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THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, THE HONOURABLE HOWARD GREEN, TODAY ANNOUNCED THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS IN THE CANADIAN DIPLOMATIC SERVICE:

MR. J.A. CHAPDELAIN, AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENI-POTENTIARY OF CANADA TO BRAZIL TO SUCCEED MR. W. ARTHUR IRWIN, WHOSE NEXT POSTING WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER. MR. CHAPDELAIN RETURNED RECENTLY TO CANADA FROM STOCKHOLM WHERE HE WAS CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO SWEDEN AND MINISTER TO FINLAND. MR. CHAPDELAIN WILL TAKE UP HIS DUTIES IN RIO DE JANEIRO SHORTLY;

MR. A.E. RITCHIE, AT PRESENT MINISTER IN THE CANADIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, AS ASSISTANT UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS TO REPLACE MR. D.V. LEPAN WHO RECENTLY TOOK UP AN APPOINTMENT AT QUEENS UNIVERSITY. IT IS EXPECTED THAT MR RITCHIE WILL TAKE UP HIS NEW DUTIES SOME TIME IN SEPTEMBER;

GOVERNMENT

ALBERT EDGAR RITCHIE RELEASE

MR. RITCHIE WAS BORN IN ANDOVER, N.B., ON DECEMBER 20, 1915. HE GRADUATED FROM MOUNT ALLISON UNIVERSITY IN 1938 AND OXFORD UNIVERSITY IN 1940 (RHODES SCHOLAR). IN 1941-42 HE WAS EMPLOYED BY THE BRITISH PURCHASING COMMISSION, AND DURING 1942-44 BY THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC WARFARE MISSION (BRITISH EMBASSY), WASHINGTON, D.C. HE JOINED THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AS THIRD SECRETARY, WASHINGTON, JULY 1944. HE RESIGNED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS IN 1946 TO BECOME SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY-GENERAL I/C OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, UNITED NATIONS, NEW YORK. IN 1947-48 HE WAS SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF UN PREPARATORY COMMITTEE AND CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND EMPLOYMENT. MR. RITCHIE REJOINED THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS JUNE 1948. HE SERVED IN LONDON (1948-1952) AND HAS BEEN MINISTER AT THE CANADIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON SINCE JANUARY 1957. MR. RITCHIE IS MARRIED AND HAS FOUR CHILDREN.

JEAN ANTOINE CHAPDELAIN

MR. CHAPDELAIN WAS BORN IN MONTREAL ON JULY 12, 1914 AND IS A GRADUATE OF STE. MARIE COLLEGE, MONTREAL, AND OF OXFORD UNIVERSITY WHICH HE ATTENDED AS A RHODES SCHOLAR. IN 1937 HE JOINED THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AS A THIRD SECRETARY AND HAS SERVED ABROAD IN CANADIAN DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS AT WASHINGTON (1940 - 1943); PARIS (1946 - 1949); AND BONN (1950 - 1953). FOR SIX MONTHS IN 1950 MR. CHAPDELAIN WAS ACTING HIGH COMMISSIONER TO IRELAND. HE WAS ASSISTANT UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS FROM JANUARY 1954 UNTIL HIS APPOINTMENT AS MINISTER TO SWEDEN AND FINLAND IN DECEMBER 1955. IN APRIL 1956 HE WAS APPOINTED AMBASSADOR TO SWEDEN. MR. CHAPDELAIN IS MARRIED AND HAS THREE CHILDREN.