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The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents for publication in the Edinburgh Gazette the subjoined amended Foreign Service Regulations.

These amendments are made under Article 6 of the Foreign Service Order-in-Council, which was made on 20 May, 1943, and which empowers the Foreign Secretary to make regulations for the Foreign Service from time to time.

The amendments relate to the Foreign Service Regulations as published in the London Gazette on 14 January, 1947, 20 June, 1947, 8 August, 1947, 20 February, 1948 and 24 May, 1949.

REGULATION No. 1.

HER MAJESTY'S FOREIGN SERVICE.

The Foreign Service is composed of the following four branches. Members of Branches A, B and C are liable to serve in the United Kingdom or abroad as and when required. Members of Branch D serve at posts abroad only.

1. *Branch A*, consisting of persons appointed to the Foreign Service for the performance of administrative duties.

2. *Branch B*, consisting of persons appointed to the Foreign Service mainly for the performance of executive and clerical duties.

3. *Branch C*, consisting of women appointed to the Foreign Service for the performance of secretarial, short-hand-typing and typing duties.

4. *Branch D*, consisting of persons appointed to the Foreign Service for the performance of messengerial and guard duties in diplomatic and consular posts abroad.

REGULATION No. 2.

MARRIAGE.

1. Any male member of the Foreign Service who proposes to marry a person who has not at all times since her birth been either a British subject or a citizen of the Republic of Ireland must notify the Head of Personnel Department of his intention. The Secretary of State reserves the right to inform the officer concerned that, if he marries such a person, he will have to resign.

Comment:—

Even when the Secretary of State does not adopt the course of calling on an officer to resign under this regulation, a marriage to a person who has not at all times

since her birth been either a British subject or a citizen of the Republic of Ireland may well diminish an officer's utility as a British representative abroad and limit the number of posts at which he can be employed. Such a marriage may result at some later stage in the officer's career in there being no post in the Foreign Service to which he can properly be appointed. In this case every endeavour will be made to find other official employment for him, but, failing that, it may be necessary to call for his resignation, or retirement.

2. Any woman member of the Foreign Service who proposes to marry must notify the Head of Personnel Department of her intention. As a rule a woman member of the Service will be required to resign upon marriage, but the Secretary of State reserves the right in special circumstances to permit her to continue as a member of the Service either unconditionally or subject to conditions.

Comment:—

This regulation applies to women members of the Service and to marriages contracted by them whether to British subjects or to other persons.

3. Any woman member of the Foreign Service resigning on marriage may, at the discretion of the Secretary of State and with the approval of the Treasury, be granted a gratuity.

To qualify for an award a minimum service of six years is required: previous unestablished service reckons towards this period but not for the purpose of calculating the gratuity.

REGULATION No. 3.

DIVORCE.

If a member of the Foreign Service becomes involved in a matrimonial suit which may, in the opinion of the Secretary of State, bring discredit upon that member or upon the Service, the Secretary of State may call upon him to resign. A member of the Service who becomes involved in a divorce suit must therefore notify the Head of Personnel Department of the facts of the case at the earliest possible moment.

REGULATION No. 4.

ACCEPTANCE OF FOREIGN DECORATIONS.

1. Generally speaking, members of the Foreign Service, like other persons in the service of the Crown, are not eligible for The Queen's permission to accept and wear foreign decorations and medals. Such permission may, however, be given in the case of decorations conferred for distinguished services in saving or attempting to save life, or, if such a case should arise, services performed by a