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U. S. Diplomat for 43 Years Likely to Be Succeeded in Egypt by H. A. Byroade

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 24—Jefferson Caffery, United States Ambassador to Egypt, has requested retirement after forty-three years in the diplomatic service.

President Eisenhower is expected to announce acceptance of the Ambassador's request shortly, and at the same time nominate Henry A. Byroade, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern, South Asian and African Affairs, as Mr. Caffery's successor in Cairo.

Ambassador Caffery's retirement has been anticipated for some time, but the State Department was reluctant to let him go while there were important diplomatic issues centered in Cairo. The last obstacle was removed when Britain and Egypt signed the agreement ending their dispute over the Suez Canal.

Ambassador Caffery will be 68 years old next Wednesday, and in his foreign assignments he has been chief of mission for twenty-eight years and Ambassador for the last twenty years. Mr. Caffery has been in the foreign service longer than anyone now on active duty.

The veteran diplomat entered the Government's Foreign Service as a secretary of the legation at Caracas, Venezuela, and for the next forty-three years served in capitals around the world. He has performed a number of special missions here and abroad.

He was named Ambassador to Egypt in July, 1949, and has held that post ever since, or about two years longer than the normal three-year tour of duty in one foreign assignment.



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SEEKS RETIREMENT: Jefferson Caffery, U. S. Ambassador to Egypt, who has requested permission to leave his post after record 43 years in the diplomatic service.

Mr. Byroade has been Assistant Secretary of State since April, 1952, and is the only official of that rank who was not shifted when the Eisenhower Administration came to power the following January.

George V. Allen, United States Ambassador to India, is under consideration for appointment to Mr. Byroade's present position.

Mr. Byroade has had one of the most demanding diplomatic assignments in Washington, being surrounded by disputes not only between one or more countries of the region, such as Israel and the Arab states, but also between the region and Western allies of the United States, such as Britain and Egypt or Britain and Iran.

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