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The Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs today announced the following transfers within the Canadian Diplomatic Service:

R.M. Macdonnell, Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, will become Deputy Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, effective August 1.

D.M. Johnson, the Canadian Permanent Representative to the United Nations will succeed Brigadier Sherwood Lett as Canadian Commissioner on the International Supervisory Commission for Vietnam. Mr. Johnson is expected to take up his new duties in August. The appointment of Dr. R.A. MacKay to succeed Mr. Johnson in New York was announced on June 1. Mr. Lett is expected to return to Canada to resume his private law practice about the middle of July.

Mr. Arnold C. Smith, Special Assistant to the Secretary of State for External Affairs, will succeed Rudolph Duder as Canadian Commissioner on the International Supervisory Commission for Cambodia, effective August 1. Mr. Duder has recently returned to Canada and will succeed Alfred Rive as Foreign Service Member of the Directing Staff of the National Defence College in September. An announcement concerning Mr. Rive's next assignment will be made shortly.

RONALD MACALISTER MACDONNELL

Mr. R. M. Macdonnell was born in Vernon, B.C., on May 11, 1909, and graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts from the University of Manitoba in 1930. He also obtained a B.A. at Oxford in 1932. He joined the Department of External Affairs as a Third Secretary in 1934 and has served in diplomatic missions at Washington (1935-42) and Kuibyshev (1943). In December 1943 he returned to Ottawa and served as the External Affairs Member of the Permanent Joint Board on Defence from 1944 to 1947. Mr. Macdonnell was Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of our Legation in Prague from March 1947 until October 1949 and in February 1950 he was appointed Minister at our Embassy in Paris. In September 1952 he returned to Ottawa to become an Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs. In August 1954 he was appointed Canadian Commissioner, International Supervisory Commission for Cambodia, and served in an interim capacity as the first Canadian Commissioner in Vietnam. He returned to Ottawa in November 1954 to resume his duties as Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs. Mr. Macdonnell has attended a number of international conferences. He is married and has three children.

DAVID MOFFAT JOHNSON

Mr. Johnson was born in Lachine, P.Q., on April 30, 1902, and is a graduate of McGill University. He studied at Oxford from 1923 to 1926 where he obtained B.A. and B.C.L. degrees. Mr. Johnson practised law in Montreal from 1926 to 1936 and from 1936 to 1946 was Solicitor to the Treasury with the Department of Finance. He served as an Attaché at Canada House from 1941 until 1943 when he joined the Canadian Army. He was discharged in 1945 as a Captain. He joined the Department of External Affairs in February 1947 and was Secretary of the Canadian Section of the Permanent Joint Board on Defence 1947-48. He served as Acting High Commissioner for Canada to Ireland from February 1949 until his appointment as High Commissioner for Canada to Pakistan in December 1949. In September 1951 he was appointed Canadian Permanent Representative to the United Nations. He has attended a number of international conferences. Mr. Johnson is single.

ARNOLD CANTWELL SMITH

Mr. Smith was born in Toronto on January 18, 1915, and is a graduate of the University of Toronto. He received a Rhodes Scholarship to study at Oxford where he obtained B.A. and B.C.L. degrees. From 1939 to 1942 Mr. Smith was employed by the United Kingdom Government, first in Tallin (Estonia) and then in Cairo. He joined the Department of External Affairs in December 1942 and was sent to Kuibyshev as Third Secretary. He has also served at Canadian diplomatic missions in Moscow (1944-45) and Brussels (1950-53). Prior to his posting to Brussels Mr. Smith served as Foreign Service Member of the Directing Staff of the National Defence College (1947-49) and for a few months as Principal Adviser to the Canadian Permanent Representative to the United Nations. Mr. Smith has been Special Assistant to the Secretary of State for External Affairs since his return from Brussels in November 1953. He has attended a number of international conferences. Mr. Smith is married and has three children.

RUDOLPH DUDER

Mr. Duder was born in St. John's, Newfoundland, on March 16, 1912, and is a graduate of McGill University. A Rhodes Scholar for Newfoundland, he obtained a B.A. and M.A. at Oxford. He was at one time an Associate Professor at Memorial University College, St. John's. During World War II Mr. Duder served overseas with the Newfoundland Regiment and was a member of the Allied Military Government Team for Berlin at the end of the war. Following his discharge as a Major in 1947, Mr. Duder remained in Germany as a member of the Military Government Organization until he joined the Department of External Affairs in 1950. Mr. Duder has served abroad at our Embassy in Belgrade and since November 1954 has been Canadian Commissioner in Phnom Penh. He is single.
