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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Howard Green, announced today the appointment of Mr. John Arnold Irwin as Canadian Ambassador to Poland. Mr. Irwin succeeds Mr. G.H. Southam who returned to Canada in August, 1962.

Born in Watrous, Saskatchewan, on July 4, 1917, Mr. Irwin is a graduate of the University of Saskatchewan, receiving his B.A. degree in 1940.

Mr. Irwin served overseas with the RCAF during the war years. He attained the rank of Squadron Leader and was mentioned in despatches. Following his discharge in 1945 he joined the Department of External Affairs.

Mr. Irwin went to Dublin in 1947 as Third Secretary, and later to Prague where he served as Chargé d'Affaires a.i. from October 1949 to June 1950.

Following his return to Ottawa, Mr. Irwin was a member of various delegations to civil aviation conferences, including the Fifth and Sixth Sessions of the Assembly of the International Civil Aviation Organization in 1951-1952. He was posted overseas again in 1953, to Djakarta.

In December 1954, Mr. Irwin was seconded to the Air Transport Board to act as Canadian Representative to the International Civil Aviation Organization, an appointment which he held until August 1957. He then went to Cairo as Counsellor of the Embassy and, in 1962, attended the Imperial Defence College in London.

Mr. Irwin is married and has two children.