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THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS HAS ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. JEAN-LOUIS DELISLE TO THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION FOR TOGOLAND UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION.

THE COMMISSION WAS SET UP BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS ELEVENTH SESSION IN JANUARY, 1957, FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXAMINING THE SITUATION RESULTING FROM THE APPLICATION IN THE TRUST TERRITORY OF FRENCH TOGOLAND OF A NEW CONSTITUTIONAL STATUTE AND THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THE STATUTE IS BEING IMPLEMENTED. THE STATUTE OF TOGOLAND WAS INTRODUCED BY THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY IN AUGUST, 1956, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE "LOI-CADRE", A REFORM LAW APPLICABLE TO A NUMBER OF FRENCH DEPENDENT TERRITORIES, PASSED BY THE FRENCH PARLIAMENT IN JUNE, 1956.

THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION WILL PROCEED TO FRENCH TOGOLAND AT THE END OF MAY. THE OTHER MEMBER STATES MAKING UP THE SIX-MEMBER COMMISSION ARE DENMARK, GUATEMALA, LIBERIA, THE PHILIPPINES AND YUGOSLAVIA. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE TASK OF THE COMMISSION WILL REQUIRE APPROXIMATELY TWO MONTHS. THE COMMISSION WILL REPORT, FOLLOWING ITS RETURN, TO THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

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JEAN-LOUIS DELISLE

MR. DELISLE WAS BORN IN QUEBEC CITY IN 1912. HE WAS EDUCATED AT THE QUEBEC SEMINARY (BA), LAVAL UNIVERSITY (LL.B) AND RECEIVED A BA FROM OXFORD WHERE HE WAS A RHODES SCHOLAR. HE JOINED THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS IN 1942 AND SERVED ON THE STAFF OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE FROM 1942-46. HE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY POSTED TO RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL; BOSTON, U.S.A., AND FROM 1954-56 WAS CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. IN WARSAW, POLAND.

DURING THE ELEVENTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, NOVEMBER, 1956 - MARCH, 1957, MR. DELISLE WAS ADVISER TO THE CANADIAN DELEGATION ON MATTERS OF TRUST TERRITORIES AND NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES.