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DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENT

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, today announced the appointment of Mme. Solange Chaput-Rolland of Montreal as the Canadian Observer to the 46th Session of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations meeting in New York, May 12 to June 6. Mme. Chaput-Rolland will be assisted by members of the Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations.

Mme. Chaput-Rolland's appointment is a reflection of the importance which Canada attaches to the work of the Council, the principal body in the United Nations system for the consideration of economic, social and human rights questions. There are twenty-seven members of the Council; nine being elected each year by the General Assembly for a term of three years. Canada was a member of the Council in 1946-48, 1950-52, 1956-58 and 1965-67.

(Biographical notes are attached)

BIOGRAPHY

Mme. Chaput-Rolland was born in Montreal and studied at the Outremont Convent, the Sorbonne and at the Catholic University of Paris. From 1945 to 1950 she was literary critic for several Quebec periodicals and newspapers. She is the founder and editor of Points de Vue, a monthly journal of political news and opinions. She has been a radio and television moderator and panelist on both networks of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation for some fifteen years. In addition to three cross-Canada speaking tours on the subject of Quebec's place in Canada, Mme. Chaput-Rolland has written the following works: "Dear Enemies" (co-author, Gwetholyn Graham) 1962; "My Country: Canada or Quebec?" (Centennial Commission grant) 1966; "Reflections, Quebec Year One, 1967"; "Reflections 1968, One or Two Just Societies"; "Reflections 1969" is in preparation. These works have been published in both English and French.

Mme. Chaput-Rolland is a member of the Cercle des femmes journalistes, the Société des écrivains canadiens, the Conseil des Arts de la Province de Québec and an honorary member of the Presse internationale féminine. She is the wife of Mr. André Rolland of Rolland Paper Company and she has two children and two grand-children.