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THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT HIS EXCELLENCY AMZASP AVAKIMOVIC AROUTUNIAN PRESENTED TODAY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL HIS LETTERS OF CREDENCE AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS TO CANADA. THE CEREMONY TOOK PLACE AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, MR. H.F. FEAVER, PRESENTED THE AMBASSADOR TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL. M. NORMAN A. ROBERTSON, UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, AND MR. LIONEL MASSEY, SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL WERE IN ATTENDANCE ON THE GOVERNOR GENERAL.

DR. AROUTUNIAN WHO WAS BORN IN 1902 IS A DOCTOR OF ECONOMICS AND BEARS THE TITLE OF PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL ECONOMY. HE JOINED THE SOVIET FOREIGN SERVICE IN 1943 AND SERVED AS HEAD OF THE ECONOMIC DEPARTMENT OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS FOREIGN MINISTRY, AND AS A MEMBER OF THE MINISTRY COLLEGIUM. FROM 1955 UNTIL HIS APPOINTMENT TO OTTAWA, DR. AROUTUNIAN WAS IN CHARGE OF THE FIRST EUROPEAN DEPARTMENT OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. HE HAS PARTICIPATED IN SEVERAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AND HAS HEADED THE SOVIET DELEGATION AT THE GENERAL CONFERENCES OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION IN ADDITION TO BEING A MEMBER OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THAT ORGANIZATION.

DR. AROUTUNIAN IS MARRIED AND HAS TWO CHILDREN.