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The Department of External Affairs announces that Mr. Laurence A. Steinhardt presented today, to His Excellency The Governor General, at Government House, his Letter of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America in Canada.

Colonel the Honourable Colin Gibson, M.C., V.D., K.C., M.P., Secretary of State of Canada, was present.

Mr. Steinhardt was presented to His Excellency the Governor General by Mr. Howard Measures, Chief of Protocol, Department of External Affairs. Mr. Julian F. Harrington, Minister Plenipotentiary, Mr. Homer S. Fox, Counselor of Embassy (Economic) and Mr. Richard W. Byrd, First Secretary, accompanied the Ambassador.

Since 1933 Mr. Steinhardt has headed many diplomatic missions. He was Minister to Sweden until 1937, Ambassador to Peru from 1937 to 1939, when he was appointed Ambassador to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. In 1942 he held the post of Ambassador to Turkey and in 1944 that of Ambassador to Czechoslovakia. He was the United States of America's delegate to the Eighth International Conference of American States at Lima in 1938. He was awarded the United States Medal of Merit in July 1946.

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