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New US envoy arrives in city

By A Staff Correspondent

Mrs. Jane Abell Coon, US Ambassador-designate to Bangladesh arrived in Dacca on Thursday from Nepal where her husband is posted as US Ambassador.

Mrs. Coon on arrival made a brief statement, she said "Bangladesh is admired in the United States for its remarkable progress in economic development to which the stability of your constitutional institutions have contributed in large measures. She said United States was proud of its Association with the efforts here for providing a better life to the common people. She assured continuous US assistance in sustaining the momentum of development.

She said she felt deeply honoured by the assignment given to her by President Reagan to represent USA in Bangladesh. She said, "Our two countries share many ideals. We are both dedicated to national independence, to democracy and to a world order, which allows all countries to live in peace and freedom".

An ICA report adds: Mrs. Jane Abell Coon, U.S. Ambassador-designate to Bangladesh, entered government service in

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1951 as an administrative aide with the State Department. She was appointed a Foreign Service Officer in 1956. She served as Second Secretary in the US Embassy in Karachi from 1957-59, as Consul in Bombay from 1960-65, and as First Secretary in New Delhi from 1965-67. After a nine-year stint as a foreign service wife, she returned to her foreign affairs career in 1973 as an International Officer in the State Department's Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs. From 1977 to 1979 she was Director of Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan Affairs. In 1979, she became Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, a post she held until she was selected by President Reagan to be U.S. Ambassador to Bangladesh. She last visited Dacca in 1980.

Ambassador-designate Coon speaks Hindi and French. She was born May 9, 1929 in Durham, New Hampshire. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1951 from the College of Wooster, where she was a Phi Beta Kappa. She is married to Mr. Carleton S. Coon Jr., U.S. Ambassador to Nepal. Ambassador-designate Coon arrived in Dacca August 6 from Kathmandu, where she had been visiting her husband.