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DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENT

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, has announced today the appointment of Mr. C. O. R. Rousseau, formerly of Trois-Pistoles, P. Q., as Canadian Ambassador to the Cameroun. Mr. Rousseau will be replacing Mr. J. E. Thibault, now head of the Department's Inspection Service in Ottawa.

Mr. Rousseau is expected in Yaounde early in January.

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CHARLES O. ROGER ROUSSEAU

Mr. Charles O. Roger Rousseau was born on February 6, 1921 at Trois-Pistoles, Quebec. In 1940, Mr. Rousseau joined the RCAF and was a POW in Germany for 3½ years being discharged from the armed forces in 1945 with the rank of Flying Officer. In 1948, he obtained a B. Comm. degree from Sir George Williams College and a M. B. A. from New York University in 1950.

Mr. Rousseau joined the Trade Commissioner Service of the Department of Trade & Commerce in 1948 and saw service abroad in New Orleans, Mexico City, Beirut and Buenos Aires. Since September 1967, he has been Minister Counsellor (Commercial) at the Canadian Embassy in Paris.

Mr. Rousseau is married to Françoise Belzile and has two children.