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THOMAS K. FINLETTER IS SWORN IN AS PERMANENT UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE ON THE COUNCIL OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION

Thomas K. Finletter was sworn in today as Permanent United States Representative on the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Secretary of State Dean Rusk attended the ceremony and welcomed Ambassador Finletter. The oath of office was administered by Angier Biddle Duke, Chief of Protocol. Ambassador Finletter will leave for Paris at the end of the week.

The Ambassador was born at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on November 11, 1893. He attended the University of Pennsylvania where he received his A.B. degree in 1915. He studied law at the same university and was awarded his LL.B. in 1920. Ambassador Finletter has been awarded honorary degrees by a number of American colleges and universities.

In 1920 the Ambassador was admitted to the Bar of the State of Pennsylvania and began private practice with the law firm of Cravath and Henderson. He was admitted to the Bar of the State of New York in the following year. Since 1926 he has been a member of the law firm of Coudert Brothers of New York City, except while in Government service. For the ten years, 1931-1941, he was also a lecturer at the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

Ambassador Finletter entered Government service in 1941 when he was appointed Special Assistant to the Secretary of State. He returned to private law practice in 1944 and became Director of the Council on Foreign Relations in that same year. He was appointed a Consultant to the United States Delegation to the United Nations Conference on International Organizations in 1945. From 1946 to 1948 he served as Chairman of the President's Air Policy Commission. Ambassador Finletter was appointed Minister in Charge of the Economic Cooperation Mission to the United Kingdom later in 1948 and served through 1949. He was named Secretary of the Air Force in 1950 and remained in that post until 1953. Since that time he has devoted his time to his law practice, civic projects and writing.

From 1917 to 1919 Ambassador Finletter served in the United States Field Artillery. He was discharged with the rank of Captain.

Among the Ambassador's more recent books are Power and Policy and Foreign Policy: The Next Phase.

Ambassador Finletter is married to the former Gretchen Elaine Damrosch, and they have two daughters.

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