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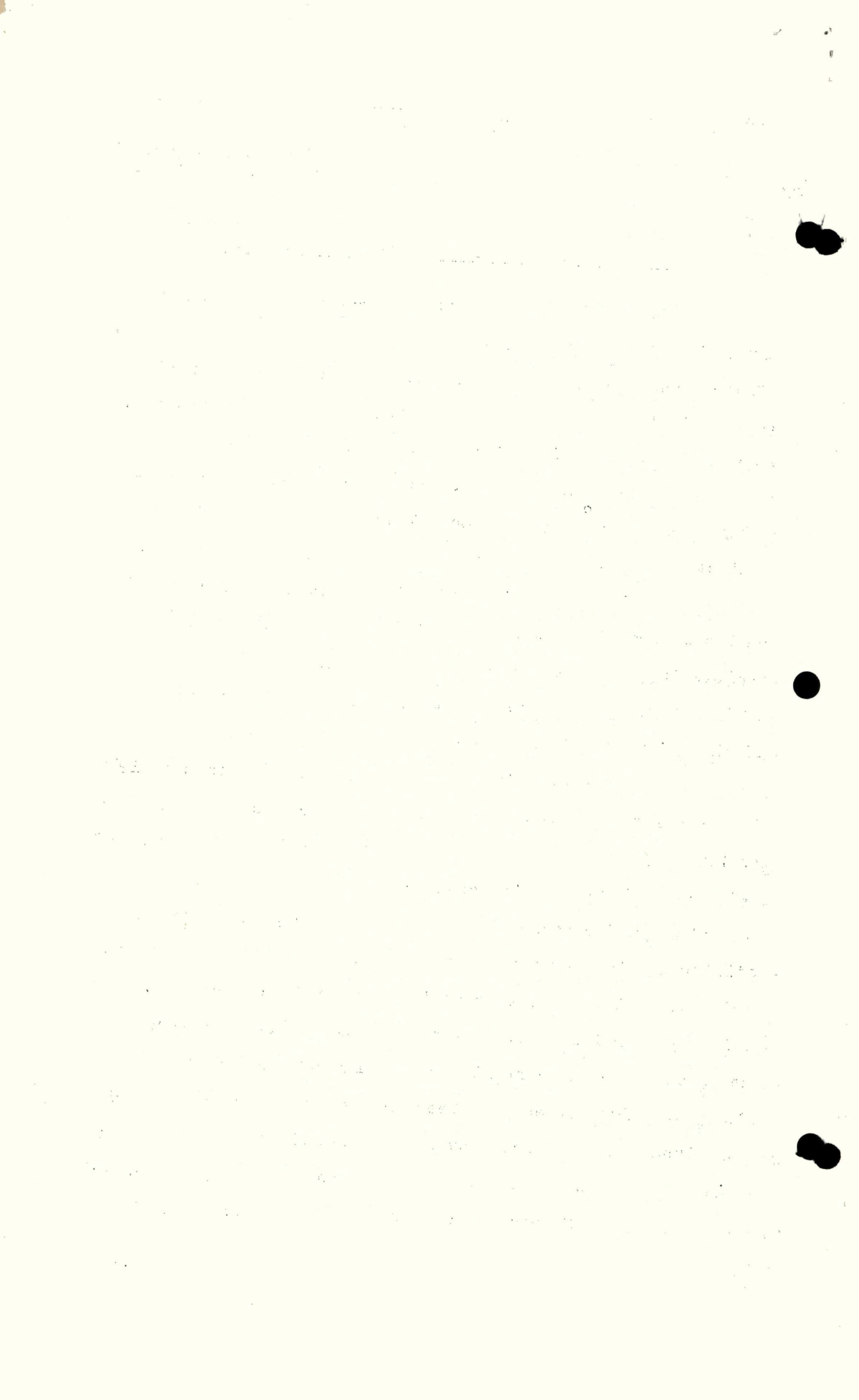
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ELECTIONS TO THE INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION

MARCEL CADIEUX, Deputy Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs and Legal Adviser to the Department of External Affairs has been elected to membership of the International Law Commission by the General Assembly of the United Nations. At an election in which 42 candidates were competing for the 25 seats of the Commission Mr. Cadieux received 89 votes out of the 103<sup>ballots</sup>/cast by the General Assembly. He had been nominated to the position by Canada, Australia and Britain.

This is the first time that Canada is represented on the International Law Commission. The Commission limits its membership to one member of any nationality, with the objective of thus having a wide representation of the main forms of civilization and of the legal systems of the world.

The International Law Commission was formed in 1947 by a resolution of the United Nations General Assembly and has as its "object the promotion of the progressive development of international law and its codification". The Commission, as one of the major bodies engaged in this work, has been fulfilling its task by surveying the field of international law, and translating these into articles of draft conventions. In this way, for instance, many of the rules that have been developed over the centuries on the Law of the Sea or on Diplomatic Immunities have been drafted in a much more specific form than that in which they were previously to be found. In this form, these rules have been discussed and adopted respectively by the conferences that have taken place on the Law of



the Sea in 1958 and 1960, and by the Conference on Diplomatic Intercourse and Immunities that took place in Vienna this Spring.

The Commission, whose members are elected for five-year terms and meet for a yearly two-month session at Geneva, has this year been enlarged from a membership of 21 to 25 so as to allow for the increased representation of Asian and African countries in the United Nations.

--Attached are biographical notes on Mr. Cadieux--



MR. MARCEL CADIEUX

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Born in Montreal, Province of Quebec, Canada, in 1915.

Education:

B.A., Grasset College, Montreal, 1936;  
L.S.E.P., LL.L, University of Montreal, 1939;  
Post-graduate studies in constitutional law, McGill University,  
Montreal, 1939-40

Diplomatic Career:

Joined Department of External Affairs of Canada, 1941;  
Third Secretary, Office of the Canadian High Commissioner,  
London, 1944;  
Second Secretary, Canadian Embassy, Brussels, 1945;  
First Secretary, Canadian Embassy, Paris, 1951;  
Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs and  
Legal Adviser, 1956;  
Deputy Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs and  
Legal Adviser, 1960.

International Conferences and Organizations:

Adviser, Canadian Delegation to the Peace Conference, Paris, 1946;  
Counsellor, Canadian Delegation to the North Atlantic Council  
and the Organization for European Economic Cooperation,  
Paris, 1952;  
Adviser to the Canadian Commissioners, International Supervisory  
Commissions, IndoChina, 1954;  
Adviser, Canadian Delegation to the Tenth General Assembly of  
the United Nations, 1955;  
Vice-Chairman of the Canadian Delegation to the United Nations  
Conferences on the Law of the Sea, Geneva, 1958, 1960;  
Member of the Canadian National Group of the Permanent Court of  
Arbitration, 1960;  
Leader of the Canadian Delegation to the Eleventh Session of  
the General Conference of UNESCO, Paris, 1960.

Academic Positions:

Professor of Public International Law, Faculty of Law,  
University of Ottawa, 1956.

Other Positions:

Member, Board of Governors, National Film Board of Canada;  
Member, Executive Committee, Canadian National Commission for  
UNESCO.

Publications:

Le Ministère des Affaires Extérieures  
Premières Armes  
Embruns  
Articles in legal periodicals.

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