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The Department of External Affairs announced today that His Excellency Bedrich Hruska presented this afternoon to His Excellency the Governor General his letter of credence as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Czechoslovakia to Canada. The ceremony took place at Government House.

The Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Jules Léger, was in attendance on the Governor General on this occasion. The Chief of Protocol, Mr. E. D'Arcy McGreer, presented the Minister to the Governor General. Mr. Lionel Massey, Secretary to the Governor General, was also present. Mr. Hruska was accompanied by the following members of his staff: Mr. Zdenek Roskot, First Secretary; Mr. Josef Velek, Commercial Attaché; Mr. Jaroslav Skacil, Attaché; Mr. Miloslav Krajhanzl, Attaché.

Mr. Hruska was born in 1910. After graduating from the Faculty of Philosophy of Charles University in Prague, he taught in various schools and industrial colleges, and later became Principal of an industrial college and subsequently Head of the Regional Department of Education and Culture. In 1953 he entered the Czechoslovak Foreign Ministry and was appointed Chief of the Anglo-Saxon Section of the Committee for Cultural Relations for Foreign Countries, a post which he still held upon his appointment to Canada.