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The Secretary of State for External Affairs today announced that the Government of Denmark and the Government of Canada, considering the close relations existing between the two countries as members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, have decided to raise to the status of Embassies their Legations in Copenhagen and Ottawa. Mr. H.F. Feaver who became Canadian Minister to Denmark in November 1954 has been appointed Canadian Ambassador.

The Secretary of State for External Affairs also announced that Mr. Richard Plant Bower will succeed Mr. H.G. Norman as Ambassador to Venezuela. Me is expected to take up his new duties in March 1956. Mr. Norman's appointment as Canadian Consul General in New York was announced on September 8, 1955.

Mr. Feaver was born at Glace Bay, Nova Scotia, on June 18, 1907. He was educated at King's College, Dalhousie University and the Law School of Harvard University. He served as Law Clerk in Nova Scotia from 1927 to 1930. Mr. Feaver joined the Department of External Affairs as Third Secretary in 1930 and has served in Washington, Tokyo, London and The Hague. Mr. Feaver's appointment as Canadian Minister to Denmark was announced on September 14, 1954. He has attended a number of international conferences. Mr. Feaver is married and has four children.

Mr. Bower was born in Kansas City, Missouri, in 1905 and is a graduate of the University of Manitoba. Mr. Bower joined the Foreign Trade Service in the Department of Trade and Commerce in 1930 and has served abroad at the following posts: Rotterdam, 1931 to 1933; Djakerta, 1933 to 1936; Auckland, 1936 to 1939; Sydney, 1939 to 1942; St. John's, Newfoundland, 1942 to 1945; and London, 1946 to 1955. Mr. Bower has been Commercial Counsellor to the Canadian High Commissioner to the United Kingdom since 1950. He has attended a number of international conferences. Mr. Bower is married and has three children.