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DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENTS

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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Allan J. MacEachen, announces the following diplomatic appointments which will take effect during the summer months:

Mr. William H. Barton, 58, originally from Vancouver, to be Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York.

Mr. Barton (B.A., University of British Columbia) has been Counsellor and Minister with the Canadian Mission to the United Nations in New York (1961-63), Head of the United Nations Division at External Affairs Headquarters (1964-70), and Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs (1970-72). Since 1972 he has served as Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the Office of the United Nations (Geneva), and, concurrently, as Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament.

Mr. Barton succeeds Mr. Saul Rae, whose next assignment will be announced at a later date.

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Mr. Arthur Blanchette, 55, of Ottawa, to be Ambassador and Permanent Observer to the Organization of American States.

Mr. Blanchette (M.A., Ph.D., University Ottawa) has served abroad in Mexico (1948-53), Cairo (1954-56), Pretoria (1956-58), Cambodia (1958-59), Lisbon (1961-64) and Athens (1964-67). Since 1970 he has been Director of Historical Division at External Affairs Headquarters. In 1971, he became Chairman of the Canadian Section of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History, a specialized agency of the Organization of American States.

Mr. Blanchette succeeds Mr. Alfred J. Pick who retired at the end of 1975.

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Mr. D'Iberville Fortier, 50, born in Montreal, to be Ambassador to Italy.

Mr. Fortier (B.A., Collège Jean-de-Brébeuf et Collège Stanislas; L.S.P., University of Montreal; LL.B., University of Montreal; Member of the Quebec Bar; docteur d'Etat ès sciences économiques, University of Paris) joined the Department of External Affairs in 1952. He has served abroad in Washington (1953-56), in Hanoi (1956-58), in Phnom Penh (1959-61) and in Paris, (1961-64). In 1969 he was appointed Ambassador to Tunisia with concurrent accreditation to Libya. In 1972 he became Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs holding concurrently as of 1973 the post of Governor of the National Film Board.

Mr. Fortier succeeds Mr. Klaus Goldschlag who returned to Headquarters in January of this year to become Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs.

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Mr. George K. Grande, 56, originally from Montreal, to be Ambassador to South Africa.

Mr. Grande (B.A., McGill University), joined the Department of External Affairs in 1946 and has served abroad in New York (1947-50), Athens (1952-54), and Berlin (1955-60). He was named High Commissioner to Ceylon (now Sri Lanka) in 1964, and has been Ambassador to Norway and Iceland (1968-72). His most recent assignment has been as Ambassador and Head of the Canadian Delegation to the Mutual and Balanced Force Reduction Talks in Vienna.

Mr. Grande succeeds Mr. Arthur G. Campbell whose next assignment will be announced at a later date.

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Mr. J. E. Ghislain Hardy, 55, originally from Montreal, to be Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the North Atlantic Council.

Mr. Hardy (Diplômé en économie, sciences politiques, Institut d'études politiques, Université de Paris; M.A., McGill University and University of Ottawa) has served abroad in Rome (1952-56), London (1958-62) and Geneva (1962-63). Upon returning to Ottawa he became Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet and Assistant Clerk of the Privy Council (1963-66). In 1966 he was named Deputy Permanent Representative to the North Atlantic Council and became, in 1967, Deputy High Commissioner in London. In 1969 he was appointed Ambassador to Spain with concurrent accreditation to Morocco and returned in 1973 to become Director-General of the Bureau of United Nations Affairs in the Department of External Affairs.

Mr. Hardy replaces Mr. Arthur Menzies whose appointment as Ambassador to China is announced below.

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Mr. Arthur R. Menzies, 59, born in Changto-ho, Honan, China, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of China.

Mr. Menzies (B.A., University of Toronto; M.A., Harvard University), joined the Department in 1940 and initially served abroad in Havana (1945-46) and in Tokyo as Head of the Canadian Liaison Mission, Chargé d'Affaires a.i. and Counsellor (1950-53). He was appointed High Commissioner to Malaya (1957-61) and concurrently to Burma (1958-61), and subsequently High Commissioner to Australia (1965-72) with concurrent accreditation to Fiji (1970-72). In 1972 Mr. Menzies was named Ambassador and appointed as Permanent Representative to the North Atlantic Council in Brussels.

Mr. Menzies succeeds Mr. Charles J. Small, whose next assignment will be announced at a later date.

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Mr. Barry Connell Steers, 48, originally from London, Ontario, to be Consul-General in New York.

Mr. Steers (B.A., University of Western Ontario) who was most recently Ambassador to Brazil (1971-76), has served with the Trade Commissioner Service of the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce in Singapore (1958-60), Athens (1960), Tel Aviv (1961-66) and New York (1966-69). Prior to being nominated Ambassador to Brazil in 1971 Mr. Steers served in Ottawa in the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce as the Director of the International Finance Branch (1969) and Director of the Marketing Development Group (1970).

Mr. Steers succeeds Mr. Bruce Rankin who took up his responsibilities as Canadian Ambassador to Japan early this year.

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Mr. Robert Elliott, 47, originally from Regina, to be Minister at the Canadian Embassy in Paris.

Mr. Elliott, (B.A., University of Saskatchewan) joined the Department of External Affairs in 1956, and has served abroad in Beirut (1957-60), London (1963-67), Lagos (1967-69) and, as Ambassador, in Algiers (1973-76).

Mr. Elliott succeeds Mr. J. H. Taylor who returns to Headquarters.

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