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## DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENTS

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Don Jamieson, announces the following diplomatic appointments:

Mr. Jacques Asselin, 48, originally from Montreal, to be Ambassador to Senegal. Mr. Asselin (B.A. University of Ottawa, M.A. University of Montreal) joined External Affairs in 1957 and has served abroad in Mexico, Washington, Moscow and Paris. He served as Executive Assistant to the Commissioner-General of Expo '67 from 1963-67 and, since 1975, has been Director of the Cultural Affairs Division.

Mr. Asselin is married and has two children.

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Mr. John Alan Beesley, 49, originally from Smithers, B.C., to be High Commissioner to Australia.

Mr. Beesley (B.A., LL.B. University of British Columbia) joined External Affairs in 1956 and has served abroad in Tel Aviv, Geneva and Vienna, where he was Ambassador to Austria and Permanent Representative to UNIDO and the IAEA from 1973 to 1976. Since 1976, he has been Assistant Under-Secretary and Legal Advisor in the Department of External Affairs. In 1974 he was appointed Deputy Head of the Canadian Delegation to the Law of the Sea Conference. Mr. Beesley will remain as Canada's Delegate to the Law of the Sea Conference and will be able to continue to exercise his functions as Chairman of the Drafting Committee of the Law of the Sea Conference.

Mr. Beesley is married and has two children.