

New diplomatic appointments

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, announced the following appointments on May 11:

Terence Charles Bacon, to be High Commissioner in Zambia. Mr. Bacon, who replaces Victor C. Moore, has served in Accra, London and, since 1975, he has been the Deputy Permanent Representative at NATO in Brussels.

Fred Bild, who replaces W.E. Bauer, to be Ambassador to Thailand and concurrently Ambassador to the Lao People's Democratic Republic. Mr. Bild has served in Tokyo and Paris. Since 1977 he has served as Director of Personnel Operations Division in Ottawa.

Georges-Henri Blouin, who replaces Saul Rae, to be Ambassador to the Netherlands. Mr. Blouin has served in New Delhi, San Francisco, Athens, Brussels, Cameroun, Washington and Spain. Since 1977 he has been Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs.

Edward L. Bobinski, who replaces John Irwin, to be Ambassador in the Philippines. Mr. Bobinski has served in London, Manila, Vienna, Dallas and in Saudi Arabia.

Claude Talbot Charland, who replaces J.C. Langley, to be Ambassador to Mexico and Guatemala. Mr. Charland has served in New Orleans, Paris, Lagos, Sao Paulo and Brussels. Since 1977, he has been Assistant Deputy Minister, Trade Commissioner Service and International Marketing.

Marc Faguy, who replaces Robert M. Middleton, to be High Commissioner in Ghana. Mr. Faguy has served in Brussels and Paris. Since 1972 he has been the Director of Financial Institutions at the Canadian International Development Agency.

Jean-Yves Grenon, who replaces O. Dier, to be Ambassador to Peru and with concurrent accreditation to Bolivia. Mr. Grenon has served in Rome, Santiago, Caracas, Dakar and Brussels. Since 1977 he has been diplomat in residence at the University of Laval in Quebec City.

John G. Hadwen, who replaces R. Louis Rogers, to be High Commissioner to Nepal. Mr. Hadwen served in Pakistan, New York, Norway, Malaysia and Pakistan. Since 1977 he has been the Director General of the Bureau of Personnel.

Donald Sutherland McPhail, who replaces R. Harry Jay, to be Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations in Geneva, to GATT, and to the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament. Mr. McPhail has served in Paris, Geneva and as Ambassador to Venezuela with concurrent accreditation to the Dominica Republic. In 1973 he was appointed Assistant Deputy Minister of the Department of Regional Economic Expansion for the Atlantic Region. Since 1976 he has been an Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs.

William Harp Montgomery, who replaces G.S. Shortliffe, to be Ambassador in Indonesia. Mr. Montgomery has served in New Delhi, Bangkok and Geneva. Since 1977 he has been the Director of Legal Advisory Division.

Jim S. Nutt, whose appointment as Consul General in New York was announced earlier, to be concurrently accredited as Commissioner in Bermuda.

Robert Douglas Sirrs, who replaces Mr. R. Reynolds, to be Ambassador to Costa Rica. Mr. Sirrs has served in Caracas, New York, Karachi, Guatemala, Chicago and Mexico. Since 1976 he has been Director of the European Bureau in the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce.

Joseph Stephen Stanford, who replaces E.G. Lee, to be Ambassador to Israel with concurrent accreditation to Cyprus. Mr. Stanford has served in Paris, Kingston and Bonn. Since 1977 he has been Director General of the Bureau of Commercial and Commodity Relations.

World maritime satellite body

Canada became a member of the International Maritime Satellite Organization (INMARSAT), with the signing of the INMARSAT convention in London by Paul Martin, Canada's High Commissioner to the United Kingdom, recently.

INMARSAT will establish a maritime satellite communications system to connect directly with international telephone and telex networks. The system, which will be used on the high seas by ships from all nations, will provide generally improved maritime telecommunications, being particularly useful in distress situations, for public correspondence and to improve the efficiency with which vessels are managed.

As a coastal state and industrial nation, Canada is expected to profit from its membership in INMARSAT and be in a better position to handle its maritime communications responsibilities. Maritime safety and the range and type of services provided in Canada's territorial waters will be improved. Canadian industry may benefit from future expanded markets and the capacity of the public correspondence service will be increased.

When Canadian participation in INMARSAT was authorized, Teleglobe Canada (the Crown corporation which handles Canada's overseas telecommunications links) was designated to assume responsibility for this country's role in the body and use of its system.

Miniature stamp sheet

A special commemorative sheet picturing provincial and territorial flags to be issued June 15, will contain 12 17-cent stamps which may be purchased as a sheet or individually. The regular sheets, 124 mm wide by 136 mm deep, will contain a philatelic inscription.

For the first time, a special envelope has been prepared to protect the miniature sheet. The envelope will picture the Canadian flag to complement the theme of the sheet.

Sixty million stamps will be printed in six-colour lithography by Ashton-Potter Limited of Toronto.

