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THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT HIS EXCELLENCY THADO MAHA THRAY SITHU U WIN PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL HIS LETTER OF CREDENCE AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF BURMA TO CANADA. THE CEREMONY TOOK PLACE AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

MR. J. B. C. WATKINS, ASSISTANT UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, WAS IN ATTENDANCE ON THE GOVERNOR GENERAL. THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, MR. H. F. PEAVER, PRESENTED THE AMBASSADOR TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL. THE AMBASSADOR WAS ACCOMPANIED BY U THANT KYI, EDUCATION ATTACHE, AND U TIN TIN, THIRD SECRETARY. MR. J. F. DELAUTE, SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL (ADMINISTRATIVE) WAS ALSO PRESENT.

U WIN WAS BORN IN 1905 AND JOINED THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IN 1930. HE LATER SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE TRADE UNION CONGRESS, THE TRADES FEDERATION, AND THE PORT WORKERS' UNION. HE WAS ELECTED TO THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY IN 1947 AND WAS APPOINTED A MEMBER OF THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE COUNCIL IN CHARGE OF THE PORTFOLIO OF INDUSTRY AND LABOUR PRIOR TO THE INDEPENDENCE OF BURMA. U WIN WAS APPOINTED BURMESE AMBASSADOR TO INDIA AND IN 1950 HE SERVED AS MINISTER FOR DEFENCE, HOME AND RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS, AND LATER BECAME MINISTER FOR RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL PLANNING. IN 1955 HE WAS APPOINTED AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND FROM MARCH TO NOVEMBER 1956 WAS PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BURMA TO THE UNITED NATIONS.