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PRESS RELEASE

The External Aid Office announces the appointment of Mr. Robert E. Byron as Director of Technical Assistance.

Mr. Byron will be responsible, under the Director General of External Aid, for the technical assistance side of Canada's programmes of aid to less-developed countries, including the arrangements for bringing trainees to Canada and the assignment abroad of Canadian experts and advisers.

Prior to his appointment as Director of Technical Assistance in the External Aid Office, Mr. Byron was Director of Vocational Education for the Province of Alberta. He has served abroad on technical assistance assignments in Greece under the auspices of the International Labour Organization and in Ceylon under the Colombo Plan. A biographical note on Mr. Byron is attached.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE - Robert E. Byron

R. E. Byron was born and educated in Edmonton. He holds B.Sc., and B.Ed., degrees of the University of Alberta, and the M.A., (Industrial Education) degree of the University of Minnesota.

He taught in the secondary schools of Alberta and at the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology, Calgary, and served overseas as a pilot with the R.C.A.F. In the immediate post-war years he served as Supervisor of Veterans Rehabilitation Training, Canadian Vocational Training, and in 1948 was appointed Divisional Superintendent of Schools. In 1950 he was appointed Supervisor of Industrial Arts and in 1952, Director of Vocational Education for the Province of Alberta. From this position he accepted the appointment of Director of Technical Assistance, External Aid Office, Ottawa.

In 1956 he was a member of a Manpower Advisory Team in Greece under the auspices of the International Labour Organization. In 1957 he served in Ceylon as Technical Education Adviser, Colombo Plan Administration. Since 1952 he has been a member of the National Vocational Training Advisory Council, Department of Labour, Ottawa. He has been for a number of years a member of the Board of Directors, Alberta Division, Canadian National Institute for the Blind, and a member of The Provincial Committee, Air Cadet League of Canada.