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The Department of External Affairs announces that Mr. Mato Jaksic presented today to His Excellency the Governor General, his Letter of Credence as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Yugoslavia in Canada.

The Rt. Hon. L. S. St. Laurent, Secretary of State for External Affairs, was present. Mr. Jaksic was presented to the Governor General by Mr. Howard Measures, Chief of Protocol, Department of External Affairs.

Mr. Pavle Lukin, Counsellor of the Yugoslav Legation accompanied Mr. Jaksic.

The Minister was born in Dubrovnik in 1903. He was educated there and studied law at the Sorbonne in Paris, and attended the Ecole Libre des Sciences Politiques in that city. Later Mr. Jaksic practiced law in Dubrovnik, and was appointed Honorary Consul of France (Agent Consulaire de France).

During the war Mr. Jaksic served in the National Liberation

Movement of Yugoslavia and was elected a Member of the Provisional

Parliament. He later was in charge of the Yugoslav Military Mission
in Cairo. After the war he was elected as Deputy to the Constituent

Assembly, and in December, 1945, was appointed Minister of Yugoslavia
in Paris. Prior to his present appointment he was Director of Protocol
in the Foreign Office at Belgrade.