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NEW PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF UNITED STATES PRESENTS CREDENTIALS

The new Ambassador of the United States to the United Nations, Charles Woodruff Yost, this afternoon presented his credentials to the Secretary-General, U Thant. He was accompanied by Sinan A. Korle, United Nations Chief of Protocol.

A former Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Mr. Yost is a native of Watertown, New York. He was born on 6 November 1907, went to school at Hotchkiss, and in 1928 graduated from Princeton University. He was appointed to the Foreign Service in 1930 and served in Egypt and Poland. In 1933 he became a journalist, but in 1935 returned to the State Department. He served as Secretary of the State Department's Policy Committee, Assistant to the Chairman at the Dumbarton Oaks Conference (1944), and Assistant to the Chairman of the United States delegation to the San Francisco Conference (1945).

During World War II, Mr. Yost served briefly as political adviser to the Commanding General of Allied Forces in the Burma-India theatre. He accompanied President Truman as Secretary-General of the United States delegation at the Potsdam Conference (1945), and in early 1946 was United States charge d'affaires in Bangkok. In 1946 and 1949, he was Political Adviser to the United States delegation to the United Nations General Assembly, and in 1949-50 Director of the Office of Eastern European Affairs in the State Department.

Mr. Yost subsequently served at the United States embassies in Prague, Vienna and Athens. After a return to Vienna in 1953 as Deputy High Commissioner, he was appointed Ambassador to Laos (July 1955). In 1956 he was Minister and Deputy Chief of Mission in Paris and for a period in

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1957 Ambassador to Syria. He then returned to the Policy Planning Staff of the State Department in Washington and in 1958 was named Ambassador to Morocco. In February 1961 he was named Deputy Representative of the United States to the United Nations Security Council and he later became Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations.

Mr. Yost was named career Ambassador in 1964. In June 1966 he retired from the Foreign Service to join the Council of Foreign Relations as a Senior Research Fellow. However, he continued to serve the State Department as a member of the Advisory Committee on International Organizations and as a consultant to the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs.

He holds an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from St. Lawrence University, was a sponsor of the Atlantic Council, and is a member of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, the National Planning Association, the American Society of International Law, the Advisory Committee of the International Studies Association, and the Council on Foreign Relations.

In 1964 he received a Rockefeller Public Service Award in recognition of his service to the United States in the field of foreign affairs, and in May 1967 he undertook a fact-finding mission to the Middle East as a consultant for the State Department. In the same year he was appointed a member of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR).

Mr. Yost is the author of "The Age of Triumph and Frustration: Modern Dialogues", published in 1964 by Robert Speller and Sons, New York, and of "The Insecurity of Nations", published in 1968 for the Council on Foreign Relations by Frederick A. Praeger, New York.

He is married and has three children.