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July 14, 1969**DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENTS**

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, today announced the following diplomatic appointments.

Mr. Christian Hardy, Ambassador to Lebanon, to be Ambassador to Brazil, where he will replace Mr. J. C. L. Yvon Beaulne, appointed earlier this year as Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations.

Mr. Joseph Evremond Ghislain Hardy, serving as Deputy High Commissioner in London, to be Ambassador to Spain, with dual accreditation as Ambassador to Morocco. Mr. Hardy will replace Mr. B. Rogers, who will be returning to Canada for a tour of duty.

Mr. James Russell McKinney to be Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Canada to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development in Paris, where he will replace Mr. C. J. Small, whose next assignment will be announced shortly.

Mr. Gerald Anthony Rau, now serving in the African and Middle Eastern Division, to succeed Mr. James Russell McKinney as High Commissioner to Trinidad and Tobago, with dual accreditation to Barbados.

Mr. Robert Louis Rogers, Ambassador to Israel, to be Deputy High Commissioner in London, where he will replace Mr. J. E. G. Hardy.

Mr. Gordon George Riddell, Head of African and Middle Eastern Division, to be Ambassador to Senegal, replacing Mr. J. J. M. Côté who will be returning to Canada for a tour of duty.

Biographical notes are attached.

CHRISTIAN HARDY

Mr. Hardy was born in Montreal on May 7, 1923. After attending the Collège des Jésuites in Quebec City, he graduated from Laval University in 1946, while working for the Canadian Opinion Co.

Mr. Hardy joined the Department of External Affairs in 1947 and subsequently served in Chicago, Rio de Janeiro and Paris. In 1964 he became Head of Personnel Operations Division, Ottawa and in 1967 was appointed to his present assignment as Ambassador to Lebanon with concurrent accreditation to Syria and Jordan.

Mr. Hardy is married to the former Henriette Houle and has three children.

JOSEPH EVREMOND GHISLAIN HARDY

Mr. Hardy was born in Montreal on May 10, 1921. After graduating from the University of Paris in 1947, he then attended both McGill University and the University of Ottawa. From 1940-41 Mr. Hardy was a teacher at St. Vincent-de-Paul, Laval County, Quebec. After enlisting in the RCAF in 1942, he served in the United Kingdom, Northwest Europe and the Mediterranean and was discharged in 1946 (LAC).

Mr. Hardy joined the Department of External Affairs in 1948 and was on loan to the Department of Finance until 1951. He has served abroad in Rome and in London, where he became Counsellor in 1958. In 1962, he acted as Adviser to the Canadian Delegation to the Disarmament Conference in Geneva, and in 1963 became Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet and Assistant Clerk of the Privy Council. In 1966, he was appointed Minister to the North Atlantic Council and in 1967 became Deputy High Commissioner in London.

Mr. Hardy is married to the former Thérèse Monsallier and has three children.

JAMES RUSSEL MCKINNEY

Mr. McKinney was born in Summer Hill, N.B., on June 28, 1925 and graduated from Dalhousie University in 1949.

After serving in the RCAF from 1943 to 1945, Mr. McKinney rejoined the Bank of Nova Scotia where he had worked prior to his enlistment.

Mr. McKinney joined the Department of External Affairs in 1949 and subsequently served in Belgrade, Djakarta and Copenhagen, where he was appointed Counsellor in 1962. He has been High Commissioner to Trinidad and Tobago, and to Barbados, and Commissioner to the West Indies (Associated States) since 1966.

Mr. McKinney is married to the former Chl8e MacLeod and has three children.

GERALD ANTHONY RAU

Mr. Rau was born in Zurich, Ontario on September 11, 1918. He graduated from the University of Western Ontario in 1940. Mr. Rau joined the Canadian Army in 1942 and served in the United Kingdom and Northwest Europe. He was ADC to the Army Commander from 1943 to 1944, and was discharged in 1945 with the rank of Captain.

Mr. Rau joined the Department of External Affairs in 1945. He has served in Canberra, Dublin, Oslo, Boston and Madrid.

Mr. Rau is married to the former Julia Reynolds; they have seven children.

ROBERT LOUIS ROGERS

Mr. Rogers was born in Toronto on November 23, 1919, and is a graduate of the University of Toronto. After joining the Canadian Army in 1942, he served in Newfoundland, in the United Kingdom and in northwestern Europe. Mr. Rogers became a member of the Department of External Affairs in 1946, serving with Canadian diplomatic missions in Washington and Tokyo. He was appointed Counsellor in London in 1958, Counsellor with the Canadian Delegation to the North Atlantic Council in 1960 and on June 3, 1965 was appointed Canadian Ambassador to Israel.

Mr. Rogers is married and has five children.

GORDON GEORGE RIDDELL

Mr. Riddell, who was born in Geneva, Switzerland, on February 25, 1921, attended Queen's University, the University of New Zealand and the University of Toronto. In 1943, he enlisted in the RCNVR and served in the United Kingdom and the North Atlantic. He was discharged in 1945 (Lt.).

Mr. Riddell joined the Department of External Affairs in 1946. After service abroad in Athens and London, he was appointed Counsellor in Cairo in 1962. Since 1967, Mr. Riddell has been Head of the African and Middle Eastern Division of the Department.

Mr. Riddell is married to the former Jessica Lambert and has three children.