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## AMBASSADOR TO TURKEY

The Minister of State and Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs, Senator Willesee, announced today the appointment of Mr J.M. McMillan as Ambassador to Turkey to succeed Vice Admiral Sir Alan McNicoll, who will retire in March.

Mr McMillan, who was born in 1913, was educated in Melbourne and joined the Department of Foreign Affairs in 1937. His most recent appointment has been as High Commissioner in Ghana. He served overseas in Washington, Moscow (twice), London, Karachi, Paris and Jakarta before being appointed Minister and later Ambassador to Israel from 1960 to 1962. He was Australian Ambassador to Brazil from 1965 to 1970 and has been High Commissioner in Ghana since the end of 1970. Mr McMillan is married with one daughter.

In announcing Mr McMillan's appointment, Senator Willesee also paid tribute to the retiring Ambassador, Sir Alan McNicoll, for his long service to Australia. Senator Willesee recalled his service in the Navy, in which he rose to become Chief of Staff from 1965 to 1968, and his appointment in 1968 as Australia's first Ambassador to Turkey.