



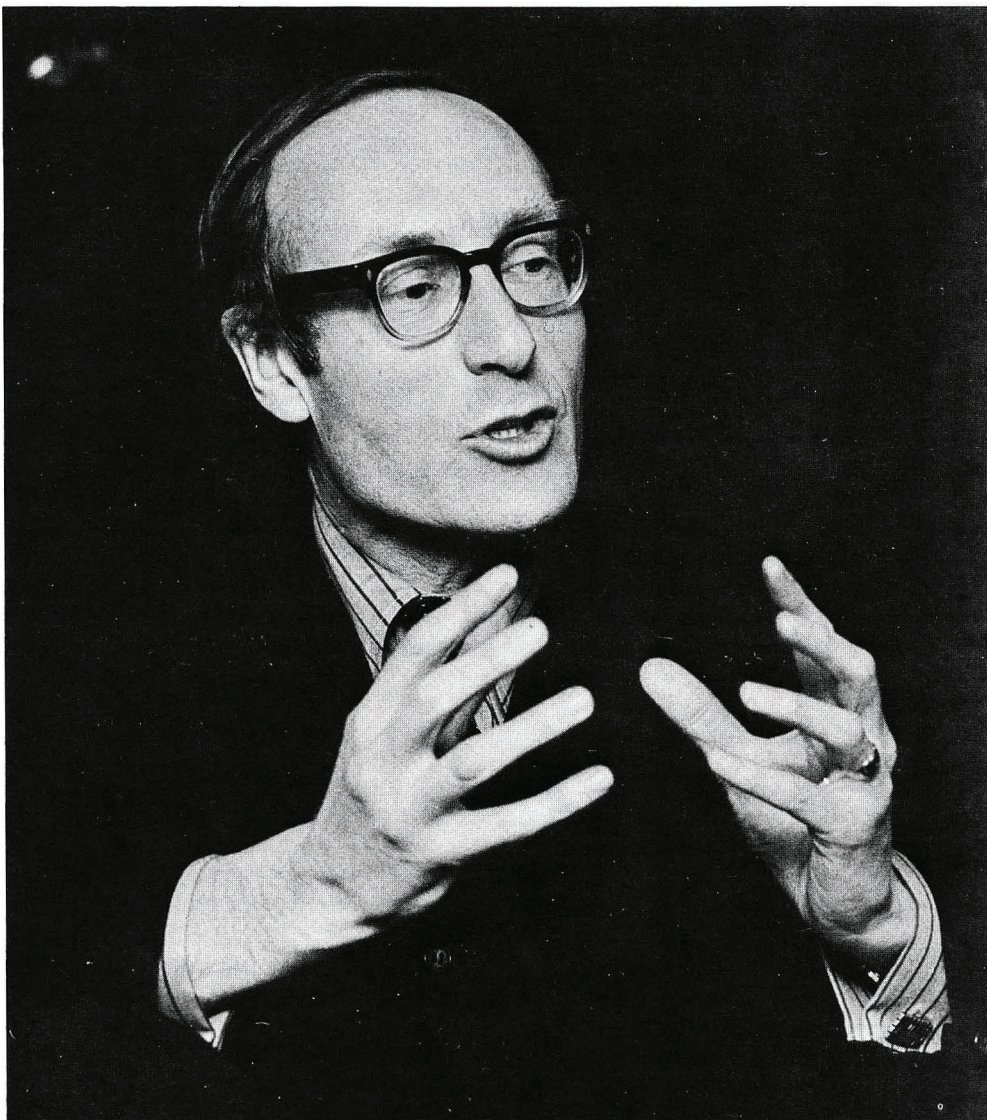
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a conversation with Blair Seaborn

Blair Seaborn became our Deputy Minister on December 31, 1974.

What kind of man is he, and what are his views? Many members of this large department are anxious to know. However, because Environment Canada's regional offices, installations and laboratories are located across the country, many of us may not meet Mr. Seaborn for some time. On your behalf then, the Information Directorate interviewed Mr. Seaborn shortly after his arrival. Here are his answers to some of the questions we thought you might ask if you had the opportunity.



Born in Toronto, Ontario, March 18, 1924, Mr. Seaborn received his primary and secondary education at the Normal Model School and the University of Toronto Schools. Enrolled in Trinity College, at the University of Toronto, he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree (Political Science and Economics) in 1947, and a Master of Arts degree in 1948.

Upon graduation he joined the Department of External Affairs and for 22 years served as a Foreign Service Officer in The Hague, Paris, Moscow and Saigon, with periods of service in Ottawa between postings. In 1966, Mr. Seaborn returned to Ottawa as head of

the East European Section of External Affairs, and in 1967 he was appointed head of the Far Eastern Division.

Mr. Seaborn has served as Assistant Deputy Minister (Consumer Affairs) with the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs since 1970 and, more recently, as Acting Deputy Minister.

Mr. Seaborn is married and has two children.