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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1958.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS TODAY ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. LEON MAYRAND, AT PRESENT AMBASSADOR TO SPAIN, AS AMBASSADOR TO ITALY TO SUCCEED MR. PIERRE DUPUY, WHOSE APPOINTMENT AS AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE WAS ANNOUNCED EARLIER, THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. MAYRAND'S SUCCESSOR WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER.

MR. SYDNEY PIERCE, WHO IS AT PRESENT DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER TO THE UNITED KINGDOM, HAS BEEN APPOINTED AMBASSADOR TO BELGIUM AND MINISTER TO LUXEMBOURG TO SUCCEED MR. CHARLES-PIERRE HEBERT WHOSE APPOINTMENT AS AMBASSADOR TO THE NETHERLANDS WAS ANNOUNCED EARLIER.

SYDNEY DAVID PIERCE, O.B.E.

Mr. Pierce was born in Montreal in 1901. He is a graduate of McGill University. He served on the editorial staff of the Montreal Gazette and of the Associated Press in New York. Mr. Pierce joined the Department of Munitions and Supply in 1940 and joined the Department of External Affairs in 1944 as Special Assistant to the Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs. Three years later he was appointed Canadian Ambassador to Mexico. In 1949 he was named Associate Deputy Minister of Trade and Commerce. In 1950 Mr. Pierce became Canadian Representative to the Organization for European Economic Co-operation, Paris, and in 1951 was appointed in Washington with the rank of Minister. In 1953 Mr. Pierce was appointed Ambassador to Brazil. He has been Deputy High Commissioner to the United Kingdom since 1956.

Mr. Pierce is married and has four children.

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LEON MAYRAND

Mr. Mayrand was born in Montreal in 1905. He is a graduate of the University of Montreal and the University of Paris and also studied at the London School of Economics. Mr. Mayrand served on the Editorial Staff of "La Patrie", Montreal, 1933-34, and joined the Department of External Affairs in 1934. He has served abroad at diplomatic missions in London, Rio de Janeiro and Moscow. In 1949 he was appointed an Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs. In 1951 Mr. Mayrand was appointed Canadian Ambassador to Chile and in 1954 Canadian Commissioner, International Supervisory Commission for Laos, Indochina. In 1956 Mr. Mayrand took up his duties as Ambassador to Spain, a post which he has held since.

He is married and has three children.