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GATT: New secretariat appointment announced

The Executive Secretary of the GATT announces the appointment, effective 10 September, of Mr. John Walker Evans, as Director of Commercial Policy of the secretariat.

After obtaining his degree at Yale in 1927, Mr. Evans began his career in business. Since 1941 he has been in the service of the United States Government. During the war he served in the Foreign Economic Administration and later joined the Office of International Trade in the Department of Commerce. Mr. Evans transferred to the Department of State in 1949, first as chief of the International Resources Division, later as deputy director of the Office of International Materials Policy, of which he was appointed director in 1952. For a short time before he joined the GATT secretariat, Mr. Evans was director in charge of Economic Defense and Trade Policy, Department of State.

Mr. Evans was a senior member of the United States delegations to the ITO Preparatory Conference in 1946-47, the Havana Conference on Trade and Employment in 1948-49, and he has attended most of the eight sessions of the GATT.

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