

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Allan J. MacEachen, announces the following diplomatic appointments which will take effect during the summer months:

Mr. William H. Barton, 58, originally from Vancouver, to be Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York.

Mr. Barton (B.A., University of British Columbia) has been Counsellor and Minister with the Canadian Mission to the United Nations in New York (1961-63), Head of the United Nations Division at External Affairs Headquarters (1964-70), and Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs (1970-72). Since 1972 he has served as Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the Office of the United Nations (Geneva), and, concurrently, as Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament.

Mr. Barton succeeds Mr. Saul Rae, whose next assignment will be announced at a later date.

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Mr. Arthur Blanchette, 55, of Ottawa, to be Ambassador and Permanent Observer to the Organization of American States.

Mr. Blanchette (M.A., Ph.D., University Ottawa) has served abroad in Mexico (1948-53), Cairo (1954-56), Pretoria (1956-58), Cambodia (1958-59), Lisbon (1961-64) and Athens (1964-67). Since 1970 he has been Director of Historical Division at External Affairs Headquarters. In 1971, he became Chairman of the Canadian Section of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History, a specialized agency of the Organization of American States.

Mr. Blanchette succeeds Mr. Alfred J. Pick who retired at the end of 1975.

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Mr. D'Iberville Fortier, 50, born in Montreal, to be Ambassador to Italy.

Mr. Fortier (B.A., Collège Jean-de-Brébeuf et Collège Stanislas; L.S.P., University of Montreal; LL.B., University of Montreal; Member of the Quebec Bar; docteur d'Etat ès sciences économiques, University of Paris) joined the Department of External Affairs in 1952. He has served abroad in Washington (1953-56), in Hanoi (1956-58), in Phnom Penh (1959-61) and in Paris, (1961-64). In 1969 he was appointed Ambassador to Tunisia with concurrent accreditation to Libya. In 1972 he became Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs holding concurrently as of 1973 the post of Governor of the National Film Board.

Mr. Fortier succeeds Mr. Klaus Goldschlag who returned to Headquarters in January of this year to become Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs.

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