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THE WHITE HOUSE

The President today announced the appointment of Henry P. Smith III, former United States Representative from the State of New York, as a Commissioner on the part of the United States on the International Joint Commission, United States and Canada, to succeed Christian A. Herter, Jr. who has resigned.

From 1936-41 he was engaged in the private practice of law in Ithaca, New York, and from 1941-64 he practiced law in North Tonawanda, New York. From 1965-72 he was a partner in the law firm of Smith and Messing, North Tonawanda, New York.

He was Mayor of North Tonawanda, New York from 1962-63 and from 1963-64 he served as Niagara County Judge, Surrogate, and Family Court Judge, Lockport, New York. In 1964 he was elected United States Representative from the State of New York to the 89th Congress and reelected through 93rd Congresses.

Mr. Smith was born in North Tonawanda, New York on September 29, 1911. He received his A. B. from Dartmouth College in 1933 and his LL. B. from Cornell University in 1936.

He is married to the former Helen Elliott Belding and they have three daughters.

The Commission, created by the Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909, is the institutional means of studying and resolving the wide range of problems which naturally crop up on the 4,000 mile U. S. -Canadian border. Consisting of three members from each country, the Commission serves as a neutral forum for the consideration of such problems as water quality, navigation, hydroelectric development, fisheries, and air pollution.

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