGNATION OF MR. THOMAS ARCHIBALD STONE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS. IN MAKING THIS ANNOUNCEMENT, THE PRIME MINISTER EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE CONTRIBUTIONS WHICH MR. STONE HAD MADE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF CANADIAN FOREIGN POLICY DURING HIS MORE THAN THIRTY YEARS ASSOCIATION WITH THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF CANADA.

MR. STONE JOINED THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AS THIRD SECRETARY ON THE ORIGINAL STAFF OF THE CANADIAN LEGATION IN WASHINGTON WHEN IT WAS OPENED IN 1927, AND SUBSEQUENTLY SERVED IN PARIS, OTTAWA AND LONDON.

HE WAS APPOINTED CHARGE D AFFAIRES, A.I. AT THE CANADIAN LEGATION TO THE ALLIED GOVERNMENTS IN LONDON, 1944-45, AND WAS APPOINTED TO THE CANADIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON IN 1945, WHERE HE BECAME MINISTER IN 1946.

MR. STONE WAS APPOINTED CANADIAN MINISTER TO SWEDEN AND FINLAND IN 1949 AND AMBASSADOR TO THE NETHERLANDS IN 1952. IN 1958 HE WAS APPOINTED AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO BUT BECAUSE OF ILLNESS COULD NOT TAKE UP THIS ASSIGNMENT.