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DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENTS

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

Raymond C. Anderson, 51, originally from Wetaskiwin, Alberta, to be High Commissioner to Australia. Mr. Anderson (B.A. and LL.B. University of Alberta) joined the Trade Commissioner Service in 1957 and served abroad in Sao Paulo, Manila, Boston, Seattle and since 1978 has been Consul General in Los Angeles.

Mr. Anderson will replace J. Alan Beesley whose appointment will be announced later.

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Ronald J. L. Berlet, 44, originally from West Monkton, Ontario, to be Consul General in Hamburg. Mr. Berlet (B.A. Sc. University of Toronto) joined the Trade Commissioner Service in 1964 and served abroad in Vienna, Prague, New York and since 1976 as Counsellor in London.

He will replace M. Maddick who has returned to Ottawa.

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Arthur E. Blanchette, 59, originally from Hartford, Connecticut, to be Ambassador to Tunisia. Mr. Blanchette (M.A. and Ph.D., University of Ottawa) joined the Department of External Affairs in 1947. He served abroad in Mexico, Cairo, Pretoria, Lisbon, Athens and in 1976 was appointed Ambassador and Permanent Observer of Canada to the Organization of American States.

He will replace J. M. Touchette whose next assignment will be in Ottawa.

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Jean-Marie Déry, 52, originally from Ottawa, to be Consul General in Boston. Mr. Déry (B.A., B.Ph. University of Ottawa) joined the Department of External Affairs in 1952 and served abroad in Mexico, Tel Aviv, Phnom Penh, and in 1971 was appointed Ambassador to Zaire. Since 1977 he has been Ambassador to the Arab Republic of Egypt.

He will replace T. A. Williams who has been appointed Minister in Paris.

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Robert Elliott, 51, originally from Regina, Saskatchewan, to be Ambassador to Egypt. Mr. Elliott (B.A. University of Saskatchewan) joined the Department of External Affairs in 1956 and has served abroad in Beirut, London, Lagos and as Ambassador to Algeria. In 1976 he was appointed Minister, Canadian Embassy in Paris.

He will replace Jean-Marie Déry who has been appointed Consul General in Boston.

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Michel Gauvin, 61, originally from Quebec, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of China. Mr. Gauvin (educated at St. Charles Garnier College and Laval and Carleton Universities) joined the Department of External Affairs in 1947. He previously served in Ankara, Lisbon, Indochina, Buenos Aires and Leopoldville and as Ambassador to Ethiopia, Portugal, Greece and as Chief of the Canadian Delegation to the International Supervisory Control Commission in Vietnam. His most recent appointment in 1978 was Ambassador to Morocco.

He will replace Arthur Menzies whose next appointment will be announced later.

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John G. H. Halstead, 58, originally from Vancouver, British Columbia, to be Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the North Atlantic Council in Brussels. Mr. Halstead (B.A. University of British Columbia and B.Sc. London School of Economics) joined the Department of External Affairs in 1946 and served abroad in London, Tokyo, New York (Canadian Permanent Mission to the United Nations) and Paris. He was Acting Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs in 1974 and Deputy Under-Secretary in 1975 before occupying his present position as Ambassador to Germany.

He replaces J.E.G. Hardy whose next appointment will be announced later.

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Frank T. Jackman, 50, originally from Montreal, Quebec, to be Consul in Dallas. Mr. Jackson (B.A. Bishops University) joined the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce in 1971 and previously was with the Department of Defence Production. Since 1977 he has been Consul General in Dusseldorf.

He will replace G. D. Valentine whose next appointment will be announced later.

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Geoffrey A. H. Pearson, 52, originally from Toronto, Ontario, to be Ambassador to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. Mr. Pearson (B.A. University of Toronto and B.A. Oxford University) joined the Department of External Affairs in 1952. He has subsequently served abroad in Paris, Mexico and New Delhi. Since 1979 he has been Advisor, Disarmament and Arms Control Affairs.

He will replace R. A. D. Ford who is retiring after a long and illustrious career in the Public Service.

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Marc Perron, 39, originally from Dolbeau, Quebec, to be Ambassador to Senegal. Mr. Perron (B.A. Chicoutimi Seminary and B.H. and L.L. Laval University) joined the Department of External Affairs in 1964. He has previously served abroad at NATO Paris, NATO Brussels, Yaounde and Embassy Paris. In 1978 he was appointed Director of Francophone African and Maghreb Affairs Division.

Mr. Perron will replace J. J. Asselin who has returned to Ottawa.

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Karl Johansen, 59, originally from Kenya, to be High Commissioner in Tanzania. Mr. Johansen (B.Sc. (Agric.) Edinburgh) joined the Canadian International Development Agency in 1969 and has served in a number of positions in Ottawa. Since 1978 he has been Director General of the Commonwealth African Division of the Agency.

Mr. Johansen will replace Mr. E. J. Bergbusch who will return to Ottawa.

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Marc Baudouin, 50, originally from Montreal, Quebec, to be Ambassador to Turkey. Mr. Baudouin (B.A. Stanislas College and BCL McGill University, Doctorat Faculty of Law, University of Paris) joined the Department of External Affairs in 1954 and served abroad in Indochina, Brussels, Paris and in 1968 he was appointed Ambassador to Zaire. After completing three years as Vice-President (Special Programmes) with CIDA he was appointed in 1974 as Ambassador to Morocco. Since 1977 he has been Director General of European Bureau in the Department of External Affairs.

He will replace C.J. Marshall who is returning to Headquarters.

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Maldwyn Thomas, 47, originally from Gibsons, British Columbia, to be Consul General in Dusseldorf. Mr. Thomas (B. Comm. University of British Columbia) joined the Trade Commissioner Service in 1956. He has served abroad in Hamburg, Stockholm, Hong Kong, Moscow, Vienna, Tokyo and in 1977 was appointed Minister (Commercial) in Paris.

He replaces F.T. Jackman who has been appointed Consul in Dallas.