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THE PRIME MINISTER, THE RIGHT HONOURABLE JOHN G. DIEFENBAKER, ANNOUNCED TODAY THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. BRUCE M. WILLIAMS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR CANADA TO GHANA. MR. WILLIAMS SUCCEEDS MR. EVAN W.T. GILL WHOSE APPOINTMENT AS AN ASSISTANT UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS WAS ANNOUNCED EARLIER. MR. WILLIAMS WILL TAKE UP HIS DUTIES IN ACCRA VERY SHORTLY.

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## BRUCE M. WILLIAMS

MR. WILLIAMS WAS BORN IN NIPIGON, ONTARIO, IN 1918. HE IS A GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO. HE WAS DISCHARGED FROM THE CANADIAN ARMY IN 1946 AND JOINED THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS THE SAME YEAR. MR. WILLIAMS SERVED AS SECRETARY TO THE CANADIAN DELEGATION TO THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION FROM 1946 TO 1948, AS DEPUTY PERMANENT DELEGATE OF THE CANADIAN PERMANENT MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS IN GENEVA IN 1952 AND AS COUNSELLOR AT THE OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR CANADA IN NEW DELHI BETWEEN 1953 AND 1956. IN 1956 HE WAS APPOINTED CANADIAN COMMISSIONER TO THE INTERNATIONAL SUPERVISORY COMMISSION FOR VIETNAM. IN 1957 HE BECAME HEAD OF THE PERSONNEL DIVISION IN THE DEPARTMENT, A POSITION WHICH HE HAS HELD SINCE. MR. WILLIAMS IS SINGLE.