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THE ACTING SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS TODAY ANNOUNCED THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS IN THE CANADIAN DIPLOMATIC SERVICE:

MR. ROBERT A.D. FORD, AT PRESENT AMBASSADOR TO COLOMBIA, HAS BEEN APPOINTED AMBASSADOR TO YUGOSLAVIA TO SUCCEED MR. GEORGE IGNATIEFF WHOSE APPOINTMENT AS DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER IN LONDON WAS ANNOUNCED EARLIER. THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. FORD'S SUCCESSOR WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER.

MR. G. HAMILTON SOUTHAM, AT PRESENT HEAD OF DEFENCE LIAISON (2) DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, HAS BEEN APPOINTED CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. IN WARSAW TO SUCCEED MR. J.P. ERICHSEN-BROWN WHOSE APPOINTMENT AS CANADIAN COMMISSIONER TO THE INTERNATIONAL SUPERVISORY COMMISSION FOR INDOCHINA WAS ANNOUNCED EARLIER.

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ROBERT A.D. FORD

MR. FORD WAS BORN IN OTTAWA ON JANUARY 8, 1915, AND WAS EDUCATED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO AND CORNELL UNIVERSITY. HE WAS APPOINTED TO THE HISTORY DEPARTMENT OF CORNELL UNIVERSITY IN 1938 AND SERVED THERE UNTIL HE JOINED THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS IN 1940. HE WAS APPOINTED THIRD SECRETARY AT RIO DE JANEIRO IN 1941, AND WAS APPOINTED TO THE STAFF OF THE CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER IN LONDON IN 1946. LATER, THE SAME YEAR, MR. FORD WENT TO MOSCOW AS SECOND SECRETARY AND RETURNED TO LONDON AS FIRST SECRETARY IN 1947. IN 1951 HE WAS APPOINTED CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. AT MOSCOW. UPON HIS RETURN TO OTTAWA IN 1954 HE BECAME HEAD OF EUROPEAN DIVISION AND SERVED IN THIS CAPACITY UNTIL HE WAS APPOINTED AMBASSADOR TO COLOMBIA IN 1957. MR. FORD IS MARRIED.

G. HAMILTON SOUTHAM

MR. SOUTHAM WAS BORN IN OTTAWA ON DECEMBER 19, 1916. HE RECEIVED HIS EDUCATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO AND OXFORD UNIVERSITY. MR. SOUTHAM JOINED THE CANADIAN ARTILLERY IN 1940 AS A LIEUTENANT AND SERVED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, ITALY AND NORTHWESTERN EUROPE AND WAS DISCHARGED AS A CAPTAIN IN 1945. IN 1945-1946 HE WORKED AS A REPORTER FOR "THE TIMES", LONDON, AND IN 1946-1947 AS EDITORIAL WRITER FOR "THE CITIZEN", OTTAWA. HE JOINED EXTERNAL AFFAIRS IN JANUARY 1948 AND SERVED IN STOCKHOLM FROM 1949 UNTIL 1953 WHEN HE RETURNED TO OTTAWA. MR. SOUTHAM IS MARRIED AND HAS FOUR CHILDREN.