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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. L.B. Pearson, today announced on behalf of the Prime Minister the appointment of Mr. H. Hume Wrong, Canadian Ambassador to the United States, as Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs. Mr. Pearson also announced the appointment of Mr. L. Dana Wilgress, Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, as Permanent Representative of Canada to the North Atlantic Council and Representative to the Office of European Economic Co-operation, and the appointment of Mr. A.D.P. Heeney, Q.C., Permanent Representative of Canada to the North Atlantic Council and Representative to the Office of European Economic Co-operation, as Canadian Ambassador to the United States.

These changes will take place at the end of July and the beginning of August, although Mr. Wrong will not take up his new duties until November 1.

Mr. Wilgress entered the government service in 1914 and has held a number of important posts in the Departments of Trade and Commerce and of External Affairs. Prior to his appointment as Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, he was High Commissioner for Canada to the United Kingdom and Canadian Representative on the Council Deputies of NATO.

Mr. Wrong has been in the diplomatic service for twenty-six years. Prior to his appointment as Canadian Ambassador to the United States in 1946, he was Associate Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs.

Mr. Heeney, prior to his present appointment, was Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, and before that was Secretary to the Cabinet and Clerk of the Privy Council.

HUMPHREY HUME WRONG

Mr. Wrong was born in Toronto, Ont., on September 10, 1894, and attended the University of Toronto and Balliol College, Oxford. During the First World War, he served in France and Belgium with the British Army and was later seconded to the Royal Flying Corps. After his discharge in 1919, Mr. Wrong returned to the University of Toronto as Assistant Professor of History.

In 1927, Mr. Wrong joined the Department of External Affairs to become First Secretary at the newly opened Canadian Legation in Washington, and served there until 1937. He was then appointed Canadian Advisory Officer and later Permanent Delegate of Canada to the League of Nations, serving there until 1939, and also sat as a Representative on the ILO Governing Body. From 1939 to 1941 he served in London as Special Economic Adviser, and in Washington as Minister Counsellor, 1941-1942.

In 1942 he became Assistant, and in 1944 Associate Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs. He was appointed Canadian Ambassador to the United States in 1946.

Mr. Wrong was a member of the Supervisory Commission of the League of Nations, 1942-1946, of the Far Eastern Commission, 1949, and of the North Atlantic Defence Committee, 1950. He has attended numerous international conferences including: Imperial Economic Conference, Ottawa, 1932; League of Nations Assemblies, Geneva, 1938, 1939, 1946; United Nations Conference on International Organization, San Francisco, 1945; United Nations General Assembly, London, 1947; Tripartite Economic Conference, Washington, 1949; the North Atlantic Council, Washington, 1949.

Mr. Wrong is the author of "The Government of the West Indies" and "Sir Alexander MacKenzie, Explorer and Fur Trader".

Mr. Wrong is married to the former Joyce Hutton. They have two children.

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LEOLYN DANA WILGRESS

Mr. Wilgress was born in Vancouver, B.C., on October 20, 1892. He received his early education in Japan and Vancouver and attended McGill University.

Mr. Wilgress entered the Commercial Intelligence Service of the Department of Trade and Commerce in 1914 and from then until 1932, he served as Trade Commissioner in Omsk, Vladivostock, Bucharest, Milan, London, Hamburg and Athens. He was a member of the Canadian Economic Mission to Siberia in 1919 and in 1921 investigated trade opportunities with the Soviet Union.

Mr. Wilgress was appointed Director of the Commercial Intelligence Service, Ottawa, in 1932, and Deputy Minister of Trade and Commerce in 1940. He served as an adviser at the Imperial Economic Conference, Ottawa, 1932, and at the World Economic Conference, London, 1933. He was also a member of the Canadian Trade Mission to South Africa in 1941.

In 1942, Mr. Wilgress was appointed Canadian Minister to the U.S.S.R. and in 1944 Ambassador, remaining in Moscow until 1947. He served as Minister to Switzerland, 1947-49, and as High Commissioner to the United Kingdom, 1949-52. He returned to Ottawa in 1952 to take up his duties as Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs.

Mr. Wilgress was a member of the Foreign Exchange Control Board, 1939, the Advisory Economic Committee, 1940, and he attended many international conferences, including: the United Nations Conference on International Organization, San Francisco, 1945; General Assemblies of the United Nations, London, 1945 and 1946, New York, 1946, Paris, 1948; Peace Conference, Paris, 1946; United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment, Havana, 1947; General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade Conference, Annecy, 1949, Geneva, 1950, and Torquay, 1950; meetings of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers and Finance Ministers, London, 1949; meeting of the North Atlantic Defence, Financial and Economic Committees, London, 1950; meeting to discuss Japanese Peace Settlement, London, 1950; meeting of the North Atlantic Council Deputies, London, 1950; joint session of the North Atlantic Council and Defence Committee, Brussels, 1950; meetings of the North Atlantic Council, New York, 1950, Ottawa, 1951, Rome, 1951, and Lisbon, 1952.

Mr. Wilgress is married to the former Olga Buergin. They have two children.

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ARNOLD DANFORD PATRICK HEENEY

Mr. Heeney was born in Montreal, P.Q. on April 5, 1902. He attended the University of Manitoba and won a Rhodes Scholarship in 1923, continuing his studies at St. John's College, Oxford, where he received the Master of Arts degree in Modern History in 1926. In 1929 he received the degree of Bachelor of Civil Law at McGill University, and in 1948 the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from the University of British Columbia.

Mr. Heeney practised law in Montreal, 1929-38, was created King's Counsel ~~(Dominion)~~ in 1941, and lectured in law at McGill, 1934-38. He was president of the Montreal Junior Board of Trade, 1931-32, and became Counsel and Secretary of the Quebec Protestant Education Survey in 1933. 1938

In 1938 Mr. Heeney joined the Office of the Prime Minister as Principal Secretary and served as Secretary to the Cabinet War Committee, 1939-45. From 1940 to 1949 he was Clerk of the Privy Council and Secretary to the Cabinet. He accompanied the Prime Minister to the Quebec Conferences, 1943 and 1944, and to the United Nations Conference on International Organization, San Francisco, 1945, and also attended the Peace Conference, Paris, 1946.

Mr. Heeney joined the Department of External Affairs as Under-Secretary in 1949, and in 1952 was appointed Permanent Representative of Canada to the North Atlantic Council and Representative to the Office of European Economic Co-operation, Paris, ~~in 1953, was appointed Ambassador of~~  
*Canada to the United States of America.*

~~Other international conferences which he has attended include: General Assembly of the United Nations, New York, 1949, 1950; meetings of the North Atlantic Council, Washington 1949, New York 1950, Rome 1951, Ottawa 1951, Lisbon 1952.~~

Mr. Heeney is married to the former Margaret Yulle. They have two children.

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*has been*  
Chairman of  
the Civil Service Commission since 1957.