

Milton B. Blackwood (60) originally from Basswood, Manitoba, to be Consul General in Detroit, Michigan.

Mr. Blackwood (B.Sc.A., University of Manitoba; M.Sc., University of Minnesota and University of California) joined the Trade Commissioner Service in 1951. He has served abroad in Hong Kong, Bonn, Jakarta, Mexico, Singapore, London, Minneapolis, and as Consul General in Johannesburg. Since 1978 he has been Consul General in Sydney, Australia. Mr. Blackwood will replace Mr. Frank Harris who is returning to Ottawa.

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Francis Miles Filleul (44) born in Tangier, Morocco, to be Ambassador to Costa Rica, with concurrent accreditation to El Salvador, Nicaragua and Panama.

Mr. Filleul (B.A., University of British Columbia; B.A., Oxford University; Sorbonne University) joined the Department of External Affairs in 1962. He has served abroad in Ankara, Dakar, Paris, Rio de Janeiro, Brasilia and New York. Since July 1981 he has been the Official Spokesman and Director of the Departmental Press Office. Mr. Filleul replaces Mr. Douglas Sirrs whose next appointment will be announced later.

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Jacques Gignac (53) originally from Shawinigan, Quebec, to be Ambassador and Head of Mission to the European Communities in Brussels.

Mr. Gignac (B.A., College Jean-de-Brébeuf, Montreal; Th.L., L.Sc.S., Institut catholique de Paris; L.L.L., Sorbonne University; University of Montreal) joined the Department of External Affairs in 1958. He has served abroad in Boston and Paris, and as Ambassador to Lebanon, with concurrent accreditation to Syria, Jordan and Saudi Arabia (1970-74), and as Ambassador to Tunisia (1974-77). In Ottawa, he served as the Director General of the Bureau of Latin American and Caribbean Affairs and subsequently, in 1978, as Assistant Under-Secretary for Latin American, Caribbean, Middle Eastern, Social and Humanitarian Affairs and, in 1981, as Deputy Under-Secretary for Federal-Provincial, Social and Cultural Affairs. In 1982 he was appointed Assistant Deputy Minister for Multilateral and Cultural Affairs. Mr. Gignac is replacing Mr. Richard Tait who is returning to Ottawa.

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