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The Secretary of State for External Affairs today announced the following appointments and transfers within the Canadian Diplomatic Service:

Mr. K.P. Kirkwood, Canadian Ambassador to Egypt and concurrently Canadian Minister to Lebanon, will succeed Mr. E.H. Norman as Canadian High Commissioner to New Zealand, and is expected to take up his appointment in mid-summer of this year.

Mr. Norman will succeed Mr. Kirkwood as Canadian Ambassador to Egypt and Canadian Minister to Lebanon. Mr. Norman is expected to take up his new duties during the summer.

Mr. J.B.C. Watkins, Canadian Ambassador to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, will return to Canada to become Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, effective June 4.

Mr. D.M. Johnson, Canadian Commissioner on the International Supervisory Commission for Vietnam, will succeed Mr. Watkins as Canadian Ambassador in Moscow. Mr. Johnson will take up his appointment in July.

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KENNETH PORTER KIRKWOOD

Mr. Kirkwood was born in Brampton, Ontario, on April 14, 1899, and attended the University of Toronto, the London School of Economics and Columbia University. During the First World War he served with the Canadian Army, the Royal Naval Air Service and the Royal Air Force. From 1923 to 1928, he taught history in Turkey, Canada and the United States. Mr. Kirkwood joined the Department of External Affairs as a Second Secretary in 1928 and has served in Washington, Tokyo, The Hague, London, Greenland, Rio de Janeiro, Buenos Aires, Warsaw, Karachi and Cairo. Mr. Kirkwood was Charge d'Affaires a.i. in Warsaw from 1947 to 1950. He was appointed Canadian High Commissioner to Pakistan in 1951, and in 1954 was appointed Canadian Ambassador to Egypt and concurrently Canadian Minister to Labanon. He is the author of several books of verse, essays and travel. Mr. Kirkwood is single.

EGERTON HERBERT NORMAN

Mr. Norman was born in Karuizawa, Japan on September 1, 1909, and studied at the Universities of Toronto, Cambridge and Harvard, and at the Institute of Pacific Relations in New York. He joined the Department of External Affairs in July 1939 and served alternately in Tokyo and Ottawa from 1939 to 1953. He served briefly in New York as Acting Canadian Permanent Delegate to the United Nations in 1951, and was appointed High Commissioner to New Zealand in 1953. Mr. Norman is married.

JOHN BENJAMIN CLARK WATKINS

Mr. Watkins was born at Norval Station, Ontario, on December 3, 1902, and was educated at the Universities of Toronto and Cornell. He was for several years Secretary of the American-Scandinavian Foundation in New York, and was Associate Professor at the University of Manitoba from 1945 until 1946 when he joined the Department of External Affairs. Mr. Watkins served as Canadian Charge d'Affaires in Moscow from 1948 to 1951. He was appointed Canadian Minister to Norway in 1952 and in 1953 was accredited concurrently as Canadian Minister to Iceland. In 1954 Mr. Watkins took up his present appointment as Canadian Ambassador to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. Mr. Watkins is single.

DAVID MOFFAT JOHNSON

Mr. Johnson was born in Lachine, Quebec, on April 30, 1902, and studied at the Universities of McGill and Oxford. Mr. Johnson practised law in Montreal from 1926 to 1936, and from 1936 to 1946 was Solicitor to the Treasury with the Department of Finance. He served as an Attache at Canada House in London from 1941 until 1943, when he joined the Canadian Army. He joined the Department of External Affairs in February, 1947, and was Secretary of the Canadian Section of the Permanent Joint Board on Defense 1947-48. He served as Acting High Commissioner for Canada to Ireland from February, 1949 until his appointment as High Commissioner for Canada to Pakistan in 1950. From 1951 until 1955 he served as Canadian Permanent Representative to the United Nations, and in 1955 was appointed Canadian Commissioner on the International Supervisory Commission for Vietnam. Mr. Johnson is single.

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