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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Howard Green, announced today that following agreement between the Government of Canada and the Government of The Czechoslovak Socialist Republic to give their respective legations the status of embassies, Mr. John Alexander McCordick now Canada's Minister to Czechoslovakia has been named Ambassador.

Mr. McCordick was born in Toronto in 1915. After graduation from the University of Toronto in 1938, he studied in Vienna, Heidelberg, Paris and Tallinn. From 1940 through 1942 he served as a Lieutenant in the Canadian Army in Britain and the Middle East and after joining the Department of External Affairs in 1943, he was posted to the Soviet Union. Following the war he served in Berlin, Prague, Belgrade and Madrid as well as in Ottawa and attended the Imperial Defence College in London. He was named as Minister to Czechoslovakia in June 1960.

Mr. McCordick is married and has three children.