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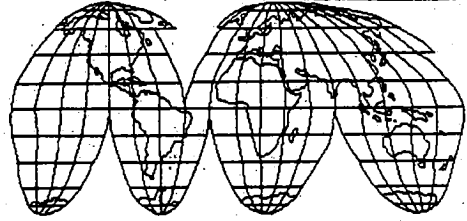
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**PRESS RELEASES:**

**Diplomatic Appointments**

**December 15, 1993, No. 228**

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet announces the following appointments: **John Allen Fraser, PC, QC**, currently Speaker of the House of Commons, as Ambassador for the Environment; **John R. Anderson**, currently Chief of the Defence Staff, as Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the North Atlantic Council (NATO); **Raymond A.J. Chrétien**, currently Ambassador to Belgium, as Ambassador to the United States of America; **Francis M. Filleul**, currently Director General of Personnel Administration, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, as Ambassador to the Republic of Haiti; **Allan N. Lever**, until recently Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, as Consul General in Chicago; **Donald McLennan**, until recently Minister-Counsellor at the Canadian Embassy in Riyadh, as Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Iran; **John McNee**, until recently with the Privy Council Office Foreign and Defence Policy Secretariat, as Ambassador to the Syrian Arab Republic; **Jean Nadeau**, until recently Program Administrator, Industrial Co-operation, Canadian International Development Agency, as High Commissioner to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago; **Michel Perrault**, until recently Director, East Asia Trade Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, as Ambassador to the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria; **Anthony G. Vincent**, until recently with the Bureau of Assistance for Central and Eastern Europe, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, as Ambassador to the Republic of Peru; **Art Wright**, until recently Vice-President, Multilateral Programs, Canadian International Development Agency, as High Commissioner to the Republic of Zimbabwe. All of the above appointments are effective immediately except those of Mr. Chrétien and Mr. Fraser, which are effective January 1, 1994 and January 18, 1994 respectively, and that of Admiral Anderson, which will be effective in the new year.

**MacLaren Hails World Trade Breakthrough**

**December 15, 1993, No. 227**

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, hailed the agreement at the Uruguay Round of world trade negotiations as an historic achievement along the road to strengthening both the Canadian and world economies. "Seven tough years of negotiations, involving 117 governments, have produced an agreement that will open world markets for trade and investment under a strengthened set of rules. Canada is a trading nation. One in five of our jobs is generated by exports. By bringing down trade barriers and opening markets, the agreement reached will produce jobs and wealth in every region of the country," the Minister said.

**Canada Welcomes UN Decision to Establish High Commissioner for Human Rights**

**December 14, 1993, No. 226**

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet welcomed the decision by a Working Group composed of all United Nations members to establish a UN High Commissioner for Human Rights. "This decision, in which Canada played a leading role, is a significant step in the promotion and protection of human rights by the UN," Mr. Ouellet said. The High Commissioner, to be appointed by the UN Secretary-General, with the approval of the UN General Assembly, will have broad authority to promote and protect internationally recognized human rights.

**Ouellet Comments on Russian Elections,  
Adoption of New Constitution in Russia**

**December 13, 1993, No. 225**

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet commented on the results of Russia's first multiparty elections and the adoption of a democratic constitution. Mr. Ouellet also reaffirmed Canada's support for President Yeltsin's program of reform. "That democratic elections were held and the constitution approved are significant achievements. However, the strong showing by extreme parties shows that the road to reform will be difficult and that many challenges lie ahead. We hope that President Yeltsin and the members of the Federal Assembly, whatever their political persuasion, will work together constructively to develop the consensus on reform that Russia needs," said Mr. Ouellet.