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Ambassador to the United States

SIR PATRICK DEAN

Sir Patrick Dean (56), permanent representative to the UN from 1960 until November 1964, became British ambassador to the US in April 1965. At the UN he gave an outstanding performance, expressing the British point of view with great vigor and clarity while maintaining the right note between firmness and conciliation. He was helpful to the US delegation when UK support was important, and in cases where the policies of the two countries did not coincide, he found ways of minimizing or veiling these differences.



A former lawyer and one of the ablest and most experienced officers in the British Foreign Service, Sir Patrick, before coming to the UN, was principally engaged in the fields of European affairs and intelligence. In New York he acquired a considerable familiarity with British Commonwealth and Colonial problems and the issues confronting the UK in Southern Africa, the Near East, and Southeast Asia. Although it is not clear whether or not he was in full agreement with his government's policies in these areas, he always carried them out scrupulously, and apparently without disagreements with his superiors in London.

While not an extrovert, Sir Patrick has no British stiffness and is warm and outgoing with those he likes and trusts. He is not a brilliant speaker, but nevertheless expresses himself in public forcefully, succinctly, and not without humor. He seems to have a real admiration and affection for the US where he has made many friends, and in his previous post he used every opportunity to make speeches throughout the country. An athlete in his younger days (Rugby football and cricket), he enjoys many outdoor sports, particularly mountain climbing with his two sons in Colorado or Switzerland. He also collects antique silver and snuff boxes.

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