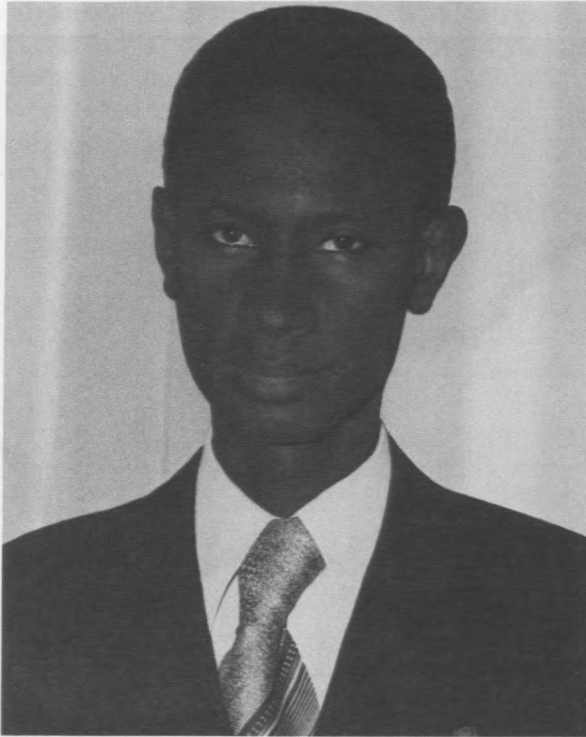


PRESIDENT ABDOU DIOUF  
OF SENEGAL



President Diouf was born in 1935 in Senegal. He is a Law graduate of the University of Dakar. He obtained a master's degree in Public Law and Political Science from the University of Paris in 1959, and graduated in 1960 from the Ecole nationale de la France d'outre-mer at the head of his class.

He proved to be very gifted and rose rapidly in the Senegalese civil service. At the age of 25 he was Governor of the Sine-Saloum region, after which he held high positions with the Foreign, Defence and Co-operation ministries. At age 28, he became Executive Assistant and then

Secretary-General to the President, the highest position in the civil service. In March, 1968 he was promoted Minister of Planning and Industry. He was appointed Prime Minister of Senegal in 1979, and on January 1, 1981 he succeeded President Senghor.

President Diouf was confirmed in this position by a large majority of Senegalese voters in February, 1983. Having held the position of President of the Organization of African Unity in 1985-86, he is respected by the African Heads of State. He is currently Chairman of the CILSS, an inter-governmental committee to combat drought in the Sahel. He is heavily involved in La Francophonie.

Mr. Diouf paid an official visit to Canada as Prime Minister in 1971, then as President of the Republic in 1983. In 1981, former Prime Minister Trudeau visited him shortly after he became President of Senegal. Prime Minister Mulroney also met President Diouf at the first Francophone Summit held in Paris in February, 1986.