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DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENTS

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mark MacGuigan, announces the following appointments:

Raymond C. Anderson, 51, originally from Wetaskiwin, Alberta, to be High Commissioner to Australia. Mr. Anderson (B.A. and LL.B. University of Alberta) joined the Trade Commissioner Service in 1957 and served abroad in Sao Paulo, Manila, Boston, Seattle and since 1978 has been Consul General in Los Angeles.

Mr. Anderson will replace J. Alan Beesley whose appointment will be announced later.

Ronald J. L. Berlet, 44, originally from West Monkton, Ontario, to be Consul General in Hamburg. Mr. Berlet (B.A. Sc. University of Toronto) joined the Trade Commissioner Service in 1964 and served abroad in Vienna, Prague, New York and since 1976 as Counsellor in London.

He will replace M. Maddick who has returned to

Arthur E. Blanchette, 59, originally from Hartford, Connecticut, to be Ambassador to Tunisia. Mr. Blanchette (M.A. and Ph.D., University of Ottawa) joined the Department of External Affairs in 1947. He served abroad in Mexico, Cairo, Pretoria, Lisbon, Athens and in 1976 was appointed Ambassador and Permanent Observer of Canada to the Organization of American States.

He will replace J. M. Touchette whose next assignment will be in Ottawa.

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