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DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENTS

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, today announced the following senior appointments to Canadian missions abroad:

Mr. D'Iberville Fortier, Chairman of the Privy Council Office Task Force on Government Information, to be Canadian Ambassador to Tunisia. He will succeed Mr. A. J. Pick, who was recently appointed Ambassador to the Netherlands.

Mr. Leland Herbert Ausman, at present Minister (Commercial) in London, to be Consul General of Canada in Chicago.

Mr. Pierre Asselin, at present Consul General of Canada in San Francisco, to be Consul General of Canada in New Orleans.

Mr. Edward Henry Maguire, Canadian Consul in Detroit, to be Consul General of Canada in Hamburg, Germany.

Mr. Sidney A. Freifeld, currently Counsellor to the Canadian Permanent Mission to the United Nations, to be Chargé d'Affaires a.i. and Consul in Uruguay, where he will replace Mr. G. C. Langille.

Mr. Charles S. Gadd, currently in Ottawa as Deputy Head of the Transport, Communications and Energy Division of the Office of Economic Affairs, to be Chargé d'Affaires a.i. and Consul in Ecuador, where he will replace Mr. G. C. Cook.

Mr. Roger Paul Gilbert, currently serving in Ottawa, to be Chargé d'Affaires a.i. in Haiti, where he will replace Mr. A. R. Potvin.

Biographical notes are attached.

D'IBERVILLE FORTIER

Mr. Fortier was born in Montreal in 1926 and is a graduate of the University of Montreal (Lic. en Sciences soc. 1947 and LL.B. in 1948). He was called to the Bar of the Province of Quebec in 1948 and after research at the London School of Economics obtained a doctorate d'Etat en Sciences économiques at the University of Paris in 1952.

Mr. Fortier joined the Department of External Affairs in November 1952 and after service in Washington, Hanoi, Vientiane, Saigon and Ottawa and as Canadian Commissioner on the International Commission for Supervision and Control in Cambodia, was seconded to NATO in 1961 as Head of NATO's Press Service. He returned to Ottawa in 1964 to become Head of the Department of External Affairs' Press and Liaison Division, which position he held until September 1968 when he was appointed Chairman of the Privy Council Office Task Force on Government Information.

Mr. Fortier, who is married to the former Marie-Thérèse Allegret, is expected to take up his new appointment in October.

LELAND HERBERT AUSMAN

Mr. Ausman was born in Toronto on October 13, 1907 and attended the University of Toronto.

After joining the Trade Commissioner Service, Mr. Ausman was posted to Bristol, New York, Leopoldville, Frankfurt-am-Main and Bonn. Upon his return to Ottawa in 1952, he was appointed Assistant Director of the Trade Commissioner Service. In 1954 he became Director of the Information Branch and in 1957 Inspector of the Trade Commissioner Service. The following year, Mr. Ausman was transferred to Brussels as Commercial Counsellor, and served as the Assistant Commissioner General to the Canadian Participation at the Brussels Worlds Fair. In 1965, he began his current assignment as Minister (Commercial) in London.

Mr. Ausman is married to the former Margaret Amelia Gregory and has one child.

PIERRE L. G. ASSELIN

Mr. Asselin was born in Montreal on January 14, 1910 and attended both Montreal College and the University of Montreal. Upon graduating in 1934 he was engaged in newspaper management and in 1936, he became Secretary to the Minister of Lands and Forests, Quebec. The following year he was appointed Secretary of the Department of Lands and Forests, Quebec, where he remained until 1949 when he moved to the Office of the Prime Minister of Canada. He was appointed Private Secretary to the Prime Minister in 1950, becoming in 1957 Executive Assistant to the Leader of the Opposition.

Mr. Asselin joined the Department of External Affairs in 1958 and was appointed Consul General in San Francisco in 1965.

Mr. Asselin is married to the former Marcelle Lacroix and has five children.

EDWARD HENRY MAGUIRE

Mr. Maguire was born in Vancouver, B.C. on March 12, 1914 and graduated from the University of British Columbia.

He enlisted in the Royal Navy and Canadian Navy in 1940 and was discharged in 1945 as Lieutenant Commander, Executive Branch. Prior to enlistment, he was associated with the Great West Life Insurance Company.

After joining the Trade Commissioner Service he served abroad at Buenos Aires and Santiago. In 1950 he was appointed Trade Commissioner in Madrid, in 1956 Consul in Hamburg, and in 1960 Canadian Government Trade Commissioner in Singapore. Since 1965, he has been Consul in Detroit.

Mr. Maguire is married and has two children.

SIDNEY A. FREIFELD

Mr. Freifeld was born in Toronto on September 2, 1910 and graduated from the University of Toronto in 1932. He studied at the London School of Economics from 1932-34, at the Institut International d'Epargne, Milan in 1935 and at the International Institute of Agriculture, Rome in 1936.

In 1937, Mr. Freifeld became the Rome correspondent for the "New York Herald Tribune", and in 1938 the New York correspondent for the "Toronto Daily Star". From 1939 until 1941, he served as Press Officer to the American Jewish Committee in New York. In 1942 he joined the U.S. Office of War Information, and then later in the year the Wartime Information Board, and the Canadian Information Service.

Mr. Freifeld joined the Department of External Affairs in 1947 and served concurrently as Information Officer to the Consulate General and to the Canadian Permanent Delegation to the United Nations in New York until 1951 when he returned to Ottawa. In 1955 he was posted to Mexico City as First Secretary and in 1958 to Dublin, where he became Counsellor in 1960. He attended the National Defence College in Kingston in 1961, returning to Ottawa the following year, and in 1964 was appointed Counsellor to the Canadian Permanent Mission to the United Nations.

Mr. Freifeld is married to the former Crenia Sandler and has two children.

CHARLES STURDY GADD

Mr. Gadd was born in Fort Frances, Ontario on November 23, 1915 and graduated from Carleton College in 1953.

After serving in the Canadian Army from 1940-47, Mr. Gadd joined the Department of External Affairs while in Berlin and has subsequently served in Bonn, Bogota, Havana and Djakarta where he became First Secretary in 1961. In 1963 he was transferred to Port of Spain, returning to Ottawa in 1963. He is currently Deputy Head of the Transport, Communications and Energy Division of the Office of Economic Affairs.

Mr. Gadd is married to the former Ann Houston and has two children.

ROGER PAUL GILBERT

Mr. Gilbert was born in St. Joseph d'Alma (Lake St. John, Quebec) on January 11, 1932. After attending Loyola College, he studied in the Science Faculty at the University of Montreal and graduated with a B.D. in 1957. He obtained a D.E.S. Droit public from the University of Ottawa in 1964.

Mr. Gilbert joined the Department in 1957 and was subsequently posted to Lima, Prague and Nicosia. Since 1967 he has served in the European Division of the Department.

Mr. Gilbert is married to the former Françoise Vinet and has three children.