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THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS TODAY ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. RONALD M. MACDONNELL, AT PRESENT DEPUTY UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, TO SUCCEED THE LATE E. HERBERT NORMAN AS CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO EGYPT AND CANADIAN MINISTER TO LEBANON.

MR. MACDONNELL WILL ARRIVE IN CAIRO WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS TO TAKE UP HIS NEW DUTIES.

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RONALD MACALISTER MACDONNELL

MR. MACDONNELL WAS BORN IN VERNON, B.C. ON MAY 11, 1909. HE RECEIVED B.A. DEGREES FROM THE UNIVERSITIES OF MANITOBA AND OXFORD. HE JOINED THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AS THIRD SECRETARY IN 1934. HE SERVED IN WASHINGTON FROM 1935 TO 1943 AND IN KUIBYSHEV FROM MARCH TO DECEMBER 1943. HE BECAME CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. TO PRAGUE IN 1947 AND MINISTER AT THE CANADIAN EMBASSY IN PARIS IN 1950. IN 1952, HE BECAME ASSISTANT UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS IN OTTAWA. HE WAS APPOINTED CANADIAN COMMISSIONER, INTERNATIONAL SUPERVISORY COMMISSION FOR CAMBODIA, INDOCHINA IN AUGUST, 1954, AND SERVED IN AN INTERIM CAPACITY AS FIRST CANADIAN COMMISSIONER IN VIETNAM. HE RETURNED TO OTTAWA IN NOVEMBER 1954 AND RESUMED HIS DUTIES AS ASSISTANT UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS. IN AUGUST 1955, MR. MACDONNELL WAS APPOINTED DEPUTY UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS. MR. MACDONNELL HAS ATTENDED A NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES. HE IS MARRIED AND HAS FOUR CHILDREN.
