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MONDAY, MARCH 19, 1956.

The Department of External Affairs announced today that His Excellency the Honourable Mr. Justice T.C. Davis, Q.C., Canadian Ambassador to Japan, has been designated Special Envoy to represent Canada on the occasion of the proclamation of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the inauguration of the first President, Major-General Iskander Mirza. The ceremonies will take place in Karachi on March 23. Mrs. Davis will accompany her husband to Pakistan.

The Governor General of Canada, His Excellency the Right Honourable Vincent Massey, has sent a message of greetings to the President-elect. The Prime Minister, the Right Honourable Louis St. Laurent, has sent his best wishes to the Prime Minister of Pakistan, Chaudhri Mohamad Ali.

Pakistan will be proclaimed a republic on March 23. The Constituent Assembly has passed a resolution stating Pakistan's intention to remain a member of the Commonwealth and to recognize the Queen as Head of the Commonwealth.
