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## EXPO 67'S COMMISSIONER GENERAL: HIS EXCELLENCY PIERRE DUPUY

MONTREAL, Canada (Expo 67) -- As a former ambassador to the Netherlands, Italy, and France, with more than 40 years experience in Canada's diplomatic corps, Pierre Dupuy comes well-equipped to serve as Commissioner General of an international exhibition.

Mr. Dupuy's appointment to preside over Montreal's world extravaganza -- Expo 67 -- was announced from the Office of the Prime Minister on September 6, 1963, some 67 years after he was born in this city (July 9, 1896).

Educated at College Ste. Marie (B.C. - 1917), the University of Montreal (LL.L - 1920) and the University of Paris (L.Litt - 1922), Mr. Dupuy was called to the Bar of Quebec in 1920.

He began his government career in 1922 as a secretary in the office of the Canadian Commissioner General in Paris, and by 1940 had advanced to the post of Consul in Paris.

During the early years of World War II, Mr. Dupuy undertook sensitive diplomatic missions under the immediate direction of British Prime Minister Churchill, and his work was cited in Sir Winston's memoirs.

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In addition to liaison visits to the French government in Vichy and special missions to French North Africa and Dakar in West Africa during World War II, Mr. Dupuy was also Charge d'Affaires, Canadian Legation to Allied Governments in London and Charge d'Affaires, Canadian Legation to Belgium. Later, he was Minister and then Ambassador to the Netherlands.

Mr. Dupuy's ambassadorial appointment to Italy came in 1952; to France in 1958.

Based on years of service, Mr. Dupuy is the senior officer in Canada's Department of External Affairs. Early in his career, Mr. Dupuy was one of the first representatives of Canada to the Bureau of International Exhibitions when it was established in Paris in 1928. This is the same group which has designated Expo 67 the first world exposition ever held in the Western Hemisphere with a "First Category" rating.

Mr. Dupuy holds the coveted Companion of St. Michael and St. George, one of the highest honors accorded for foreign service.

In addition to diplomatic renown, Mr. Dupuy also holds a respected position in the literary world as author of the novel, "Andre Laurence," and for numerous contributions to Parisian and Canadian periodicals. His daughter, Jacqueline Dupuy, has had three novels published and his son, Michel, is an External Affairs officer stationed in Brussels.