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DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENTS

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Flora MacDonald, announces the following appointments:

Maurice D. Copithorne, 48, originally from Vancouver, British Columbia, to be Ambassador to Austria and concurrently accredited as Resident Representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency and Governor for Canada, as well as Permanent Representative to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization. Mr. Copithorne (B.A., LL.B. - University of British Columbia) joined the Department in 1956 and served abroad in Indochina, Tehran, Kuala Lumpur and Peking. Since 1977 he has been Departmental Legal Advisor.

Mr. Copithorne replaces Mr. T. Carter who will be retiring.

James G. Harris, 50, originally from Sandwich, Ontario, to be Ambassador to Yugoslavia and concurrently accredited to Bulgaria. Mr. Harris (B.A. (Hons.) and M.A. - University of Toronto) joined the Department in 1954 and served abroad in Canberra, Colombo, Paris, Brussels, Washington and Moscow. Since 1977 he has been Director General of the Bureau of Development, Industry and Science Relations.

Mr. Harris replaces Mr. K. MacLellan who returned to Canada to take up the assignment as Head of the Office of Internal Evaluation and Audit.

Marion A. Macpherson, 55, originally from Moosomin, Saskatchewan, to be Ambassador to Denmark. Miss Macpherson (B.A. - University of Saskatchewan, M.A. - University of Toronto) joined the Department of External Affairs in 1948. She served abroad in Washington, Indochina, Accra and New York. In 1973, Miss Macpherson was appointed High Commissioner to Sri Lanka. In 1976 she was appointed Consul General in Boston and in 1977, when she returned to Ottawa, Miss Macpherson was appointed Inspector General.

Miss Macpherson replaces Mr. N.F. Berlis who retired earlier this year.

Ralph W. Stewart, 49, originally from Cochrane, Ontario, to be Consul General in Atlanta. Mr. Stewart (B.A. - University of Montreal) served with the Centennial Commission (Industry, Trade and Commerce) as Bilingual Advisor in 1965. He has been a Member of Parliament since 1968.

Mr. Stewart replaces Mr. A.D. Ross who retired in August.