

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Allan J. MacEachen, announces the following diplomatic appointments which will take effect over the course of the summer:

Mr. William Edward Bauer, 49, of Welland, Ontario, to be Ambassador to Thailand.

Mr. Bauer (B.A., M.A., Queen's University) has served abroad in Warsaw (1953-55), in Hanoi with the ICSC (1955), Rome (1959-61), and Geneva as Advisor to the Canadian Delegation to the International Conference on the Settlement of the Laotian Question (1961-62) and with the Permanent Mission of Canada to the Office of the United Nations at Geneva (1962-64). More recently he was Counsellor at the Canadian Embassy in Washington (1967-70), and in 1970 was named Director of the Staff Relations and Compensation Division in the Department of External Affairs. Since 1974 he has been the Director of the Pacific Division.

Mr. Bauer replaces the late Mr. Godfrey Hearn who died in March, 1975.

Mr. Michel de Goumois, 40, of Quebec City, to be Ambassador to the Ivory Coast, with concurrent accreditation to Niger.

Mr. de Goumois (B.A., Collège Saint-Charles-Garnier; LL.L., Laval University), was posted previously to Karachi (1960-61), Laos and Vietnam with the ICSC (1961), London (1963-66). From 1968 to 1971, Mr. de Goumois was Counsellor to Canadian Embassies in Francophone countries of Africa, with residence in Dakar. Since 1971 Mr. de Goumois has been the Director of the Francophone Institutions Division in the Department of External Affairs.

Mr. de Goumois replaces Mr. Gilles Mathieu who returns to Canada to take up a position with the Treasury Board.

Mr. John Arnold Irwin, 58, of Watrous, Saskatchewan, to be Ambassador to the Philippines.

Mr. Irwin (B.A., University of Saskatchewan) has served abroad in Dublin, Djakarta and Cairo, and is a former Canadian Ambassador to Poland (1963-65) and High Commissioner to Tanzania (1967-71), Zambia (1968-71) and Mauritius (1970-71). He is currently the Director of the Inspection Services Division in the Department of External Affairs.

Mr. Irwin replaces Mr. Frank Borden Clark, who will be rejoining the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce.