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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1965.

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable
J. Martin, today announced the following appointments:

Mr. Norman Frederick Henderson Berlis as Canadian Ambassador
to Poland. Mr. Berlis will succeed Mr. J. A. Irwin who is returning
to the Department in Ottawa.

Mr. Joseph François-Xavier Houde as Canadian Ambassador to
Peru with concurrent accreditation in Bolivia.

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Mr. Berlis, who was born in Toronto, Ontario on April 8, 1914,
was educated at the University of Toronto and Osgoode Hall. He served
in the Royal Canadian Navy from 1943 to 1946. Mr. Berlis joined the
Department of External Affairs in June 1947 and subsequently served
in Geneva. He was appointed Counsellor in Rome in 1956 and in January
1962 he was appointed Canadian High Commissioner to Tanganyika. In
September 1962 he was concurrently accredited as Canadian High
Commissioner to Uganda.

Mr. Berlis is married and has two children.

Mr. Houde, who was born in Quebec City on September 9, 1922,
was educated at Quebec Seminary and Laval University. He joined the
Department of External Affairs in 1949 and subsequently served abroad
in Brussels and Athens. In 1957 Mr. Houde was appointed First Secre-
tary, Paris (N.A.C. and O.E.E.C.), in 1961 he was appointed Chargé
des Affaires a.i. and Consul in Montevideo and in 1964 he returned to
the Department in Ottawa.

Mr. Houde is married and has seven children. *

For information but not publication

The appointment of Mr. Houde to Peru and Bolivia was
announced prematurely but formalities have now been completed with
both countries. some time ago