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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Howard Green, announced today the appointment of Mr. Arnold C. Smith, at present Ambassador to the United Arab Republic, as Ambassador to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to succeed Mr. D. M. Johnson, whose next assignment will be announced later. The appointment of an Ambassador to the United Arab Republic will also be announced later.

Mr. Smith was born in Toronto in 1915. He is a graduate of the University of Toronto and Oxford University.

From 1939 to 1942 Mr. Smith was employed by the United Kingdom Government, first in Tallin (Estonia) and then in Cairo. He transferred to the Department of External Affairs in December 1942 and was sent to Kuibyshev, and later Moscow. He returned to Canada in 1945. In 1947, he was named a member of the Directing Staff of the National Defence College, Kingston. Mr. Smith had served in that capacity for two years when in 1949 he was appointed Alternate Representative of Canada on the United Nations Security Council. In 1950 he was posted to Brussels and remained there until 1953 when he returned to Ottawa to become Special Assistant to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Mr. Smith next served in Phnom Penh during 1955 as Canadian Commissioner, International Supervisory Commission for Cambodia, and thereafter in London from 1956 to 1958. In the latter year he was appointed Ambassador to the United Arab Republic.

Mr. Smith has long been a student of Soviet affairs.
He also has the advantage of having a good knowledge of the
Russian language.

He is married and has three children.