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THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 1963.

His Excellency Ivan Fadeevich Shpedko presented to His Excellency the Governor-General his Letter of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of the Soviet Socialist Republics in a ceremony which took place at Government House today. The Chief of Protocol, Mr. Henry F. Davis, presented the Ambassador to His Excellency the Governor-General.

Mr. Marcel Cadieux, Deputy Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs and Mr. Esmond Butler, Secretary to the Governor-General, were in attendance on the Governor-General on this occasion.

The Ambassador was accompanied by the following members of his staff:

Mr. Gavriil Kaverin, Counsellor,
Mr. Vladimir Platonov, Commercial Counsellor,
Mr. Petr Borisov, Counsellor,
Mr. Ivan Khoroshilov, Agricultural Counsellor,
Colonel Leonid Nemchenko, Military, Naval and Air
Attaché,
Mr. Anatoly Ivantsov, First Secretary,
Mr. Vladimir Moltchanov, First Secretary,
Mr. Sergei Sokolov, First Secretary,
Mr. Vladimir Semenov, First Secretary,
Mr. Vadim Kavalerov, First Secretary,
Mr. Sergei Divilkovsky, Attaché

Mr. Shpedko was born in 1918 and is a graduate of the Kharkov Pedagogical Institute. He joined the U.S.S.R. Foreign Service in 1941 and has since then served as Counsellor in Afghanistan and as Ambassador to Pakistan. Before taking up his appointment in Canada, Mr. Shpedko was the Deputy Head of the South Asian Division of the Soviet Foreign Ministry.