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THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS THE HON HOWARD GREEN ANNOUNCED TODAY THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. L. V. J. ROY AS THE FIRST CANADIAN PERMANENT DELEGATE TO THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION (UNESCO) IN PARIS.

ONE OF THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS, UNESCO WAS FOUNDED IN 1946 WHEN ITS CONSTITUTION WAS ADOPTED BY 20 STATES, INCLUDING CANADA. ITS PURPOSE IS TO "CONTRIBUTE TO PEACE AND SECURITY BY PROMOTING COLLABORATION AMONG NATIONS THROUGH EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND CULTURE IN ORDER TO FURTHER UNIVERSAL RESPECT FOR JUSTICE, FOR THE RULE OF LAW AND FOR THE HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS WHICH ARE AFFIRMED FOR THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD ..... BY THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS". UNESCO NOW HAS 82 MEMBER STATES AND 6 ASSOCIATE MEMBERS.

THE ORGANIZATION HAS THREE PRINCIPAL ORGANS. THE GENERAL CONFERENCE, CONSISTING OF DELEGATES OF ALL MEMBER STATES, IS THE POLICY MAKING BODY AND MEETS EVERY TWO YEARS; THE EXECUTIVE BOARD CONSISTS OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM 24 MEMBER STATES AND MEETS PERIODICALLY BETWEEN GENERAL CONFERENCES TO SUPERVISE THE EXECUTION OF THE PROGRAMME AND ADVISE THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL. THE SECRETARIAT, LOCATED IN PARIS, CONSISTS OF ABOUT 1000 INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVANTS RECRUITED FROM MORE THAN 50 MEMBER STATES.

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THE APPOINTMENT OF A CANADIAN PERMANENT DELEGATE IN PARIS WILL FACILITATE LIAISON AND CONSULTATION BETWEEN UNESCO AND THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT AND WILL PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THE CANADIAN NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR UNESCO WHICH WAS SET UP UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE CANADA COUNCIL IN 1957.

MR. ROY, WHO TAKES UP HIS NEW DUTIES TODAY, HAS HAD WIDE EXPERIENCE IN THE CANADIAN DIPLOMATIC SERVICE. A BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE IS ATTACHED.

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LIONEL VICTOR JOSEPH ROY

BORN IN QUEBEC, P.Q., ON SEPTEMBER 23, 1905.

B.A., LL.L (LAVAL UNIVERSITY, 1927, 1930);

UNIVERSITY OF PARIS, 1930-31; OXFORD, 1931-32.

PRACTISED LAW, QUEBEC, 1933-42; PROFESSOR OF

CORPORATION LAW, LAVAL UNIVERSITY, 1936-42, AND

PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW, 1938-42; SENIOR SOLICITOR,

WARTIME PRICES & TRADE BOARD, 1942-46. JOINED

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AUGUST 1946; FIRST SECRETARY,

BUENOS AIRES, JULY 1948 (CHARGE D AFFAIRES A.I.,

NOVEMBER 1951-AUGUST 1952); OTTAWA, DECEMBER 1952;

NATIONAL DEFENCE COLLEGE, KINGSTON, ONT., SEPTEMBER

1953; OTTAWA, AUGUST 1954; ACTING HIGH COMMISSIONER,

COLOMBO, SEPTEMBER 1955; COUNSELLOR AND CHARGE

D AFFAIRES A.I., BEIRUT, MARCH 1956; CHARGE D AFFAIRES

A.I., MEXICO, JULY 1958. SINGLE.°