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### NEW GOVERNOR GENERAL APPOINTED

Prime Minister Pearson announced in the House of Commons on April 4 that the Queen had approved the appointment of the Honourable Roland Michener as Governor General of Canada to succeed the late General Georges P. Vanier, who died on March 5.

Mr. Michener, who has been the Canadian High Commissioner to India since 1964, was Speaker of the House of Commons from 1957-62.

Born in Lacombe, Alberta, he attended the University of Alberta before enlisting with the Royal Air Force in 1918. After the war, he studied law at the University of Alberta, Oxford and Middle Temple, called to the Bar of Ontario in 1924 and was appointed a King's Counsel in 1943.

Mr. Michener, was first elected to the House of Commons in 1953.

He has been the General Secretary for Canada for the Rhodes Scholarships since 1936 and is a member of the Board of Governors of Toronto Western Hospital and the University of Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Michener have three married daughters.

### ACCEPTANCE STATEMENT

On hearing the news of his new post, Mr. Michener said that he and his wife were "deeply appreciative of confidence reposed in us by the Prime Minister and Government of Canada in nominating me to be Governor General and entrusting my wife and me with important and exacting responsibilities which will be ours, particularly at this time in our centennial celebrations when all the world will be coming to our shores".

### CANADA-ROUMANIA DIPLOMATIC TIES

Mr. Paul Martin, the Secretary of State for External Affairs, has announced that representatives of the Governments of Canada and the Socialist Republic of Roumania have held several meetings in Ottawa recently during which they had useful discussions of various aspects of bilateral relations between the two countries.

Canada and Roumania have now agreed to establish diplomatic relations, which will be initially at the level of non-resident ambassadors. The First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Roumania, Mr. George Macovescu, led the Roumanian delegation. Mr. Martin said he hoped the establishment of diplomatic relations would facilitate a satisfactory solution to various problems outstanding between Canada and Roumania and thereby contribute to better relations between them.

### TRADE TALKS

Advantage was taken of the presence of the Roumanian delegation to discuss prospects for increased trade. It was agreed to continue the talks at a date and in a place to be established by mutual agreement. There was also an exchange of views on a range of international problems of interest to both countries.

During the signing ceremony, Mr. Martin made the following remarks:

"Like your Government, the Government of Canada firmly believes that opportunities to lessen the differences and tensions which often separate countries of different social systems are open to those who are willing to sit down together to discuss ways