

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, announced today that a Canadian Embassy has been established in Budapest. The establishment of this Embassy follows the announcement by the Secretary of State for External Affairs on April 10, 1972 that Cabinet had approved the opening of an Embassy in Hungary.

The Canadian Ambassador to Hungary is Mr. M.H. Wershof, who is also accredited to Czechoslovakia and who is normally resident in Prague. In his absence from Budapest, the Canadian Embassy will be under the direction of the Chargé d'Affaires a.i., Mr. R. B. Edmonds, who holds the rank of Counsellor.

Biographical notes on Mr. Wershof and Mr. Edmonds are
-- attached.