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La Presse Nov. 3/84

(By Jean-Francois Lisee)

Canada's relations with France during the Trudeau era were tainted by the internal political quarrels between Ottawa and Quebec. So Prime Minister Mulroney doesn't have much to build on when French President Fabius visits Canada. Both leaders will certainly be more concerned with economic questions than with diplomatic quarrels.

Le Devoir Oct. 1/84

(By Paul Painchaud)

Joe Clark brings to his new portfolio, Minister of External Affairs, a familiarity with international relations he acquired as prime minister. He has the chance to put his imprint on foreign policy at a time when changes are necessary.

Le Devoir Oct. 5/84

(By Bernard Descoteaux)

Monique Vezina was surprised by Prime Minister Mulroney's invitation to enter the Cabinet as Minister of State for External Relations. She has little experience in this area but welcomes the challenge of the job. Her new portfolio isn't the only challenge facing Vezina -- she is a Quebecker, a feminist, and a progressive in a largely anglophone, male-dominated, conservative government.

Le Soleil Sept. 25/84

(By Jean Didier Fessou)

Monique Vezina's appointment as Minister of State for External Relations represents the first time Rimouski has had a Cabinet Minister in Ottawa since 1891. She is a woman who is very involved in her community and has never been afraid to show her political colours. She voted yes in the 1980 Quebec referendum on sovereignty-association but is now a firm supporter of Brian Mulroney.

Le Soleil Sept. 23/84

(By Jean Didier Fessou)

The new Minister of State for External Relations, Monique Vezina, doesn't want her family and political life mixed. She says her husband and grown children are used to her being extremely busy and encourage her politically.