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The Department of External Affairs announced today the following appointments:

Mr. T. W. L. MacDermot, Head of the European Division of the Department, has been appointed High Commissioner for Canada in South Africa to succeed Mr. E. D. McGreer, who has returned to Canada on home leave. It is expected that Mr. MacDermot will leave Canada for South Africa some time in August.

Lt.-Gen. Maurice Pope, who has been Head of the Canadian Mission to the Allied High Commission in Bonn and also Head of the Canadian Military Mission in Berlin, has been appointed Ambassador to Belgium and will take up his duties there early in June. As was announced on May 8, 1950, the Hon. T. C. Davis, former Ambassador to China, will replace General Pope.

Mr. R. G. Riddell, Special Assistant to the Secretary of State for External Affairs since January, 1949, who has been appointed Head of the Permanent Delegation of Canada to the United Nations in New York, will replace Mr. J. W. Holmes, who has been Acting Permanent Delegate since January, 1950. Mr. Riddell will proceed to New York in August. Mr. Holmes will return to the Department in Ottawa, where he will resume his post as Head of the United Nations Division.

Biographical notes are attached.

MACDERMOT, T. W. L.

Born September 13, 1896. Educated at Montreal High School, Montreal; McGill University, 1913-17 (History, English) B.A. Enlisted Canadian Army August, 1916 (Gunner); discharged January, 1919 (Cadet); served in Europe. Oxford University, 1919-22 (History, Economics) B.A., M.A. Master, Lower Canada College, Montreal, 1923-29; Assistant Professor of History, McGill University, 1929-34; National Secretary, League of Nations Society, Ottawa 1934-35; Principal, Upper Canada College, Toronto 1935-42. Major, Lt.-Col., i/c Civil Affairs Staff Course, Royal Military College, Kingston 1942-44. Joined External Affairs as Special Assistant to U.S.S.E.A. and appointed Head of Information Division, October 1944; Adviser, Canadian Delegation to UNESCO Conference, London, November 1945; on loan to United Nations Secretariat, for special duties, New York, May-December 1946; appointed Head of Personnel Division, February 1947; Head of European Division, January 1949; Alternate Delegate, Canadian Delegation to General Assembly of U.N., New York, May 1949. Married.

RIDDELL, ROBERT GERALD

Born May 4, 1908. Educated at Kelvin High School, Winnipeg; University of Manitoba, 1926-30 (English, History) B.A. Hons.; University of Toronto, 1930-31 (History) M.A.; Oxford University, 1931-34 (History) M.A., B.Litt. Lecturer in History, University of Toronto, and Senior Tutor in Victoria College, 1934-42. Joined External Affairs as Assistant to U.S.S.E.A., February 1943. Since 1946, has attended a number of international conferences connected with the work of the United Nations, including three regular sessions of the General Assembly. Head of the United Nations Division, 1947-48 and Special Assistant to the Secretary of State for External Affairs, 1949-50. Married, has two children.
