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The Department of External Affairs announced today that the Foreign Minister of Italy, Count Carlo Sforza, the Foreign Minister of Belgium, Mr. Paul van Zeeland, and the Foreign Minister of France, Mr. Robert Schuman, are coming to Ottawa at the invitation of the Canadian government in the course of the next two weeks. Countess Sforza will accompany Count Sforza. The Canadian government understands that Mr. Ernest Bevin, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of the United Kingdom, will also visit Ottawa at the beginning of October.

Count and Countess Sforza will arrive in Ottawa on Friday, September 23 and will stay with the Italian Ambassador. After calling on Their Excellencies the Governor General and Lady Alexander at Government House on Friday morning, they will be entertained at a luncheon by the Italian Ambassador. During the afternoon Count Sforza will lay a wreath at the National War Memorial, and following a reception at the Italian Embassy he and Countess Sforza will be entertained at a dinner given by the Prime Minister on behalf of the government of Canada. The University of Ottawa will confer an honorary degree on Count Sforza on Saturday morning. Before returning to New York, Count and Countess Sforza will spend the weekend at Boucherville, Que., as the guests of Mr. Desy, Canadian Ambassador in Italy, and Mme. Desy.

Mr. Paul van Zeeland, Foreign Minister of Belgium, will arrive in Ottawa at noon September 29 returning to New York on the afternoon of September 30. He will stay with the Belgian Ambassador. A dinner will be given in his honour by the Prime Minister on behalf of the government of Canada on Thursday evening.

Mr. Robert Schuman, Foreign Minister of France, will arrive by air from New York on the morning of Saturday, October 1, remaining until Sunday afternoon, when he will fly to Quebec City. Mr. Schuman will be entertained at a luncheon by the Prime Minister and at dinner by the newly arrived Ambassador of France, His Excellency Hubert Guerin, who is presenting his Letters of Credence on Monday, September 26.

The program for Count Sforza's visit is as follows:

Fri. Sept. 23 Daylight Saving Time

- 11.10 a.m. Count and Countess Sforza arrive by train at Ottawa Union Station and proceed to the Italian Embassy where Count Sforza will meet the Press at 11.30 a.m.
- 12.15 p.m. Count and Countess Sforza call on Their Excellencies the Governor General and Lady Alexander at Government House.
- 1.15 p.m. Luncheon by the Italian Ambassador at the Embassy for Count and Countess Sforza.
- 3.30 p.m. Count Sforza will lay a wreath at the National War Memorial.
- 3.45 p.m. Call on Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Claxton, at the House of Commons (Room 568).
- 4.15 p.m. Call on the Speaker of the Senate.
- 4.30 p.m. Call on the Speaker of the House of Commons.
- 5.15 p.m. Reception at the Italian Embassy.
- 8.00 p.m. Dinner by the Prime Minister on behalf of the Government of Canada for Count and Countess Sforza.