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The Department of External Affairs announced today that, with the coming into force of the Japanese Peace Treaty this morning, full diplomatic relations have been resumed between Canada and Japan. The treaty came into force when the United States Instrument of Ratification was deposited at 9.30 a.m. today.

The Canadian Liaison Mission, which was established in Tokyo in 1946, will now have the status of an Embassy. Pending the appointment of an ambassador, Mr. A.R. Menzies, who has been Head of the Canadian Liaison Mission since December 1950, will be the Chargé d'Affaires ad interim.

Mr. Menzies is thirty-five. He was born in China and educated at the Canadian Academy in Japan, the University of Toronto, and Harvard University. He joined External Affairs in June 1941. He served in the Canadian Embassy in Cuba in 1945-46. Prior to his appointment in Tokyo he was Head of the American and Far Eastern Division of the Department in Ottawa.
