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The Department of External Affairs announced today the appointment of Mr. Escott Reid, Deputy Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, as High Commissioner for Canada in India to succeed Mr. Warwick Chipman, Q.C. Mr. Chipman is retiring this autumn after ten years' service first as Minister and later as Ambassador to Chile (1942-45), as Ambassador to Argentina (1945-49) and as High Commissioner in India (1949-52).

REID, ESCOTT

Mr. Reid has been Deputy Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs for the past four years and during that period has been Acting Under-Secretary for over a year. He joined the Department in January 1939 and was appointed Second Secretary at the Canadian Legation in Washington. He served in Ottawa from 1941 to 1944; at Washington again from 1944 to 1945; in London from 1945 to 1946; and returned to Ottawa in 1946.

Mr. Reid was a member of the Canadian Delegation to the International Civil Aviation Conference in Chicago in 1944, the United Nations Conference in San Francisco in 1945, the Executive Committee and the Preparatory Commission of the United Nations in London in 1945, and the First Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations in London and New York in 1946. In 1947 he was Chairman of the General Assembly's Committee on Procedures and Organization. He accompanied Mr. Pearson to the meeting of Commonwealth Foreign Ministers at Colombo in 1950, and afterwards visited India and Pakistan.

Previous to his appointment to the Department Mr. Reid was for six years the National Secretary of the Canadian Institute of International Affairs. During that period he attended the following unofficial international conferences: Institute of Pacific Relations, 1933 and 1936; British Commonwealth Relations Conference, 1933; International Studies Conference, 1935. In 1937-38, Mr. Reid was acting professor of government at Dalhousie University.

Mr. Reid is the son of the Reverend A.J. Reid, rector emeritus of St. Chad's Anglican Church, Toronto. Born in Campbellford, Ontario, in January 1905, he was brought up in Toronto. He is a graduate of the Universities of Toronto and Oxford. He held a Rhodes Scholarship from 1927 to 1930, and a Rockefeller Foundation Fellowship in the social sciences from 1930 to 1932.

Mr. Reid married Ruth Herriot of Winnipeg in 1930. They have three children.
