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VABINDRA TARZIE VITTA-CNI became Assistent Secretary-General, Deputy Enecutive Director for External Relations of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNI-CEF) in June 1983. Mr. Vitta-chi, a national of Sri Lonke, served previously as Director, Division of Information end Public Affairs, United Notions. Fund for Population Activities (UNIFPA) form 1975-1980. Mr. Vittachi's early professional experience included a period as Editor of the Coylon Observer, Editor-in-Chief of the Associated Newspaper of Cöylon, Asian Director of the International Press Institute and Founding Director of the Press Foundation of Asia. From 1975-1972 he worked as & Special Correspondent for the BC. During the period from 1970-1972 he was also Editor-in-Chief of The Asian. In 1973 he was named Executive Secretary for the U.N. World Population Year. In addition to his current position at the U.N., Mr. Vittachi is a columnist with Newsweek International and Editoral Advisor for the World Paper in Boston, Massachusetts. He is also the author of several books and in 1939 was the recipient of the Remean Magazysay Award for Jeurnalism.

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Special Correspondent

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Editor-in-Chief The Asian (1971-72)

Columnist Newsweek International (Current)

Associate Editor World Paper, Boston, Massachussetts (Current)

Executive Secretary U.N. World Population Year (1973-74)

Director Division of Information and Public Affairs,

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Race Riots (André Deutsch, London)

The Brown Sahibs - The Inheritors of the Empire

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The Fall of Sukarno - (Deutsch, London;

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Award: Ramon Magsaysay Award for Journalism (1959)

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