



PRESS RELEASE

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
OTTAWA - CANADA

No. 1

FOR RELEASE AT 6 P.M., EST,
MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 1955.

The Department of External Affairs announced today that His Excellency Jacques Léger presented this afternoon to His Excellency the Governor General his letter of credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Haiti to Canada. The ceremony took place at Government House.

The Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Jules Léger, was in attendance on the Governor General on this occasion. The Chief of Protocol, Mr. E. D'Arcy McGreer, presented the Ambassador to the Governor General. Mr. Lionel Massey, Secretary to the Governor General, was also present. The Ambassador was accompanied by Mr. Martial Petrus, Counsellor of his Embassy.

Mr. Jacques Léger was born at Port-au-Prince, Haiti, in 1914. After graduating in law, he was called to the bar of Port-au-Prince. He entered the Haitian Foreign Service in 1934. Since then he has represented his country, in various capacities, in the following countries: Venezuela, Cuba, Argentina and Brazil. He has also attended a number of international conferences, and has held several posts in the Foreign Ministry, including that of Secretary of State for External Relations. In 1952, he was appointed Ambassador at Washington, a post which he will still hold concurrently with that of Ambassador to Canada.

- - - - -