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DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENT

The Honourable Mitchell Sharp, Secretary of State for External Affairs, announced today that the government of Mauritius has agreed to the accreditation of Mr. J.A. Irwin as Canada's first High Commissioner to Mauritius. Mr. Irwin, who will reside in Dar-es-Salaam, is also Canadian High Commissioner to Tanzania and Zambia.

JOHN ARNOLD IRWIN

Mr. Irwin was born in Watrous, Saskatchewan, on July 4, 1917. He received his B.A. from the University of Saskatchewan (1940). He joined the RCAF in 1941, served overseas and was discharged in 1945.

Mr. Irwin joined the Department of External Affairs in 1945 and had assignments abroad in Dublin (1947), Prague (1948), Djakarta (1953) and Cairo (1957). From 1963 to 1965, Mr. Irwin served as Ambassador to Poland and since 1967 he has been Canadian High Commissioner to Tanzania and Zambia.