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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, announced today that Mr. Yvon Beaulne, at present Ambassador to Venezuela, will be concurrently accredited as Ambassador to the Dominican Republic.

Mr. Beaulne, who was born in Ottawa in 1919, graduated from the University of Ottawa in 1941. He served with the Canadian Army in the United Kingdom, North Africa, Italy and Northwestern Europe, receiving his discharge in 1946 with the rank of Captain.

Mr. Beaulne joined the Department of External Affairs in 1948 and has since served abroad at Rome, Buenos Aires and Cuba. In August 1961 he attended the Punta del Este Conference as a member of the Canadian Observer Group, and in December of that year received his appointment as Ambassador to Venezuela.

In February, 1963, Mr. Beaulne represented Canada as Special Ambassador, at the inauguration ceremonies of the President of the Dominican Republic, Mr. Juan Bosch.

On assuming his new duties, Mr. Beaulne will continue to reside in Venezuela, making periodic visits to the Dominican Republic.

Mr. Beaulne is married and has five children.