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DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENT

The Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, today announced the appointment of Bruce Phillips as Minister-Counsellor (Information) at the Canadian Embassy in Washington, D.C. Mr. Phillips, one of Canada's most distinguished journalists, will assume his duties early in the new year.

A native of Thunder Bay, Ontario, Mr. Phillips has been Ottawa Bureau Chief of CTV News since May of 1969 and hosted the network's popular public affairs program Question Period.

Mr. Phillips, 54, is a past recipient of a national newspaper award for his analysis of problems in Quebec in the early 1960's, and the Bowater Award for Journalism for his feature reporting on the Canadian economy.

Mr. Phillips became the first President of the National Press Club of Canada in 1960, a post he would hold again in 1969 and 1970. He is also a past President of the Parliamentary Press Gallery.