

## DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTÈRE DES AFFAIRES EXTÉRIEURES

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## DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENT

The Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, announces the following diplomatic appointment:

Mr. Dennis McDermott (63), born in Portsmouth, England, as Ambassador to Ireland.

Mr. McDermott was, from 1948 to 1954, Assembler and Welder, Massey-Ferguson; from 1954 to 1968, International Representative, and then, from 1968 to 1978, Canadian Director, United Automobile Workers of America. He has served as a member of the Ontario Labour Relations Board; Chairman, Board of Governors, Labour College Canada; Chairman, Board of Directors, Labour Education and Studies Centre of the Canadian Labour Congress. He is a Member of the Executive Board, Inter-American Regional Organization of Workers and the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions. He is a long time Member of the Board of Directors, Canadian Civil Liberties Association; Chairman, Commonwealth Trade Union Council; Member, Board of Directors, Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security; and Member, Board of Governors, St. Mary's University, Halifax. Since 1978, he has been President, Canadian Labour Congress.