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The Department of External Affairs today announced that Mr. T.W.L. MacDermot, the Canadian Ambassador to Greece, has been appointed as Canada's first Ambassador to Israel. Mr. MacDermot, who will continue to be accredited to Greece, will shortly proceed to Israel to present his letter of credence. In the meantime the Canadian Embassy, which has already been opened in Tel Aviv, will be under the direction of the Counsellor, Mr. George P. Kidd, who will act as Chargé d'Affaires ad interim during Mr. MacDermot's absence from this post.

Mr. Terence W. L. MacDermot's appointment as Canadian Ambassador to Greece was announced on March 1, 1954. He was born in Jamaica in 1896 and is a graduate of the Universities of McGill and Oxford. Mr. MacDermot taught at Lower Canada College, the University of McGill and was Principal of Upper Canada College 1935-42. He served overseas in the Canadian Army during the First World War and during the Second World War was in charge of the Civil Affairs Staff Course at the Royal Military College. Mr. MacDermot joined the Department of External Affairs in 1944 and was appointed High Commissioner for Canada in South Africa in August 1950. Mr. MacDermot is married and has three children.

Mr. George P. Kidd was born in Glasgow on June 6, 1917, and is a graduate of the University of British Columbia. He served in the Canadian Army during the Second World War. Mr. Kidd joined the Department of External Affairs in 1946 and has served in Warsaw and Paris. He has attended a number of international conferences. Mr. Kidd is married.