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THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED THAT MR. JUAN DE LAS BARCENAS, THE NEW SPANISH AMBASSADOR TO CANADA, PRESENTED HIS LETTER OF CREDENCE THIS MORNING TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL. MR. DE LAS BARCENAS WAS ACCOMPANIED BY MR. J.B.C. WATKINS, ASSISTANT UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, MR. J.A. MCCORDICK, CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, MR. ANGEL SAGAZ, FIRST SECRETARY, AND OTHER OFFICERS OF THE SPANISH EMBASSY.

MR. DE LAS BARCENAS WAS BORN IN 1905. HE HAS BEEN INTIMATELY ASSOCIATED WITH FOREIGN AFFAIRS SINCE 1929 AND HAS HELD IMPORTANT APPOINTMENTS BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD. HE SERVED AS A MEMBER OF HIS COUNTRY'S DELEGATION AT THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS AND LATER JOINED THE SECRETARIAT. HE HAS ALSO HELD DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENTS AT THE SPANISH MISSIONS IN CAIRO, BERNE AND LONDON.

IN 1955 MR. DE LAS BARCENAS LED HIS COUNTRY'S DELEGATION TO THE ICAO CONFERENCE IN STRASBOURG.

AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IN MADRID, HIS APPOINTMENTS HAVE INCLUDED THOSE OF EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER, CHIEF OF THE NORTH AMERICAN DEPARTMENT AND DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS.

MR. DE LAS BARCENAS IS MARRIED.