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DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENTS

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, announced the following appointments:

Mr. George Kidd, 54, of Victoria, to the Commonwealth Secretariat as Managing Director of the Commonwealth Fund for Technical Cooperation, effective October 1, 1971.

The Commonwealth Fund for Technical Cooperation, a major venture in multilateral aid to Commonwealth countries, was formally established on April 1 this year following the Conference of Commonwealth Heads of Government in Singapore in January.

Presently serving as Vice-President of the Canadian International Development Agency, Mr. Kidd will be on secondment from the Department of External Affairs for a period of approximately three years.

Mr. Noble Power, 39, of Montreal, presently serving as Assistant Secretary of the Interdepartmental Committee on External Relations, to become Canadian High Commissioner to Ghana and Ambassador to Dahomey and Togo, replacing Mr. D.B. Hicks.

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Biographical notes are attached.

GEORGE P. KIDD

Mr. Kidd received his primary and secondary school education in British Columbia at St. Michael's School and Brentwood College. He then attended the University of Victoria (Victoria College) and the University of British Columbia and obtained the degrees of B.A. and M.A. Subsequently he was awarded a fellowship in Economics from the University of Illinois for further post-graduate studies.

During World War II he served in the Canadian Army with the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada, and saw service in the United Kingdom and France.

In 1946 he joined the Department of External Affairs as a Foreign Service Officer and has served in Ottawa, as well as at Canadian missions abroad in Warsaw, Paris and Tel Aviv.

He has attended the course at the National Defence College in Kingston, Ontario and from 1959-61 was Foreign Service Member on the Directing Staff of the College.

In 1961 Mr. Kidd was appointed Ambassador to Cuba and concurrently Ambassador to Haiti, which position he held until 1964 when he became Minister at the Canadian Embassy in Washington.

Since 1967 Mr. Kidd has been Vice-President of the Canadian International Development Agency. He also is the Canadian Director of the Caribbean Development Bank.

Mr. Kidd is married to the former Lola Calverley.

NOBLE POWER

Mr. Power was born in 1931 and received a B.A. from the University of Montreal and an M.A. from Columbia University's Institute of International Relations. He also attended the University of Mexico and the Sorbonne as a graduate student. Mr. Power was an assistant to the Minister of National Defence from 1956 to 1962. He joined the External Aid Office in 1962 and to 1966 he was responsible for the planning, development and implementation of the External Aid Office's educational assistance programme on a global basis but with particular emphasis in West Africa and Ghana where there exists the greatest concentration of Canadian assistance in the educational field. In 1966 he was named Director of the Commonwealth Africa Programme and was responsible for the evaluation and planning of most of the major projects presently being implemented in Ghana and West Africa. These duties called for regular visits to Africa, and in addition, Mr. Power has led a number of delegations to important meetings abroad of the various international organizations concerned with aid to West Africa.

Mr. Power is married to Sarah Kellogg Goetchius and has three children.