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EXPULSION OF MR. MIJAT TOMIC, VICE-CONSUL, YUGOSLAV CONSULATE GENERAL IN TORONTO

The Department of External Affairs today requested the Ambassador of Yugoslavia to make arrangements for the departure from Canada within seven days of Mr. Mijat Tomic, Vice-Consul at the Yugoslav Consulate General in Toronto. Based on information received from the RCMP Security Service, the Canadian Government had concluded that Mr. Tomic had engaged in activities incompatible with his consular status. Mr. Tomic had used his position in Canada to exert improper pressure on Canadians of Yugoslav origin in order to obtain information, and to influence developments in the Canadian Yugoslav community.

The Government of Canada enjoys friendly relations with Yugoslavia which, like Canada, is a federal State. The Government's action today should be viewed in the context of its determination to do what it can, within the framework of Canadian law, to discourage activity which contributes to tensions among Yugoslavs who have chosen to make their home in Canada.