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The Department of External Affairs announced today that His Excellency Mario Scelba, Prime Minister of Italy and President of the Council of Ministers, will arrive in Montreal Thursday evening, March 24, for a three-day visit to Canada. The Prime Minister will be accompanied by Madame Scelba and by the Italian Foreign Minister, His Excellency Gaetano Martino, and Madame Martino and a party of senior officials.

The Prime Minister of Italy will be welcomed on arrival at Dorval airport Thursday evening by His Excellency Sergio Fenoaltea, the Italian Ambassador to Canada, and by Mr. E. D'Arcy McGreer, the Chief of Protocol. The party will stay at the Windsor Hotel.

A press conference will be held Friday morning at the hotel. Mr. Scelba will later call upon His Eminence Cardinal Paul-Emile Léger and will be welcomed at City Hall. His Worship Mayor Jean Drapeau will entertain at luncheon for the Prime Minister. In the afternoon, Mr. Scelba will receive an honorary doctorate of laws from the University of Montreal. He will attend a reception in his honour by McGill University later that afternoon and, prior to departure for Ottawa, will meet the members of the Italian community at the Windsor Hotel. The party will reach Ottawa Friday evening and will stay at the Chateau Laurier Hotel.

Prior to the press conference Saturday morning, which will take place in the East Block conference room, Mr. Scelba will pay a courtesy call at Government House. After the press conference, he will call on the Secretary of State for External Affairs in the East Block. At noon, he will arrive at the residence of the Prime Minister of Canada for a call and will remain for a luncheon in his honour. Mr. Scelba will meet with members of the NATO Parliamentary Committee in the afternoon and will be the guest of honour at a reception at the Italian Embassy later in the afternoon. His Excellency the Governor General will give a dinner at Government House that evening.

The Italian Foreign Minister, Mr. Martino, will give a talk on Saturday afternoon at the University Club to members of the Canadian Institute of International Affairs.

The Prime Minister of Italy will attend the ten o'clock mass at St. Anthony's Church on Sunday morning and will remain for the unveiling in the Church hall of a plaque in memory of Alcide De Gasperi. Mr. Scelba will entertain at luncheon at the Italian Embassy. He and his party will leave Ottawa from Uplands airport at 3:30 Sunday afternoon for Washington.

In addition to the Foreign Minister and his wife, those accompanying the Prime Minister and Madame Scelba will be Ambassador Bartolomeo Migone, Chef de Cabinet of the Foreign Minister; Ambassador Massimo Magistrati, Director General of Political Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Dr. Raimundo Giustiniani, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary; Director of the Press Service, Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Dr. Paolo Canali, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary, Diplomatic Secretary to the President of the Council of Ministers; Dr. Remigio Danilo Grillo, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary, Associate Director General of Political Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Dr. Villani, Director of the Prime Minister's Secretariat; and Dr. Vincenzo Cecchini, Director of the Press Bureau for the Presidency of the Council of Ministers.