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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, today announced the following appointments in the Canadian diplomatic service:

Mr. Gordon G. Crean - at present Canadian Ambassador to Yugoslavia, to be Ambassador to Italy, succeeding Mr. Jules Léger, whose appointment to Paris was announced last month. Mr. Crean's successor in Belgrade will be announced in due course.

Mr. H.F. Feaver - at present Canadian Ambassador to Switzerland and Tunisia, to be Ambassador to Mexico and Guatemala, succeeding Mr. W. Arthur Irwin, who will be retiring from the public service.

Mr. Feaver's successor in Berne and Tunis will be announced in due course.

Mr. George P. Kidd - formerly Canadian Ambassador to Cuba and Haiti (until December 1963) to be Minister (Economic) in Washington, succeeding Mr. M. Schwarzmann.

Mr. Donald W. Munro - at present serving in Ottawa, to be Canadian Commissioner to the International Commission for Supervision and Control in Laos, replacing Mr. Paul Bridle, who is returning for duty in Ottawa.

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Mr. Crean was born in Toronto on April 29, 1914, and studied at Toronto and Oxford Universities. He served with the British Armed Forces from 1940-45 holding the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel at the time of his discharge. Mr. Crean joined the Department of External Affairs in November 1945 and served in Belgrade in 1950-51 and in London in 1952-53, when he returned to Ottawa. He was appointed Minister at the Canadian Embassy in Paris in 1958 and Ambassador to Yugoslavia in May 1961. Mr. Crean is married and has three children.

Mr. Feaver was born at Glace Bay, N.S., on June 18, 1907, and studied at King's College, Dalhousie University and the Harvard Law School. He joined the Department of External Affairs in 1930 and served in Washington, Tokyo, London and The Hague. He served as Minister, and subsequently as Ambassador, to Denmark in 1954-58. Mr. Feaver was appointed Ambassador to Switzerland and concurrently to Tunisia in February 1961. Mr. Feaver is married and has four children.

Mr. Kidd was born in Glasgow, Scotland, on June 6, 1917, and studied at the Universities of British Columbia and Illinois. He served overseas with the Canadian Army during the war, received his discharge in 1946 and joined the Department of External Affairs. He served at the Canadian Embassies in Warsaw in 1947-49, in Paris in 1949-51 and in Tel Aviv in 1954-57. Mr. Kidd served as a Foreign Service Member on the Directing Staff of the National Defence College, Kingston, in 1959-61 and was appointed Ambassador to Cuba and concurrently to Haiti in June 1961. Mr. Kidd is married.

Mr. Munro was born in Regina in 1916 and attended the Universities of British Columbia and Toronto. In 1940 he joined the RCAF and served in the Eastern Mediterranean, East Africa and South Africa before being discharged as a Flight Lieutenant in 1945. He joined the Department of External Affairs in 1946 and was posted as Third Secretary to the Canadian Embassy in Paris. He has also served as Third Secretary in Ankara (1949-51), as Second Secretary in Dublin (1954-55) and in Brussels (1955-57) and as First Secretary and then Counsellor at the Canadian Embassy in Beirut 1960-63. Mr. Munro is married.