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EXCHANGE OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN CANADA AND THE UNION OF BURMA

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION OF BURMA, DESIRING TO CONSOLIDATE AND STRENGTHEN THE FRIENDLY RELATIONS ALREADY EXISTING BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, HAVE AGREED TO ENTER INTO DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AT THE LEVEL OF EMBASSIES.

THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA HAVE ACCORDINGLY ACCREDITED MR. ARTHUR REDPATH MENZIES, HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR CANADA IN THE FEDERATION OF MALAYA, CONCURRENTLY AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY TO THE UNION OF BURMA, AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION OF BURMA HAVE ACCREDITED HIS EXCELLENCY THADO MAHA THRAY SITHU U WIN, AMBASSADOR OF THE UNION OF BURMA TO THE UNITED STATES CONCURRENTLY AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY TO CANADA.

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P R E S S R E L E A S E

ARTHUR REDPATH MENZIES

MR. MENZIES WAS BORN IN CHANGTE-HO, HONAN, CHINA, ON NOVEMBER 29, 1916. HE STUDIED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO WHERE HE RECEIVED A B.A. DEGREE AND AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY WHERE HE RECEIVED A M.A. DEGREE. HE JOINED THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS IN 1940. HE SERVED IN HAVANA AS SECOND SECRETARY IN 1945-1946. HE WAS APPOINTED HEAD OF THE CANADIAN LIAISON MISSION IN TOKYO IN NOVEMBER 1950 AND, FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION OF THE PEACE TREATY WITH JAPAN, BECAME CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. AT THE CANADIAN EMBASSY IN TOKYO IN APRIL 1952. UPON HIS RETURN TO OTTAWA, IN JUNE 1953, HE WAS APPOINTED HEAD OF THE FAR EASTERN DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, A POST WHICH HE HELD UNTIL HE WAS APPOINTED HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR CANADA IN THE FEDERATION OF MALAYA IN MARCH 1957. HE ATTENDED THE COLOMBO PLAN CONFERENCE IN WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND, IN 1956, AND IN SAIGON, VIETNAM, IN 1957.

MR. MENZIES IS MARRIED AND HAS TWO CHILDREN.

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