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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS APPOINTMENTS

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
MINISTÈRE DES AFFAIRES EXTÉRIEURES

The Department of External Affairs announces
the following appointments:

Mr. Lawrence Joseph O'Toole, 42, now Director General of Finance and Administration, to be Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs (Administration) effective September 1, 1972. He succeeds Mr. W.H. Barton who, as announced earlier, will be the Canadian Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the Office of the United Nations at Geneva, and to the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament.

Mr. Georges-Henri Blouin, 51, now Director General of Personnel, to hold the additional appointment of Special Adviser to the Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs on foreign service appointments and related policies, effective September 1, 1972. He will also be the External Affairs representative on the Personnel Management Committee of the Interdepartmental Committee on External Relations (ICER).

LAWRENCE JOSEPH O'TOOLE

Mr. O'Toole was born in Peterborough, Ontario on November 14, 1930. He received a B.A. from the University of Toronto in 1951 and an M.B.A. from the University of Western Ontario in 1966.

Mr. O'Toole was employed in private business with the Industrial Acceptance Corporation and as a consultant with Woods, Gordon and Company, prior to joining the Department of External Affairs in 1968 as Deputy Director General of the Bureau of Finance and Administration. In 1970 he was named Director General of that Bureau.

Mr. O'Toole is married and has four children.

GEORGES-HENRI BLOUIN

Mr. Georges-Henri Blouin was born in Montreal on June 4, 1921. He received a B.A. from Collège Sainte-Marie, Montreal, in 1944 and a LL.B. from the University of Montreal in 1948.

Mr. Blouin worked for the Department of National Revenue before joining the Department of External Affairs in 1949. At departmental headquarters he has served in the Office of the Under-Secretary, Legal Affairs Division and Commonwealth Division. Mr. Blouin has served abroad in New Delhi, San Francisco, Athens and Brussels. In 1965 he was named Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Cameroon, with concurrent accreditation to Chad, Gabon and the Central African Republic. He served as Minister at the Embassy in Washington, U.S.A., from 1967 until his appointment in 1970 as Director General of Personnel in Ottawa.

Mr. Blouin is married and has two children.