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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1956.

THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT HIS EXCELLENCY DR. THOMAS JOSEPH KIERNAN PRESENTED HIS LETTER OF CREDENCE THIS MORNING TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF IRELAND TO CANADA. THE CEREMONY TOOK PLACE AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, MR. L.B. PEARSON, WAS PRESENT ON THIS OCCASION. DR. KIERNAN WAS PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL BY MR. E. D'ARCY MCGREER, THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL. THE AMBASSADOR WAS ACCOMPANIED BY MR. JOHN O'BRIEN, SECRETARY TO THE AMBASSADOR OF IRELAND. MR. LIONEL MASSEY AND MR. J.F. DELAUTE, RESPECTIVELY SECRETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL WERE ALSO PRESENT.

DR. KIERNAN WAS BORN IN DUBLIN IN 1897 AND EDUCATED IN IRELAND AND IN LONDON. AFTER RECEIVING HIS DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON, HE WAS INSPECTOR OF TAXES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF INLAND REVENUE FOR FIVE YEARS AND LATER DIRECTOR OF RADIO EIREANN FOR SIX YEARS. SINCE 1924 HE HAS REPRESENTED HIS COUNTRY IN ENGLAND, AUSTRALIA, THE VATICAN AND IN 1955, HE WAS ACCREDITED MINISTER PLENIPOTENTIARY TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, WITH THE PERSONAL RANK OF AMBASSADOR.

DR. KIERNAN IS THE AUTHOR OF SEVERAL BOOKS. HE IS MARRIED AND HAS ONE SON AND THREE DAUGHTERS.