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DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENTS

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, announced today the appointment of the following senior officers of the Department of External Affairs:

Mr. James R. Barker, 50, of Kingston, Director of the Operations Centre, to be High Commissioner to the United Republic of Tanzania and to Zambia.

Mr. Craig Langille, 53, of Edmonton, Director of the United States Division, to be Ambassador to Costa Rica, to Panama, to Nicaragua, to Honduras, and to El Salvador.

Mr. Edward R. Rettie, 50, of Ottawa, Director of the Security and Intelligence Liaison Division, to be High Commissioner to Malaysia.

Mr. Ralph E. Reynolds, 51, of Ottawa, Director of the Transport, Communications and Energy Division, to be Ambassador to Ethiopia and to the Somali Republic.

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Biographical notes are attached.

JAMES ROLLINS BARKER

Mr. Barker was born in Kingston, Ontario, in 1921. He received a B.A. (Hon.) from Queen's University in 1948 and he attended the University and the Institut Universitaire des Hautes Etudes Internationales in Geneva between 1948 and 1950. He joined the Canadian Army in 1941 and served in the United Kingdom and Northwestern Europe before being discharged in 1946 with the rank of Captain. He joined the Department of External Affairs in 1950 and served abroad in Moscow and London. In Ottawa he has served in the Under-Secretary's Office and in the Protocol and Economic Divisions and, from August 1967 to September 1969, as Deputy Head of U.S.A. Division. Since September 1969 Mr. Barker has been Director of the Operations Centre.

He is married to the former Barbara Jane Bermingham, of Kingston, and Ancaster, Ontario, and they have two children.

CRAIG LANGILLE

Mr. Langille was born in Ardrossan, Alberta, in 1918. He received a B.A. and an LL.B. from the University of Alberta in 1940 and 1946. He joined the Canadian Army in 1940 and after serving in the United Kingdom and Northwestern Europe was discharged in 1945 with the rank of Captain. He joined the Department of External Affairs in 1947 and served abroad in Buenos Aires, Caracas, and Ankara, where he was Chargé d'Affaires from May 1957 to February 1958. He was appointed Chargé d'Affaires in Quito from February 1961 to October 1963, and after serving in Washington was appointed Chargé d'Affaires in Montevideo from September 1967 to July 1969 when the post was closed. In Ottawa Mr. Langille has served in Legal Division, the Under-Secretary's Office, Defence Liaison (2) and Latin American Divisions, and since August 1969 has been Acting Head and later Director of United States Division.

He is married to the former Vera Allin, of Edmonton, and they have two children.

EDWARD ROSE RETTIE

Mr. Rettie was born in Ottawa in 1920. He received a B.A. and an LL.B. from Dalhousie University in 1942 and 1949. He joined the Canadian Army in 1942, attended the Japanese Language School in Vancouver from 1944 to 1945, and after serving in the Far East was discharged in 1947 with the rank of Captain. Mr. Rettie joined the Department of External Affairs in 1949 and has served abroad in Tokyo, Washington and New Delhi. From 1964 to 1968 he was Minister-Counsellor and often Acting High Commissioner in New Delhi. Since 1968 Mr. Rettie has been Director of the Security and Intelligence Liaison Division.

He is married to the former Lois Angus, of Montreal, and they have two children.

RALPH EDWARD REYNOLDS

Mr. Reynolds was born in Sarnia, Ontario, in 1920. He graduated from Lisgar Collegiate, Ottawa, in 1939 and received a B.A. from Queen's University in 1949. Mr. Reynolds joined the R.C.A.F. in 1940 and after serving in territorial waters patrol was discharged in 1945 with the rank of Flight Lieutenant. In 1949-50 he tutored in history at the Royal Military College in Kingston. He joined the staff of the National Research Council in 1950 and subsequently joined the Department of External Affairs in the same year. Mr. Reynolds has served abroad in Prague, Geneva, Copenhagen, London and as Chargé d'Affaires in Warsaw in 1967. In Ottawa he has served in Commonwealth, Economic, Consular and European and Defence Liaison (2) Divisions, and since January 1968 Mr. Reynolds has been Director of the Transport, Communications and Energy Division.

He is married to the former Catherine Louise MacLeod, of Charlottetown, and they have four children.