

PM in Cuba...

Sir,

I read with interest George Radwanski's article on Trudeau's visit to Cuba. (*International Perspectives*, May/June 1976)

In his defence of the PM's visit, the author makes the point that past experience with countries like Cuba, South Africa and Rhodesia has shown that treating nations as international outlaws neither topples their governments nor modifies this behaviour.

If this is the attitude we are to take, then it should be applied equally to all countries, regardless of whether we fully agree with their policies or not.

Unfortunately, our Government has double standards, because it is treating Rhodesia (and, to a lesser degree, South Africa) as an international outlaw. Rhodesians have recently been denied entry visas to Canada, while at the same time Cuban trainees travel in this country at CIDA's (i.e. our) expense.

Such exaggerated expression of friendship to a country generally hostile towards Western democracies and simultaneous self-righteous condemnation of others I personally find bewildering.

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Hail and farewell

The Cabinet shuffle announced by Prime Minister Trudeau on September 14, 1976, brought a change of ministers to the Department of External Affairs. The Honourable Allan J. MacEachen has been replaced by the Honourable Don Jamieson. Mr. Jamieson comes to External Affairs from the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce. He has been a Member of Parliament since September 1966, when he was elected in a by-election in the Burin-Burgeo constituency of his native Newfoundland, and he has been returned in the three general elections since. Mr. Jamieson has also held the Cabinet portfolios of Supply and Services, Transport and Regional Economic Expansion. He came to Ottawa with a considerable reputation

in the broadcasting industry, including four years as President of the Canadian Association of Broadcasters. He is the author of *The Troubled Air*.

In leaving External Affairs, Mr. MacEachen is returning to his former portfolio as President of the Privy Council, where his main responsibility will once again be in the role of House Leader of the House of Commons. With the exception of the years 1958 to 1962, Mr. MacEachen has been a Member of Parliament since 1953. He has served continually in the Cabinet since he was appointed Minister of Labour in 1963 by the then Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson.

To Mr. Jamieson we bid "Hail" and to Mr. MacEachen "Farewell".