



PRESS RELEASE

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
OTTAWA - CANADA

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

No. 101

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1960.

His Excellency Dr. Americo Cruz y Fernandez today presented his Letter of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Cuba to Canada. The ceremony took place at Government House at 11:00 a.m. The Chief of Protocol, Mr. H.F. Feaver, presented the Ambassador to His Excellency the Governor-General. Mr. N.A. Robertson, Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, and Mr. Esmond Butler, Secretary to the Governor-General, were in attendance on the Governor-General on this occasion. The Ambassador was accompanied by:

Mr. Manuel Stolik, Minister,

Miss J. Hortensia Rodriguez, Second Secretary.

Dr. Cruz is from Havana. He is a graduate of the University of Havana from which he holds the degree of Doctor of Law, and also of the Foreign Service School, Georgetown University, in Washington. Dr. Cruz entered the diplomatic service in 1931 and served in Mexico, Japan, Belgium, Italy, and Honduras. In 1949-51 he was Chargé d'Affaires ad interim in Chile. From 1951-54 he served in Ottawa as Counsellor of Embassy and, from time to time, as Chargé d'Affaires ad interim. He then served in Spain until 1958 and later in various departments in the Cuban Foreign Ministry. His most recent posting has been as Ambassador to the Argentine.

Dr. Cruz is married and has two children.