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## DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENTS

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Dr. Mark MacGuigan, announces the following appointments:

D'Iberville Fortier, 54, originally from Montreal, Quebec, to be Ambassador to Belgium. Mr. Fortier (B.A. Jean-de-Brébeuf College and Stanislas College, LL.B., L.S.P. University of Montreal, Doctorat in Economic Science University of Paris) joined the Department of External Affairs in 1952. He served abroad in Washington, Indochina, Paris (NATO Secretariat), and was appointed Ambassador to Tunisia in 1969. He was Deputy Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs from 1972 to 1976. He was then appointed Ambassador to Italy.

He will replace Lucien Lamoureux whose next assignment will be announced later.

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J. E. Ghislain Hardy, 59, originally from Montreal, Quebec, to be Ambassador to Italy. Mr. Hardy (M.A. McGill and University of Ottawa) joined the Department of External Affairs in August 1948 and has served abroad in Rome, London, Paris (NATO) and Geneva. In 1969 he was appointed Ambassador to Spain and Morocco and since 1976 he has been the Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the North Atlantic Council (NATO) in Brussels.

He will replace D'Iberville Fortier who has been appointed Ambassador to Belgium.

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A. R. Menzies, 63, born in Changto-Ho, China, to be the first Ambassador for Disarmament. Mr. Menzies, one of the Department's most senior diplomats, has served with distinction in a wide variety of assignments both at home and abroad, the last two being as Ambassador and Permanent Representative at the North Atlantic Council in Brussels and, since 1976, as Ambassador to the People's Republic of China. Mr. Menzies will take up his new assignment this fall.

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Miss H. O. Ring, 62, originally from Girskud, Denmark, to be Consul in Glasgow. Miss Ring (M.A. Copenhagen University and Mount Holyoke College, Mass.) joined the Canada Employment and Immigration Commission in 1952 and served in Copenhagen, Cairo, Helsinki, Stockholm and Belgrade. She is currently the Consul (Immigration) in Glasgow but will replace, as Head of Post, J. B. McLaren, who returns to Ottawa.

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G. Douglas Valentine, 48, originally from Calgary, Alberta, to be Ambassador to Colombia. Mr. Valentine (B.A. University of British Columbia) joined the Department of Trade and Commerce in 1962. He has served abroad in Dusseldorf, Bogota, Rio de Janiero and Tehran. Since 1978 he has been the Consul and Senior Trade Commissioner in Dallas.

He will replace D. B. Laughton who retired in December, 1979.