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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Howard Green, announced today that the Commonwealth Education Liaison Committee in London has appointed Dr. Freeman Kenneth Stewart of Toronto as its Secretary and as the Director of the Commonwealth Education Liaison Unit. Dr. Stewart will succeed the first and present incumbent of these two positions, Dr. V.S. Jha of India, who has been in office since April, 1960.

The Commonwealth Education Liaison Unit was set up as a result of a recommendation of the first Commonwealth Education Conference held at Oxford in July, 1959. The purpose of the Unit is to receive information on the programmes and other activities arising from the Commonwealth Education Conference, to report periodically to all member countries and to receive such requests as countries may have found themselves unable to handle bilaterally and to advise where they are most likely to be met. In general, the Unit performs duties for the Commonwealth Education Liaison Committee, which is composed of representatives in London of all member countries of the Commonwealth, the Secretary of which is also the Director of the Liaison Unit. The Canadian Representative on the Committee is the High Commissioner to Britain, the Honourable George A. Drew, P.C., Q.C. The Unit has two Deputy Directors, one from Britain and one from Nigeria.

Dr. Stewart, who will take up his appointment on June 1, 1963, is at present the Executive Secretary of the