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THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, THE HONOURABLE HOWARD C. GREEN, ANNOUNCED TODAY THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. ALLAN C. ANDERSON, AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF CANADA TO HAITI.

MR. ANDERSON'S APPOINTMENT IN A SIMILAR CAPACITY TO CUBA HAS ALREADY BEEN ANNOUNCED. HE WILL HOLD BOTH POSITIONS CONCURRENTLY.

ALLAN CUNNINGHAM ANDERSON

MR. ANDERSON WAS BORN IN ABERDEEN, SCOTLAND, ON AUGUST 28, 1896 AND WAS PRIVATELY EDUCATED. HE JOINED THE CANADIAN ARMY IN 1915, SERVED ON THE WESTERN FRONT 1916-18, WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE ROYAL AIR FORCE AND WAS DISCHARGED IN MARCH, 1919 IN THE RANK OF 2/LT. FROM 1920 TO 1929 HE WAS ON THE STAFF OF THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA, IN WINNIPEG AND HAVANA, AND THEN ENTERED JOURNALISM, JOINING THE STAFF OF THE WINNIPEG TRIBUNE IN 1932. IN 1941 HE WAS APPOINTED SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN SOUTH AMERICA FOR THE SOUTHWESTERN NEWSPAPERS OF CANADA, AND TRAVELLED THERE UNTIL 1943, WHEN HE RETURNED TO CANADA TO ENTER GOVERNMENT SERVICE AS HEAD OF THE LATIN-AMERICAN SECTION OF WARTIME INFORMATION BOARD. FROM 1945 TO 1947 HE WAS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF CANADIAN INFORMATION SERVICE. HE JOINED THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS IN 1947. HE SERVED IN MEXICO CITY FROM 1952 TO 1955. MR ANDERSON TOOK UP HIS DUTIES AS AMBASSADOR TO CUBA IN AUGUST 1959.

MR ANDERSON IS SINGLE.