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DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENTS

The Honourable Paul Martin, Secretary of State for External Affairs, announced today the appointment of Mr. Joseph E. Thibault as the new Canadian Ambassador to Cameroun. He is to replace Mr. Georges H. Blouin who has been appointed Minister at the Canadian Embassy in Washington.

Mr. Thibault was born in Embrun, Ontario in 1921 and educated at the University of Ottawa (B.A. 1940, Ph. B. 1941). He joined the Canadian Army in 1942, served in Northwest Europe and on discharge in 1946, he joined the Department of External Affairs. He subsequently served in Cape Town, the Canadian Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York, Oslo and Belgrade. Until his new appointment, he was the Counsellor at the Canadian Embassy in Buenos Aires.

Mr. Thibault is married to the former Audrey Davy and they have two children.

Mr. Blouin was born in Montreal in 1921 and was educated at the College Ste Marie, Montreal (B.A. 1944) and the University of Montreal (LL. B. 1948). He was editor of "Le Quartier Latin" in 1945 and was employed by the Department of National Revenue before joining the Department of External Affairs in 1949. He served in New Delhi, San Francisco, Athens and Brussels before being appointed as Ambassador to Cameroun in 1965.

Mr. Blouin is married to the former Denise Angers and they have two children.