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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1964.

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, announced today the establishment of diplomatic relations with Malta, the Republic of Korea, and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

Mr. Gordon Gale Crean, who is Canadian Ambassador to Italy, will be concurrently accredited as first Canadian High Commissioner to Malta.

Mr. Richard Plant Bower, who is Canadian Ambassador to Japan, has been concurrently accredited as first Canadian Ambassador to the Republic of Korea.

Mr. John Ryerson Maybee, who is now Canadian Ambassador to Lebanon, will be concurrently accredited as first Canadian Ambassador to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

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Mr. Martin also announced that Mr. John Harrison Cleveland, who is at present Canadian High Commissioner to Nigeria, has been concurrently accredited as High Commissioner to Sierra Leone and as Ambassador to Dahomey, Niger and Senegal.

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Mr. Crean was born in Toronto on April 29, 1914. He is a graduate of the University of Toronto and of Oxford, and was called to the Bar at Gray's Inn, London, in 1940. Upon his discharge from the Army in 1945, Mr. Crean joined the Department of External Affairs, and has served at posts abroad in Belgrade, where he was Chargé d'Affaires a.i. from June 1950 to October 1951, London, and Paris.

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In 1961 he was appointed Canadian Ambassador to Yugoslavia and, in March of 1964, Mr. Crean was appointed Ambassador to Italy.

Mr. Crean is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, London. He is married, and has three children.

Mr. Bower was born to Canadian parents in Kansas City, Missouri, in 1905. He is a graduate of the University of Manitoba. In 1930 Mr. Bower joined the Foreign Trade Service of the Department of Trade and Commerce, and served at posts abroad in Rotterdam, Djakarta, Auckland, Sydney, St. John's Newfoundland, and London.

Mr. Bower transferred to the Department of External Affairs in 1956, when he was appointed Ambassador to Venezuela. In 1958 he was named Ambassador to Argentina, and in 1961 he was concurrently accredited to Uruguay and Paraguay. Mr. Bower was appointed Canadian Ambassador to Japan in 1962.

Mr. Bower is married and has three children.

Mr. Maybee was born in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, on August 29, 1918 and was educated at the University of Toronto and at Princeton. After being discharged from the Royal Canadian Navy in 1946, Mr. Maybee joined the Department of External Affairs and has served at posts abroad in Nanking, Canberra and Washington. In 1958, Mr. Maybee was appointed Counsellor at the Canadian Embassy in Washington. His appointment as Canadian Ambassador to Lebanon was announced on June 5, 1964.

Mr. Maybee is married and has five children.

Mr. Cleveland was born in Montreal on June 23, 1913. He studied at King's College and Dalhousie University Law School, and practised law in Dartmouth, N.S. from 1936 to 1941 and in 1945-46. He enlisted in the Royal Canadian

Navy Volunteer Reserve in 1941 and after serving in the North Atlantic and the United Kingdom, was discharged in 1945 with the rank of Lieutenant-Commander.

Mr. Cleveland joined the Department of External Affairs in 1946, and has served in New York, 1950-54, and in Karachi, 1954-56. Mr. Cleveland has acted as Counsel for Canada with respect to matters before the International Joint Commission. In 1960, he was appointed Canada's first resident Ambassador to Finland.

Mr. Cleveland is married and has three children.