



As Segar goes East...

Chris Segar, Commercial Counselor at the British Embassy has left Riyadh to glowing tributes and a helter skelter of leaving parties. He will take up a similar position at the British Embassy in Beijing. According to RGGB Chairman John Freel, Chris Segar had played an important role in the RGGB's recent development. "Chris was a great Champion of the RGGB and was largely responsible for a deepening of the relationship between the group and the Embassy in the last three years".

Chris attended RGGB Executive Committee meetings and took a great interest in the Newsletter. His diplomacy and advice were welcomed at a time when the RGGB itself went through some significant changes. Chris was a great hasher and a keen bridge player and his lively personality is sure to be missed in these circles. His departure was marked not only by an Embassy function in his honour but also by events held by Mr. Sulaiman Al Saheel of SAS Corporation and jointly the Executive Committee and BDSC at Mr. Ted Cole's residence where he was presented with an antique map of the region by John Freel.

...Northern alights

Richard Northern MBE has taken over as the Commercial Counselor in the British Embassy replacing Chris Segar who has traveled further East to Beijing.

Richard who until recently was Deputy Consul General &



Chris Segar receiving an antique map from RGGB Chairman John Freel

Deputy Director for Trade and Development in Toronto arrives for his second stint in Riyadh - he was Third Secretary and Vice consul between 1980 and 1983.

Richard originally trod the time honoured path for Middle Eastern Diplomats. Educated at Bedford College and Jesus, Cambridge he attended the Middle East Centre for Arabic Studies in Beirut and London.

After his first Riyadh posting, during which he received the MBE for his services to the British community, his career took him to Rome, London and Ottawa before Toronto and

today he admits that his Arabic is a little rusty. Richard's wife Linda has joined him in Riyadh along with his four year old daughter - he has two sons at school in England. He admits to being a keen sportsman and although age has caught up with his football career he hopes to be a regular on the tennis court.

Richard is also aware that he has a hard act to follow. The sheer number of leaving parties are just one testament to the esteem in which Chris Segar was held. But as Chris charms them in Chongqing there's no doubt that Richard will stamp his own style here in Saudi.