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## DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENT

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, today announced the appointment of Mr. Norman F. Berlis, formerly of Toronto, as Canadian Ambassador to Austria, replacing Mr. J.A. McCordick. Mr. Berlis will also act as the Canadian Permanent Representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency and to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization.

Mr. Berlis is expected in Vienna in the course of the month of January.

## NORMAN BERLIS

Mr. Norman Berlis was born on April 8, 1914 in Toronto. In 1937 he received his B.A. from the University of Toronto, in 1940 he graduated from Osgoode Hall, Toronto, with the degree of Barrister-at-law and later was called to the Bar of Ontario. From 1940 to 1943 he was with the Foreign Exchange Control Board in Ottawa. In 1943 he joined the R.C.N.V.R. and later served in the North Atlantic, and in 1946, he was discharged (Lt.). Back in Ottawa, he worked for the Wartime Prices and Trade Board (1946-47).

Mr. Berlis joined the Department of External Affairs in June 1947, and in 1948 he was officer in charge of the Canadian Permanent Delegation to the United Nations in Geneva. In May 1956 he was named Counsellor in Rome. In January 1962 he was appointed High Commissioner to Tanzania and subsequently served concurrently as High Commissioner to Uganda and to Kenya.

In 1965 he was appointed Ambassador to Poland. Since November 1967, he has been Chief of Protocol in Ottawa.

Mr. Berlis is married (Oriol Pollock) and has two children.