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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Sidney E. Smith, today announced the appointment of Mr. A.D.P. Heeney, as Ambassador of Canada to the United States of America. He will take up his duties early in February. Mr. Heeney is at present Chairman of the Civil Service Commission and succeeds Mr. N.A. Robertson whose appointment as Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs has been announced earlier.

ARNOLD DANFORD PATRICK HEENEY

Mr. Heeney was born in Montreal, P.Q., on April 5, 1902. He attended the University of Manitoba and won a Rhodes Scholarship in 1923, continuing his studies at St. John's College, Oxford, where he received the Bachelor of Arts degree in Modern History in 1925. He received, in 1929, the degree of Bachelor of Civil Law at McGill University, in 1948 and 1950 honorary degrees of Doctor of Laws from the University of British Columbia and the University of Manitoba. He also received honorary degrees in the United States from Michigan State University, Franklin and Marshall University and Kenyon University.

Mr. Heeney practised law in Montreal, 1929-38, was created King's Counsel in 1941, and lectured in law at McGill, 1934-38. He was president of the Montreal Junior Board of Trade, 1931-32, and became Counsel and Secretary of the Quebec Protestant Education Survey in 1938.

In 1938 Mr. Heeney joined the Office of the Prime Minister as Principal Secretary and served as Secretary to the Cabinet war Committee, 1939-45. From 1940 to 1949 he was Clerk of the Privy Council and Secretary to the Cabinet. He accompanied the Prime Minister to the Quebec Conferences, 1943 and 1944, and to the United Nations Conference on International Organization, San Francisco, 1945, and also attended the Peace Conference, Paris, 1946.

Mr. Heeney joined the Department of External Affairs as Under-Secretary in 1949, was appointed in 1952 Permanent Representative of Canada to the North Atlantic Council and Representative to the Office of European Economic Co-operation, Paris, and in 1953, Ambassador of Canada to the United States of America. Mr. Heeney has been Chairman of the Civil Service Commission since 1957.

Mr. Heeney is married to the former Margaret Yuile. They have two children.