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The Secretary of State for External Affairs today announced two appointments of Heads of Canadian Missions in Europe. Mr. George L. Magann, who is at present Canadian Ambassador in Greece, has been appointed Canadian Ambassador to Switzerland, succeeding Dr. Victor Doré who has retired from the diplomatic service. Mr. T.W.L. MacDermot, who is at present the High Commissioner for Canada in South Africa, has been appointed Canadian Ambassador to Greece.

Mr. George Loranger Magann was born in Toronto, Ontario, in 1892 and was educated at the Royal Military College and the University of Toronto. He joined the Canadian Field Artillery in August 1914 and served with the 1st Canadian Division in France and Belgium until 1918. He was wounded and mentioned in despatches. After the war he established the firm of G.L. Magann & Co., and also served as a director of industrial corporations. Mr. Magann joined the Department of External Affairs in 1941 as special assistant to the Canadian Minister in Washington, and subsequently served in Paris and Ottawa. He was appointed Canadian Ambassador to Greece in August 1949. Mr. Magann served as Canadian representative in the exchange of disabled prisoners of war at Barcelona and Göthenburg, 1944 and at Marseilles, 1945. He attended sessions of the Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees, Paris, 1945, the League of Nations Assembly, Geneva, 1946, and the Executive Committee and General Council of the International Refugee Organization, Geneva, 1950 and 1951.

Mr. Terence William Leighton MacDermot was born in Jamaica, British West Indies in 1896. A graduate of McGill and Oxford Universities, Mr. MacDermot taught at Lower Canada College and at McGill University, and was Principal of Upper Canada College from 1935-1942. He served overseas in the First World War with the Canadian Army and in the Second World War was seconded to Royal Military College as Lieutenant-Colonel in charge of the Civil Affairs Staff Course. Mr. MacDermot joined the Department in 1944 as special assistant to the Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs and in 1946 served on loan as special assistant to the United Nations director of personnel. He attended the UNESCO conference in London in 1945 and the United Nations General Assembly, New York, 1949. He was appointed High Commissioner for Canada in South Africa in August 1950.

Before joining the Department of External Affairs, Dr. Victor Doré, C.M.G., had taken an important part for many years in the field of education in the Province of Quebec. In 1940 he founded and served as Joint Executive Chairman of the Canadian Council of Education for Citizenship and as chairman of the Canadian Legion Education Services, Quebec. He has been a member of the Canada-United States Committee on Education since its foundation in 1944. Dr. Doré served as Canadian Ambassador to Belgium and Minister to Luxembourg from November 1946 to June 1950 and as Canadian Minister (and later Ambassador) to Switzerland from

(E) June 1950 until his retirement. Dr. Doré played a leading role in UNESCO and was chairman of the Executive Board for the first two years of its organization and remained a member until 1951. He served on Canadian delegations to many international conferences, including the United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment, the Interim Commission of the International Trade Organization, the International Copyright Union and the International Refugee Organization.
