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THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS TODAY ANNOUNCED

THAT THE CANADIAN LEGATION IN VIENNA IS BEING RAISED TO THE STATUS OF EMBASSY, AND THAT THE FOLLOWING TRANSFERS WITHIN THE CANADIAN DIPLOMATIC SERVICE WILL TAKE PLACE:

MR. J.S. MACDONALD WILL BECOME CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRIA IN SEPTEMBER REPLACING MR. G.L. MAGANN, WHO HAS BEEN ACCREDITED, UNTIL NOW, AS AMBASSADOR TO SWITZERLAND AND MINISTER TO AUSTRIA. MR. MACDONALD IS AT PRESENT CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO YUGOSLAVIA. AN ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE LATER REGARDING MR. MACDONALD'S SUCCESSOR IN BELGRADE.

MR. ARTHUR IRWIN, WHO HAS BEEN SINCE 1953 THE CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER TO AUSTRALIA, HAS BEEN APPOINTED THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO BRAZIL AND WILL TAKE UP HIS POST IN RIO DE JANEIRO LATE IN THE YEAR

MR. H.A. SCOTT, CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO CUBA, CONCURRENTLY ACCREDITED AS CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE REPUBLIC OF HAITI AND TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, WILL SUCCEED MR. H.G. NORMAN, C.M.G., AS CONSUL GENERAL IN NEW YORK IN NOVEMBER. MR. NORMAN WILL BE RETIRING FROM THE PUBLIC SERVICE.

MR. HECTOR ALLARD, PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CANADA TO THE EUROPEAN OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN GENEVA, WILL SUCCEED MR. SCOTT IN DECEMBER AS AMBASSADOR TO CUBA, AND WILL BE AT THE SAME TIME ACCREDITED AS AMBASSADOR TO THE REPUBLIC OF HAITI AND TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.

MR. M.H. WERSHOF, Q.C., LEGAL ADVISER TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, WILL SUCCEED MR. ALLARD AS PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CANADA TO THE UNITED NATIONS IN GENEVA, WITH THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR, IN DECEMBER.

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JAMES SCOTT MACDONALD

MR. MACDONALD WAS BORN IN GOLDENVILLE, NOVA SCOTIA, IN 1896. HE IS A GRADUATE OF QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY AND SERVED OVERSEAS WITH THE CANADIAN FORCES IN THE FIRST WORLD WAR. AFTER THE WAR, MR. MACDONALD WAS WITH THE DEPARTMENTS OF NATIONAL REVENUE AND TRADE AND COMMERCE UNTIL HE JOINED THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS IN 1928. PRIOR TO HIS APPOINTMENT AS AMBASSADOR TO YUGOSLAVIA IN 1951, HE SERVED IN PARIS, AS HIGH COMMISSIONER TO NEWFOUNDLAND AND AS AMBASSADOR TO BRAZIL.

MR. MACDONALD IS MARRIED.

WILLIAM ARTHUR IRWIN

MR. IRWIN WAS BORN AT AYR, ONTARIO, IN 1898 AND GRADUATED FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO IN 1921. HE SERVED IN THE FIRST WORLD WAR AND AT ITS CLOSE BECAME A REPORTER IN TORONTO FOR THE "MAIL AND EMPIRE" AND LATER A REPORTER, PARLIAMENTARY CORRESPONDENT AND EDITOR-WRITER FOR THE "GLOBE". MR. IRWIN JOINED "MACLEAN'S" MAGAZINE IN 1925 AS ASSISTANT EDITOR, BECOMING MANAGING EDITOR IN 1943 AND EDITOR IN 1945. HE WAS APPOINTED THE COMMISSIONER AND CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL FILM BOARD IN 1950. MR. IRWIN BECAME THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR CANADA IN AUSTRALIA IN 1953.

MR. IRWIN IS MARRIED AND HAS THREE CHILDREN.

HARRY ALBERT SCOTT

MR. SCOTT WAS BORN IN TORONTO IN 1899. HE WAS EDUCATED AT QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY AND SERVED DURING THE FIRST WORLD WAR WITH THE ROYAL NAVAL AIR SERVICE AND THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY. IN 1924, MR. SCOTT JOINED THE FOREIGN TRADE SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND COMMERCE AND SERVED IN LIVERPOOL, BUENOS AIRES, SHANGHAI AND WASHINGTON. IN JUNE 1948, HE WAS APPOINTED CONSUL GENERAL IN SAN FRANCISCO. HE BECAME AMBASSADOR TO CUBA IN 1951 AND WAS ACCREDITED AS WELL AMBASSADOR TO THE REPUBLIC OF HAITI AND TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC IN OCTOBER 1954. HE HAS ATTENDED A NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES.

MR. SCOTT IS MARRIED.

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HECTOR ALLARD

MR. ALLARD WAS BORN AT NOTRE DAME DE GRACE, MANITOBA, IN 1902. HE WAS EDUCATED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA, AND AT THE INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS IN GENEVA. MR. ALLARD WAS A RHODES SCHOLAR. HE JOINED THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS IN 1932 AND, PRIOR TO HIS APPOINTMENT IN 1953 AS PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CANADA TO THE EUROPEAN OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS AT GENEVA, SERVED IN WASHINGTON, MEXICO CITY AND BRUSSELS. FROM AUGUST 1949 TO MARCH 1952, HE WAS CHIEF OF THE INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE ORGANIZATION MISSION IN CANADA ON LOAN FROM THE DEPARTMENT. HE HAS ATTENDED SEVERAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES.

MR. ALLARD IS MARRIED AND HAS SEVEN CHILDREN.

MAX HIRSCH WERSHOF

MR. WERSHOF WAS BORN IN OTTAWA IN 1909. HE WAS EDUCATED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA AND PRACTISED LAW IN EDMONTON BEFORE JOINING THE DEPARTMENT IN 1937. MR. WERSHOF BECAME LEGAL ADVISER TO THE DEPARTMENT, WITH THE RANK OF ASSISTANT UNDER-SECRETARY IN JUNE 1954. PRIOR TO THIS, HE HAD SERVED IN WASHINGTON AND LONDON AND SPENT ONE YEAR AT THE IMPERIAL DEFENCE COLLEGE. HE HAS ATTENDED A NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES.

MR. WERSHOF IS MARRIED AND HAS ONE CHILD.

HENRY GORDON NORMAN

MR. NORMAN WAS BORN IN LONDON, ENGLAND IN 1890 AND GRADUATED FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA AS A CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT IN 1914. HE SERVED IN BOTH THE FIRST AND SECOND WORLD WARS AND FOR HIS SERVICES DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR, MR. NORMAN WAS MADE A COMPANION OF THE ORDER OF ST. MICHAEL AND ST. GEORGE IN 1944 AND RECEIVED THE HAakon VII FREEDOM MEDAL FROM THE KING OF NORWAY IN 1948.

MR. NORMAN WAS A SENIOR PARTNER OF PRICE WATERHOUSE AND COMPANY FROM 1932 TO 1953 AND WAS ONE OF THE FIRST GOVERNORS OF THE CANADIAN TAX FOUNDATION. IN 1952, MR. NORMAN WAS APPOINTED CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO VENEZUELA AND IN 1955 CONSUL GENERAL OF CANADA IN NEW YORK.