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## Mr. Léger becomes the Governor General of Canada

Jules Léger, formerly Canada's Ambassador to Belgium and Luxembourg, was installed as the twenty-first Governor General of Canada on January 14 at a ceremony in the Senate chamber of the Parliament Buildings in Ottawa. Mr. Léger succeeded Mr. Roland Michener, who retired this month after a term of almost seven years. (See *Canada Weekly*, dated October 17, 1973, for resumé of Mr. Léger's career.)

The ceremony, attended by some 400 people, was presided over by the recently-appointed Chief Justice of Canada, Bora Laskin. In the oath of office, which was administered by Mr. Justice Roland Martland, senior judge of the Supreme Court, Mr. Léger swore allegiance to the Queen and promised to well and truly serve her as Governor General, Commander-in-Chief of Canada and as Keeper of the Great Seal of Canada.

The Prime Minister, present and former Members of Parliament, members

of the diplomatic corps and other dignitaries and their spouses, witnessed the ceremony, which began with two fanfares of trumpets and included two 21-gun salutes by the 30th Field Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery. The Governor General's brother, Paul-Emile Cardinal Léger, who is a missionary working in Africa, was also present in the Senate chamber.

### Welcome by PM

Prime Minister Trudeau, in his welcoming address, extended to Mr. Léger "the warmest good wishes of the Government, Parliament and the people of Canada. May I respectfully ask, that your first official act be to convey to Her Majesty, the Queen of Canada, a message expressing the loyalty and affection of the Canadian people," Mr. Trudeau stated. The Governor General, he said, was the symbol of Canada's unity and an agent of its preservation, as well as the symbol and agent of the continuity of Canada's government-



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Mr. and Mrs. Léger exchange a word during his installation as Canada's twenty-first Governor General on January 14. Also seen are Mitchell

Sharp (front), Secretary of State for External Affairs, Prime Minister Trudeau and the Chief Justice, Bora Laskin (right).