

The Republic of Togo will apply for admission to the United Nations at the fifteenth session of the General Assembly. There is no doubt that Canada will have many opportunities in the future to continue to assist this new country on its path to prosperous and stable development.



CANADIAN REPRESENTATION IN EUROPE

The Canadian Government recently raised the level of its diplomatic representation in several European countries.

On April 28, the Secretary of State for External Affairs announced the appointment of Mr. J. A. McCordick as Minister to Czechoslovakia. He will succeed Mr. A. J. Andrew, who has been Chargé d'Affaires *ad interim* of the Canadian Legation in Prague since July 1957. Since the Legation was opened in Prague in 1947, it has been directed by a succession of Chargés d'Affaires *a.i.*, and Mr. McCordick will be the first Minister the Canadian Government has accredited to Czechoslovakia. He will proceed to Prague in mid-June.

It was decided by the Government of Canada and the Government of the Polish People's Republic that their respective diplomatic missions in Warsaw and Ottawa should be raised from Legation to Embassy status. Mr. G. H. Southam, who has been Chargé d'Affaires *ad interim* of the Canadian Legation in Warsaw since March 1959, presented his Letters of Credence as Ambassador of Canada to the Chairman of the Council of State of the Polish People's Republic on May 21.

The Government of Canada has also agreed with the Government of Iceland and the Government of Luxembourg to raise their respective Legations in Ottawa, Reykjavik and Luxembourg to the status of Embassies.

The Legations of Finland and Canada in Ottawa and Helsinki were raised to Embassies. Mr. Arthur Lehtinen, who had been Chargé d'Affaires *en pied* since 1959, presented his Letters of Credence as Ambassador of Finland on April 13.

These changes can be seen as an indication of closer relations between Canada and the European countries concerned, and as evidence of a mutual desire to have these relations develop further in the future.