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MR. SHARP HEADS EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

The Honourable Mitchell Sharp, former Minister of Finance and Receiver General, became Secretary of State for External Affairs on April 19, succeeding the Honourable Paul Martin, who will be appointed to the Senate to become Government House Leader and Minister without Portfolio.

Mr. Sharp was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, in 1911. He received a B.A. degree from the University of Manitoba in 1934 and undertook graduate studies in economics at the University of Manitoba and the London School of Economics.

Mr. Sharp came to Ottawa as an officer of the Department of Finance in 1942. Besides performing liaison duties between the Finance Department and the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, he served as chairman of interdepartmental committees concerned with agriculture, food, housing and social security. In 1947, he became Director of the Economic Policy Division of the Department of Finance, in which capacity he took part in the negotiations leading to the entry of Newfoundland into the Canadian federation.

In 1951, Mr. Sharp was named Associate Deputy Minister of Trade and Commerce; he attended wheat conferences in London, Washington and Geneva, the United Nations Sugar Conference in London and sessions of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade at Geneva. He became Deputy Minister of Trade and Commerce in 1957.

In May 1965, he received an honorary degree of Doctor of Law from the University of Manitoba.

Mr. Sharp was elected to the House of Commons and appointed Minister of Trade and Commerce in April 1963. In December 1965, he became Minister of Finance and Receiver General of Canada.

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CABINET CHANGES

Other Cabinet changes announced on April 19 were:

Mr. E.J. Benson becomes Minister of Finance and remains President of the Treasury Board; Mr. C.M. Drury becomes Minister of Trade and Commerce (replacing Mr. R.H. Winters, who resigned), and remains Minister of Industry and Defence Production; Mr. Jean-Luc Pepin becomes Minister of Labour (replacing Mr. John Nicholson, who resigned), and remains Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources; Mr. Jean Marchand becomes Secretary of State (replacing Miss Judy LaMarsh, who resigned), and remains Minister of Manpower and Immigration; Mr. John Turner becomes Solicitor-General (replacing Mr. L. Pennell, who resigned), and remains Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs.

Three new Ministers without Portfolio were appointed: Mr. Donald S. Macdonald, formerly parliamentary secretary to the Minister of Industry; Mr. John Carr Munro, formerly parliamentary secretary to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration; and Mr. Gérard Pelletier, formerly parliamentary secretary to the Secretary of State for External Affairs.

Prime Minister Trudeau retains the Justice portfolio and the following ministers retain the portfolios they held under Prime Minister Pearson: Mr. Paul Hellyer, Transport; Mr. George McIlraith, Public works; Mr. Arthur Laing, Indian Affairs and Northern