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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Allan J. MacEachen, announces the following diplomatic appointments which will take effect over the course of the summer:

Mr. Norman Frederick Henderson Berlis, 61, of Toronto, now Director of the Division of United Nations Economic and Social Affairs in the Department of External Affairs, and Ambassador and Canadian Representative on the United Nations Economic and Social Council, to become Ambassador to Denmark. During his career in the Department of External Affairs, Mr. Berlis has been High Commissioner (1962-65) to Tanganyika (later Tanzania) with concurrent accreditations to Uganda (1962-65) and Kenya (1964-65). He was then appointed Ambassador to Poland (1965) and returned to Ottawa as Chief of Protocol (1967). In 1970, he became Canadian Ambassador to Austria.

Mr. Berlis replaces Mr. Donald M. Cornett, who will return to Ottawa.

Mr. John G. H. Halstead, 53, of Vancouver, at present Deputy Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany. Mr. Halstead, formerly Minister at the Canadian Embassy in Paris (1961-65) and subsequently Head of the European Division and Deputy Chairman of the Special Task Force on Europe (1966-71) was appointed Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs in 1971. He was Acting Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs from September to December, 1974.

Mr. Halstead replaces Mr. Gordon Gale Crean, who will take up an assignment as Visiting Fellow at the Centre for International Relations at Queens' University.

Mr. Edward Graham Lee, 43, of Vancouver, currently the Legal Advisor to the Department of External Affairs and Director-General of the Bureau of Legal Affairs in the Department of External Affairs, to be Ambassador to Israel with concurrent accreditation as High Commissioner to Cyprus. Following postings to Jakarta and London, Mr. Lee became the Director of the Legal Operations Division, and then Director of the Personnel Operations Division in the Department of External Affairs.

Mr. Lee replaces Mr. Thomas Paul Malone whose next assignment will be announced shortly.

Mr. André Réal Potvin, 46, of St. Jean, Quebec, now Director of the Western European Division in the Department of External Affairs, to be Ambassador to Chile. Mr. Potvin, who has served at the Canadian Missions in Beirut, Port-au-Prince, and London, replaces Mr. Andrew Ross, who returns to Canada to take up an assignment at External Affairs Headquarters.

Mr. Gerald Anthony Rau, 56, of Stanley Township, Ontario, currently Secretary of the Interdepartmental Committee on External Relations, to be High Commissioner to Kenya with concurrent accreditation to Uganda.

Mr. Rau, a former Counsellor at the Canadian Embassy in Madrid (1962-65) and High Commissioner to Trinidad and Tobago, Barbados and concurrently Canadian Commissioner to the West Indies Associated States (1969-72) replaces Mr. William George Olivier. Mr. Olivier will be going to National Defence College, Kingston, as Deputy Commandant.