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SECRETARY GENERAL DESIGNATES JOSE ROLZ-BENNETT
AS UNDER-SECRETARY FOR SPECIAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS

The Secretary-General, U Thant, has announced the designation of Jose Rolz-Bennett, Deputy Chef de Cabinet, as Under-Secretary for Special Political Affairs to succeed Dragoslav Protitch.

Mr. Protitch will remain Director of the Training Programme for Foreign Service Officers from newly independent countries, of which he has been in charge since 1962. In order to give further impetus to the activities of this essential programme, the Secretary-General has found it necessary to release Mr. Protitch from his other duties so that he can devote his full time to his work as Director of the Training Programme. The Secretary-General also intends to take advantage of the availability of Mr. Protitch for special assignments.

Mr. Rolz-Bennett has been Deputy Chef de Cabinet since 1 March 1962. Previously he had been Acting Director of the Division of Trusteeship in the United Nations Department of Trusteeship and Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories. He was chief United Nations Representative in Elisabethville, Republic of the Congo, in the first half of 1962 and later in 1962, Representative of the Secretary-General and temporary administrator of West Irian.

Before joining the United Nations Secretariat, he was a member of Guatemala's delegation to the General Assembly's regular sessions in 1955, 1956 and 1957 and to its first, second and third emergency special sessions.

He was Guatemala's representative on the United Nations Trusteeship Council at six regular and two special sessions, and he was a member of several United Nations missions to dependent territories. He served with Guatemala's delegation to the Conference on the Statute of the International Atomic Energy Agency in 1956.

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Mr. Rolz-Bennett has been a professor of the School of Economics, University of San Carlos, Guatemala (1943-1945), a professor of the School of Law of the same university since 1945, and an honorary professor of the Faculty of Law, University of Costa Rica. He was a Deputy to Guatemala's National Constituent Assembly in 1945. He is the author of a number of publications in the juridical field.

Mr. Rolz-Bennett was born in Guatemala on 9 August 1918. He is married and has four children.

Mr. Protitch, after being a member of the Yugoslav diplomatic service for nearly 22 years, worked for the United Nations Preparatory Commission in London from September 1945 until his appointment to the United Nations Secretariat in February 1946 as Director, and later Principal Director, in the Department of Political and Security Council Affairs.

He was Under-Secretary for Political and Security Council Affairs from January 1955 to June 1958, Under-Secretary for Trusteeship and Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories from July 1958 to July 1963 and Under-Secretary for Special Political Affairs thereafter. Mr. Protitch was Principal Secretary of the United Nations Conciliation Commission on the Congo and has, on numerous occasions, been the Special Representative of the Secretary-General at the meetings of the Disarmament Committee.

Mr. Protitch was born in Yugoslavia on 15 July 1902. He is married and has two children.

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