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The Secretary of State for External Affairs announced today the appointment of Mr. Herbert O. Moran, Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, as Canadian Ambassador to Turkey. Mr. Moran (43) of Toronto will succeed Major General Victor W. Odlum, C.C., C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D. Major General Odlum is retiring this summer after eleven years of service, as High Commissioner to Australia (1941-42), as Minister and later Ambassador to China (1942-46) and Ambassador to Turkey (1947-1952).

Mr. Moran will leave for Ankara in October.

MORAN, HERBERT OWEN

Mr. Moran joined the Department of External Affairs as a Foreign Service Officer in March, 1946. He was head of the Economic Division until October, 1948, when he was named Special Assistant to the Under-Secretary. On April 1, 1949, he was appointed Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs. In 1947 Mr. Moran was made a Director of the Canadian Commercial Corporation and in 1948 was appointed Chairman of the Interdepartmental Sub-Committee on External Trade Policy. He was responsible for co-ordinating the arrangements for the meeting of the NATO Council in Ottawa in September, 1951, and was a member of the Canadian delegation.

Mr. Moran was born in Peterborough but was brought up and received all his schooling in Toronto where he attended Oakwood Collegiate Institute, the University of Toronto and Osgoode Hall Law School. He was called to the Bar of Ontario in 1935 and practised law in Toronto until 1940 when he joined the Canadian Army in the rank of Lieutenant.

Mr. Moran spent 5½ years overseas serving at Canadian Military Headquarters in London, with the 5th Canadian Armoured Division in Italy and with H.Q. 21st Army Group in Northwest Europe. At the time of his return to Canada he was Officer Commanding, Canadian Section, H.Q., British Army of the Rhine, with the rank of Colonel.

During his military service, Mr. Moran was appointed a member of the Order of the British Empire, was mentioned in despatches, awarded the Croix de Guerre with Palm and was made an officer of the Order of Leopold by the Belgian Government.
