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## DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENT

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, today announced the appointment of Mr. Benjamin Rogers, formerly of Vernon, B. C. to be Canadian Ambassador to Italy. Mr. Rogers who was Ambassador to Spain and Morocco since 1964 will be replacing Mr. G. G. Crean whose appointment as Ambassador of Canada to the Federal Republic of Germany was recently announced.

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### BENJAMIN ROGERS

Mr. Benjamin Rogers was born in Vernon, B. C. on August 3, 1911. In 1933 he obtained his B. A. degree from Dalhousie University and in 1935 he obtained a M. Sc. (Econ.) from the London School of Economics.

Mr. Rogers joined the Department of External Affairs in 1936 and has been posted to Canberra, Washington, Rio de Janeiro and Prague. Mr. Rogers was appointed Ambassador to Peru in 1955, Ambassador to Turkey in 1958 and in 1960 he became Deputy High Commissioner in London. From 1964 to 1969 he was Ambassador to Spain and Morocco.

Mr. Rogers is married to Frances Morrison and has one child.