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DECEMBER 17, 1969DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENT

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, today announced the appointment of Mr. Gordon G. Crean, formerly of Toronto, as Canadian Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany. Mr. Crean will replace Mr. R. P. Bower who has held the position since 1966 and who will be retiring shortly from the Public Service. Mr. Crean is at present Canadian Ambassador to Italy with concurrent accreditation as Canadian High Commissioner to Malta.

He is expected to take up his appointment in Bonn in February.

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GORDON GALE CREAN

Mr. Gordon Gale Crean was born in Toronto on April 29, 1914. He obtained a B. A. degree from the University of Toronto in 1936 and a second B. A. degree from Oxford in 1938. In 1940, he was called to the Bar (Grays Inn), London. In 1940, he joined the British Army and served in Norway and in the Mediterranean; he was discharged in 1945 (Lt. Col.).

Mr. Crean joined the Department of External Affairs in 1945 and was posted to Belgrade, London and Paris. From 1961 to 1964, he was Ambassador to Yugoslavia and in 1964 he was appointed Ambassador to Italy.

Mr. Crean is married to Elizabeth Grant and has four children.