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The joint communiqué announced in the House of Commons by the Secretary of State for External Affairs and the Chinese Foreign Minister, Qiao Qunzhang, on October 13, 1970, stated that the two governments agreed to exchange embassies within six months, in order to make the necessary arrangements to meet this target. A group of Canadian officials, headed by Mr. Fraser, will be leaving Ottawa en route to Peking on October 21, 1970.

Mr. Fraser is currently serving as Deputy Secretary of External Affairs (International Law), and as Deputy Secretary of External Affairs (Property and Consular Services). He has also served as Deputy Secretary of External Affairs (Industry, Trade and Commerce) and as Deputy Secretary of External Affairs (Industry, Trade and Commerce) (Hong Kong). He has also served as Deputy Secretary of External Affairs (Property and Consular Services).

APPOINTMENT OF CHARGE D'AFFAIRES TO PEKING

The appointment of Mr. Fraser to be Charge d'Affaires of the Embassy in Peking is a result of the decision taken by the two governments to exchange embassies within six months. Mr. Fraser will be leaving Ottawa en route to Peking on October 21, 1970.

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
MINISTÈRE DES AFFAIRES EXTÉRIEURES

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honorable Mitchell Sharp, announces the appointment of Mr. John M. Fraser to be Chargé d'affaires of the Canadian Embassy in Peking from the time of its opening until the arrival of an Ambassador. Mr. Fraser, at present China Desk Officer in the Department, has participated in the Stockholm talks from their inception.

In the joint communiqué announced in the House of Commons by the Secretary of State for External Affairs on October 13, the two governments agreed to exchange ambassadors within six months. In order to make the necessary practical arrangements to meet this target, a survey team headed by Mr. Fraser and made up of the following officials will leave Ottawa en route to Peking on October 24, 1970:

E. Arbuckle, External Affairs (Telecommunications)

R. Dawson, Industry, Trade and Commerce (Ottawa)

S. Kaufman, Industry, Trade and Commerce (Hong Kong - Chinese linguist)

G. MacAuley, External Affairs (Property and Materiel Management)

D.M. Stockwell, External Affairs (Admin. Officer designate for the Canadian Embassy in Peking)

As soon as accommodation has been found and sufficiently equipped to permit business to be conducted, Mr. Fraser will return to Peking and the Canadian mission will begin to function. On the appointment of an Ambassador Mr. Fraser will remain in Peking as Counsellor of the Embassy.

Biographical details of Mr. Fraser follow:

JOHN MACLEOD FRASER

Mr. Fraser was born February 12, 1935 in Montreal, Quebec. He received a B.A. from McGill University in 1955 and a B.A. in philosophy, politics and economics from Oxford in 1958.

Mr. Fraser joined the Department in 1958. He was posted to Belgrade as Third Secretary in 1959 and became Second Secretary in 1961. In 1965 he was posted to Hong Kong as Assistant Trade Commissioner and became Trade Commissioner in 1966. In December 1967 he was named First Secretary in Warsaw, and since September 1968 has been the China Desk Officer in Far Eastern Division at headquarters.



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DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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Le Secrétaire d'Etat aux Affaires extérieures, l'honorable Mitchell Sharp, annonce la nomination de M. John M. Fraser au poste de Chargé d'affaires de l'ambassade du Canada à Pékin depuis son ouverture jusqu'à l'arrivée d'un ambassadeur. M. Fraser est présentement responsable des affaires de Chine au Ministère et a participé depuis leur début aux pourparlers de Stockholm.

Dans un communiqué conjoint fait à la chambre des Communes par le Secrétaire d'Etat aux Affaires extérieures le 13 octobre, les deux gouvernements convenaient d'échanger des ambassadeurs dans une période de six mois. De façon à procéder aux arrangements pratiques nécessaires pour rencontrer cette échéance, une équipe d'étude menée par M. Fraser et composée des officiels suivants quittera Ottawa pour Pékin le 24 octobre 1970:

E. Arbuckle, Affaires extérieures (télécommunications)

R. Dawson, Industrie et Commerce (Ottawa)

S. Kaufman, Industrie et Commerce (Hong Kong - parlant chinois)

G. MacAulay, Affaires extérieures (Administration du matériel et des biens)

D.M. Stockwell, Affaires extérieures (Agent administratif nommé à l'ambassade canadienne à Pékin).

Aussitôt qu'on aura trouvé un logement suffisamment équipé pour permettre la conduite des affaires, M. Fraser retournera à Pékin et la mission canadienne commencera à fonctionner. A la suite de la nomination d'un ambassadeur, M. Fraser demeurera à Pékin en tant que

conseiller de l'ambassade. Suivent quelques notes biographiques sur M. Fraser.

JOHN MacLEOD FRASER

John MacLeod Fraser est né le 12 février 1935 à Montréal, Québec. Il a obtenu un B.A. de l'Université McGill en 1955 et un B.A. en philosophie politique et économique d'Oxford en 1958.

M. Fraser est entré au Ministère en 1958. Il fut affecté à Belgrade comme troisième secrétaire en 1959 et devint deuxième secrétaire en 1961. En 1965 il fut affecté à Hong Kong comme délégué commercial adjoint et devint délégué commercial en 1966. En décembre 1967 on le nomma premier secrétaire à Varsovie et depuis septembre 1968 il occupe le poste de responsable de la Chine à la Direction de l'Extrême-Orient à la centrale.