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The Prime Minister, the Right Honourable Louis S. St. Laurent, announced today the appointment of Mr. Charles Pierre Hebert, Canadian Ambassador in Mexico, as Special Ambassador of Canada at the inauguration of President Elect General Manuel A. Odria as President of the Republic of Peru.

Mr. Hebert is to present his Letter of Credence today. He will transmit to the new President Elect the following message from the Prime Minister:

"Your Excellency:

"On the occasion of Your Excellency's inauguration as President of the Republic of Peru, I wish to extend my warmest congratulations and the best wishes of the Government and people of Canada in carrying out the great task to which Your Excellency has been called.

"I am confident that the cordial relations which have existed between our two nations will continue to grow and that in these times of world unrest our two countries will continue to cooperate to the fullest extent in the preservation of peace.

"Upon your accession to this high and distinguished office may I assure Your Excellency of the sincere friendship which the Government and people of Canada entertain for Your Excellency, and for the Government and people of Peru."

The actual inauguration of the new President will take place on August 28 in the Camera de Diputados at Lima.

Mr. J. M. Cook, Canadian Charge d'Affaires ad interim, and Mr. R. E. Gravel, Commercial Secretary, Canadian Embassy, Lima, will form part of the Special Mission with the honorary rank of First Secretary.

N.B. The press release of July 21 containing the text of the Canadian reply to Secretary General Trygve Lie's request for additional assistance in Korea should be No. 50, not 48.